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(1) Kean Gerome Kuiper County of Williamson

of Round Rock, and State of Texas,

have invented certain improvements in

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING AND COALESCING FREE AREAS DURING GARBAGE COLLECTION

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on (1) <u>6-15</u>, 1999.

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