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SEPTEMBER DONATION UPDATE

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program (HBNW) **fiscal year** is from July 1 to June 30 each year. We have estimated we will need approximately \$24,300 this year to cover the various HBNW program expenses which include, but are not limited to, newsletter assembly, distribution costs, returned postage, mailing labels, etc. From the start of our fiscal year to now, we have received **\$3,049.24 in donations and newsletter advertisements— we have \$21,250.76 to go by June 30, 2013.** The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. A \$6 donation pays for each subscriber's distribution costs; a \$10 donation helps with these costs and other needed expenses and puts your name in the Newsletter as a contributor; and a \$25 or more donation accomplishes the above, plus you will receive a HBNW sticker and a token of appreciation. Remember, HBNW is a non-profit organization; **donations are tax deductible.**

As a resident of the city, we encourage you to review the HBNW program budget and expenses.

We strongly suggest you sign up to receive your Newsletter either **electronically** or through the mail. The Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and crime statistics. Donations are not necessary to receive the Newsletter, but if you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to:

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Oct 23-31, 2012



After DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was brutally murdered by drug traffickers in 1985, the Red Ribbon Celebration began as a visible way of increasing community awareness regarding the need for early and continued drug prevention efforts. Prevention and education are seen as the most effective way of reducing the demand for illegal drugs and the illegal use of legal drugs.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children. Parents join with your children and take the **Red Ribbon Pledge: I promise "NO USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, NO ILLEGAL USE OF LEGAL DRUGS"**

Take a stand with the Huntington Beach Police Department by placing red ribbons around trees and poles, in front of your home, wear red wrist bands, or pick up a red ribbon at our front counter. Help us show that Huntington Beach is committed to reducing the demand of illegal drugs and the illegal use of legal drugs in our community.

Help us to win the battle against drugs and keep our community safer.

*DEA Agent
Enrique Camarena
1948-1985*



Debunking the Myths about Alcohol and Impaired Driving

As Red Ribbon Week quickly approaches, let's take a minute to look at some of the myths surrounding one of the biggest drug issues in the nation: alcohol and other drug impaired driving.

Myth #1: "I can't get arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) of prescription drugs."

FALSE. Many people think a DUI only pertains to alcohol, but the law includes impairment from any type of legal or illegal drug. This includes prescription drugs such as Vicodin or Xanax, and illegal drugs, such as marijuana or heroin. When taking prescribed or over the counter medicine, make sure to read the label thoroughly and watch out for signs of drowsiness or impairment.

Myth #2: "Alcohol makes me more alert."

FALSE. Alcohol is actually a depressant. It acts on the Central Nervous System and slows down body functions. Even after one drink, your judgment, vision, color distinction and reaction time can be affected, thus having a significant effect on your driving ability.

Myth #3: "Taking a taxi is too expensive."

FALSE. A first time DUI in Orange County can cost you up to \$12,162. This includes fines, penalties, alcohol classes, insurance costs, and not to mention jail time or community service. It's just not worth it.

Myth #4: "Someone else's DUI is not my problem."

FALSE. One in three people will be involved in an alcohol impaired driving crash in their lifetime. Drunk driving costs each adult in this country almost \$500 per year, that's \$37 billion dollars nationwide. (Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

Truth: "You can do your part to reduce impaired driving in the community."

It's as easy as having a plan. Remember, even after one drink, your driving can be impaired. If you are going out and alcohol is involved, designate a SOBER driver or carry enough money for a taxi. If you are hosting a party, make sure to have plenty of non-alcoholic drinks for your guests.

Spread the word. Red Ribbon Week is the perfect time to start a conversation with your families. Debunk the myths about alcohol and impaired driving now, so that they can make safer choices later.

Have a safe and drug-free Red Ribbon Week!

For more information on Community Service Programs, Project PATH DUI prevention efforts in Huntington Beach, please contact Camille Coronel at (949) 757-1096 x289 or ccoronel@cspinc.org.



Police arrested over **17,000** impaired drivers in Orange County last year.

Thank you for keeping us safe.



Halloween Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treating

Ghosts, ghouls and monsters aren't the only things to be afraid of on Halloween. Accidents and mishaps increase dramatically when children trick-or-treat.

To avoid the many dangers children face while trick or treating, use common sense. Be aware of potential Halloween hazards and take precautions to eliminate them. Consider heading for an indoor Halloween party and bypass any chaos or danger.

Halloween Costume Safety Tips:

- Wear flame retardant and bright colored costumes or use reflective tape.
- Hem your costumes so you don't trip and fall.
- Avoid cumbersome masks. Use make-up instead.
- Wear comfortable, practical shoes, and if they have shoelaces, double tie them.
- Keep your costume and wig away from candles.
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories that look authentic. Make sure they're flexible and cannot harm anyone.

Trick-or-Treating Tips:

- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Always trick-or-treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Stay on sidewalks and out of the street. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks. Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk. Walk, do not run.
- Watch out for open flames in Jack-o-Lanterns.
- Trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.
- Only visit well lit houses. Don't enter any house without first asking your parent or guardian.
- Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Don't cut across yards and stay out of back yards.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.

- Review the "stop, drop, and roll" procedure in case your costume catches on fire.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Be polite and say "thank you".
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.
- Have a great time and be safe.

UPGRADED POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The police department has recently upgraded our 9-1-1 Communications Center which is the Huntington Beach public safety answering point (PSAP). Project expense was approximately \$528,000 received from the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office. This upgrade is one of the main steps in preparing for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) standards for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), 9-1-1 texting, and live streaming video that are becoming more common with mobile phone use.

Legacy 9-1-1 systems being replaced around the United States were comprised of basic communications architecture created 40 years ago when the 9-1-1 system was developed. While technology has improved over the years, 9-1-1 communications systems have been outpaced. This recent upgrade at the Huntington Beach Police Department, as well as around the United States, is a significant step forward in matching the needs and technology of the community we serve. We will continue to adapt to technology changes; constantly reviewing our policies and procedures to match changes in our wireless mobile society.

NG911 technology will aid in recognizing the source technology of the device making the 9-1-1 call, determining the location of the source, and forwarding the information through the infrastructure to improve response to the emergency service need.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-9. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address mailing label.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

52 reported 08/16/12 – 09/15/12

37 reported 07/16/12 – 08/15/12

Twenty-one of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Fifteen of these burglaries were committed during the day, sixteen were committed at night, and twenty-one at an unknown time.

There were ten garage entries.

There were four storage box entries.

There were four attempted entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

48 reported 08/16/12 – 09/15/12

66 reported 07/16/12 – 08/15/12

GRAND THEFT AUTO

31 reported 08/16/12 – 09/15/12

51 reported 07/16/12 – 08/15/12

BEAT 2

13 Residential Burglaries

3 Vehicle Burglaries

2 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 452-2 RD 453-1

RD 457-1 RD 463-4

RD 465-1 RD 466-2

RD 476-1 RD 485-1

Streets: Delaware St., Beachcomber Dr., Kingfisher Dr., Suburbia Ln., Jenny Dr., Atlanta Ave., Lochlea Ln., Beach Blvd., Hillsdale Ln., Queenspark Ln., Richmond Cir., Brookhurst St., and Balboa Cir.

In RD 452, Delaware St., suspect is in custody.

In RD 453, Kingfisher Dr., victim believes the suspect took the garage door opener from the visor of the unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. The opener was used to open the garage and a bike was stolen.

In RD 457, Suburbia Ln, suspect is possibly known.

In RD 463, Atlanta Ave, suspect described as male, Asian, 23 yrs old., height 5'3", weight 135 lbs., medium build, brown eyes, black hair, wearing baggy blue jeans, black shirt, and silver cross on neck.

In RD 476, Brookhurst St., suspect entered the home through the unlocked rear gate. The suspect opened the slider and stole a bicycle and cigarettes from inside the residence and fled.

In RD 485, Balboa Cir., it appears that the unknown suspect(s) entered the back yard via one of the gates. While in the back yard they opened the garage door and removed a baseball bat.

There was one garage entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

There were three attempted entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 463-2 RD 476-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 452-1 RD 463-1

BEAT 3

3 Residential Burglaries

5 Vehicle Burglaries

3 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 426-1 RD 443-1

RD 446-1

Streets: Bluegill Cir, Malloy Dr., and Big Bend Ln.

In RD 426, Bluegill Cir., suspect is possibly known.

In RD 443, Malloy Dr., it appeared the suspect(s) used a brick to break a door window pane and reached in and unlocked the dead bolt using the key left in the lock by the owners.

In RD 446, Big Bend Ln., it appears suspect(s) entered residence through the unlocked front door.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425-1 RD 436-2

RD 444-1 RD 445-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 434-1 RD 442-1

RD 440-1

BEAT 4

9 Residential Burglaries

14 Vehicle Burglaries

6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 328-1 RD 339-1

RD 359-2 RD 441-2

RD 451-3

Streets: Bayhill Ln., Morning Tide Dr., 14th St., 12th St., 8th St., Lake St., and 9th St.

In RD 328, Bayhill Ln., suspect(s) entered through a partially open garage door.

In RD 359, 14th St., victim said the garage was left open and unattended for less than one minute when someone entered the garage and removed a surfboard from the rafters and left the area in a unknown direction.

In RD 441, 12th St., suspect(s) are possibly known.

In RD 451, 8th St., suspect is described as; male, white, age 20 years old, wearing a fedora style hat and tan or khaki shorts. He was shirtless and had a thin muscular build, height approximately 5'11", and weight 180 lbs.

There were four garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 338-2 RD 348-2

RD 349-1 RD 359-3

RD 451-5 RD 461-1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 431-1 RD 451-4

RD 461-1

BEAT 5

7 Residential Burglaries

2 Vehicle Burglaries

6 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 292-1 RD 319-1

RD 413-1 RD 421-1

RD 422-2 RD 432-1

Streets: Steep Ln., Shire Cir., Modale Dr., Merona Dr., England St., Delaware St., and Springfield Ave.

In RD 292, Steep Ln., suspect(s) pried the window screen off of one of the family room windows to gain entry to the residence.

In RD 413, Modale Dr., suspect described as male, Hispanic, in his

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO

early 30's, height 5'5" to 5'7", thin build, wearing jeans and an orange and yellow construction vest. His teeth were in bad condition and he had a gap on the upper portion. When he spoke it was in good English.

In RD 421, Merona Dr., victim heard a noise in his garage. He entered his attached garage and saw the feet and hands of two males forcing open his garage door. He then saw two male Hispanics on their backs sliding underneath his garage door head first. The victim yelled at them and one of the suspects told the other, "Drop it, let's go!" The suspects dropped the garage door and fled the area.

In RD 432, Springfield Ave., suspect is known.

There was one garage entry.

There was one attempted entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 293-1 RD 432-1

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 293-1 RD 412-3
RD 432-2**

BEAT 6

**7 Residential Burglaries
2 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 272-3 RD 273-2
RD 282-1 RD 283-1**

Streets: Jacquelyn Ln., Barcelona Ln., Marken Ln., Newman Ave., and Cameron Ln.

In RD 272, Jacquelyn Ln., There were three similar reports. It appears the suspect(s) used bolt cutters to cut the hasp locks to gain entry into three garages.

In RD 273, Barcelona Ln., it appears suspect(s) crawled through an open window to gain entry.

In RD 283, Cameron Ln., suspect number 1 described as; female white, 29 years old, long blonde hair, eyes green, weight 120 lbs., height 5;4", small build, and possibly known.

Suspect #2 described as; male, white, weight 145 to 160 lbs., height 5'9" to 5'10", thin build, hair - bald, and all black clothing.

There were four garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272-2

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 271-1 RD 281-1
RD 282-2**

BEAT 7

**7 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
5 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 159-1 RD 169-1
RD 179-1 RD 198-1
RD 251-1 RD 252-1
RD 253-1**

Streets: Defiance Dr., Marilyn Dr., Blue Fox Ln., Gothard St., Alhambra Dr., and Edinger Ave.

In RD 179, Blue Fox Ln., it was determined an unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by removing a screen off an open window in the master bedroom to gain entry. Suspect(s) stole items then exited the house through the same open window.

In RD 251, Gothard St, unknown suspect(s) opened the lock on a storage unit via an unknown means. It appeared to be ransacked and it was unknown what items had been stolen. This same storage unit was burglarized a few days prior.

In RD 252, Alhambra Dr., suspect(s) pried open the sliding glass door to the master bedroom to gain entry to the residence.

There was one garage entry.

There was one storage unit entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 158-1 RD 179-2
RD 252-3 RD 253-1
RD 261-1 RD 262-1**

Two of these were attempted entries.

Grand Theft Auto

**RD 168-1 RD 251-2
RD 253-1 RD 262-1**

BEAT 8

**5 Residential Burglaries
3 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 155-1 RD 165-1
RD 166-1 RD 171-2**

Streets: Via Vista Cir., Lynn St., Heil Ave., and Pacific Coast Hwy.

In RD 155, Via Vista Cir., suspect(s) enter the garage via unknown means and steal a flat black TREK beach cruiser bike and flee in an unknown direction.

In RD 165, Lynn St., suspect(s) entered the garage via unknown means and remove a TOMAC Snyder 140 white 26" mountain bike. Suspect(s) then flee in an unknown direction.

There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 167-1 RD 171-1
RD 173-1**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 151-1

BEAT 9

**1 Residential Burglary
10 Vehicle Burglaries
4 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 117-1

Streets: Nevada Dr.

In RD 117, Nevada Dr., unknown suspect(s) entered the victims' residence by removing the screen from the north door and reaching through the open window to unlock the door. Suspect(s) took various items then fled out the front door.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 137-1 RD 147-1
RD 148-1 RD 242-7**

Grand Theft Auto

RD 241-1 RD 242-3

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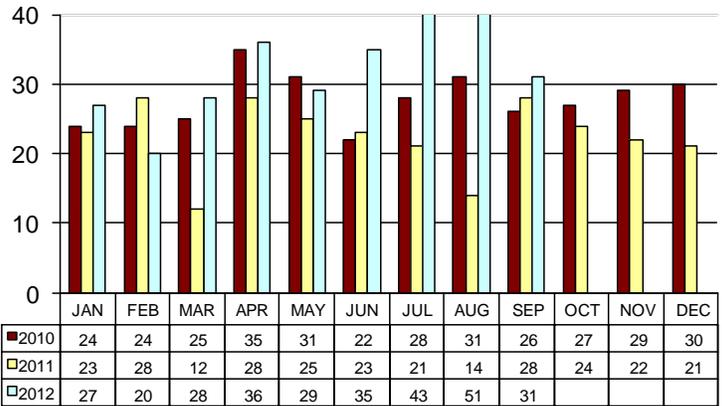
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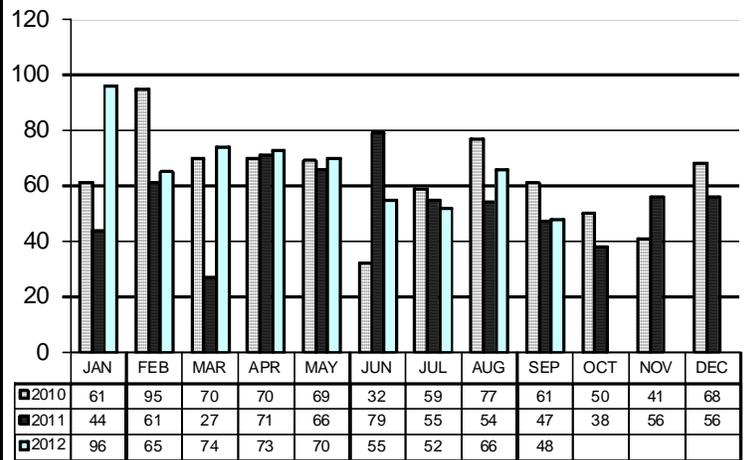
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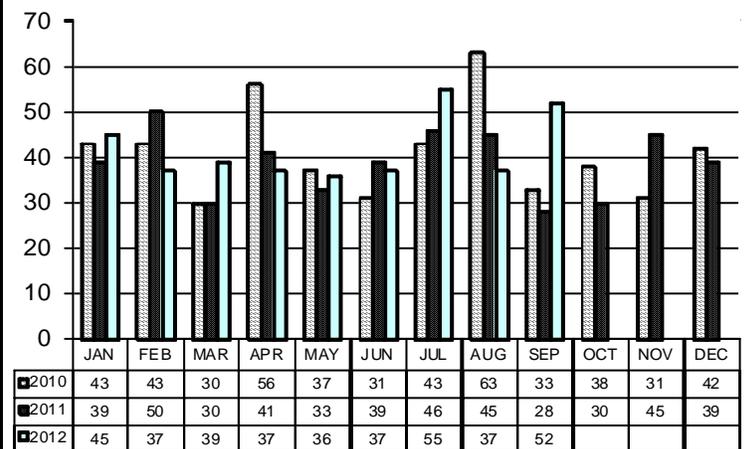
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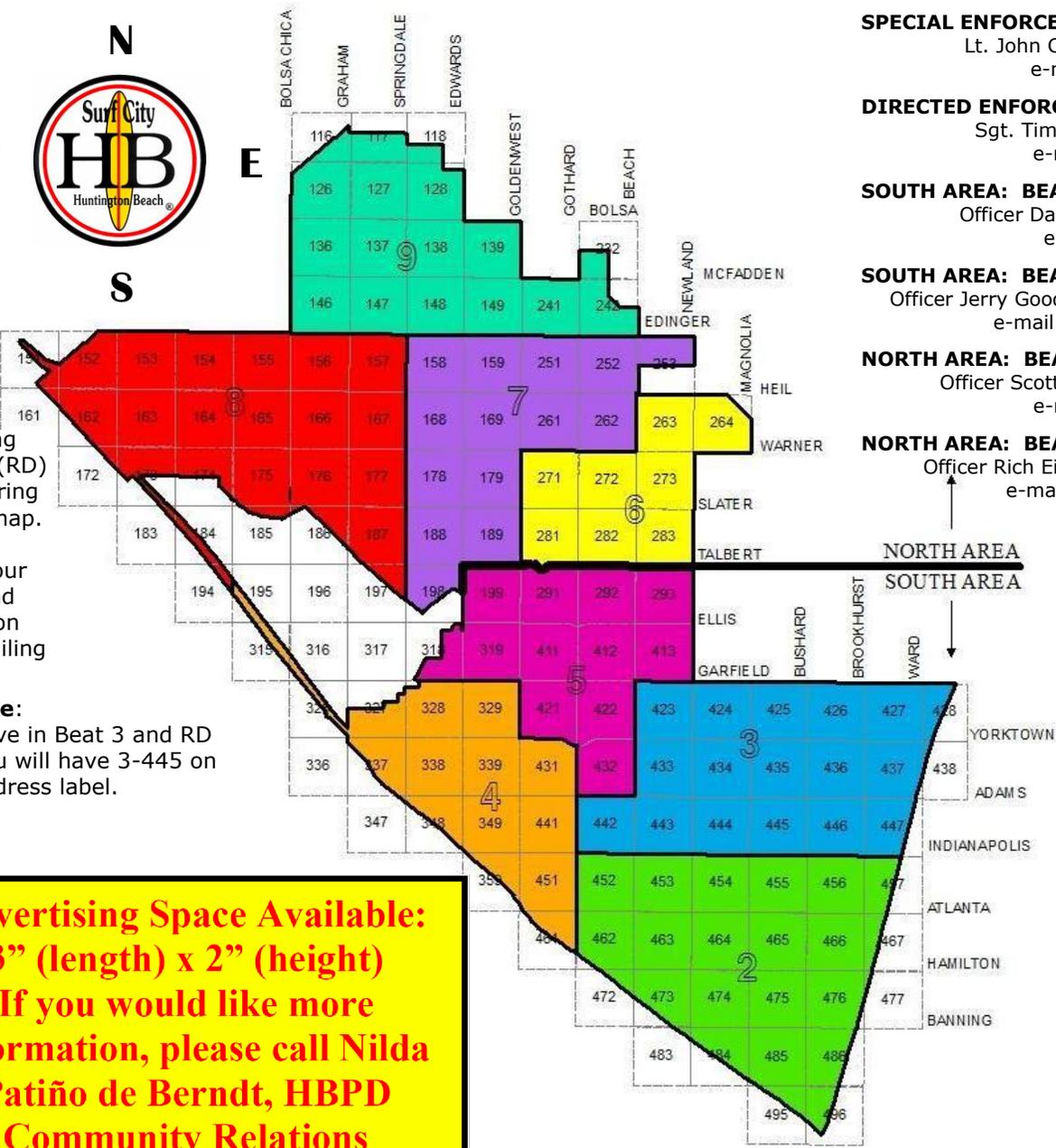


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