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NEWSLETTER**



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
CRIME**

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**JUNE 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 \$25,000 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 **\$21,576 in donations and newsletter advertisements-- we have \$3,424 to go** by June 30 2009. The HBNW Board thanks you and our advertisers for your support and generous donations. Your \$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; a \$25 donation or more 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 citizen 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:

**HB Neighborhood Watch Program**

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**Or:** HB POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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For more information please call (714) 536-5933.



**How to use  
9-1-1**



***When to call 9-1-1:***

- \* To get help for someone who is hurt.  
For example:
  - 1) If someone is seriously injured.
  - 2) If you see someone hurt in an accident.
- \* If you see someone acting suspiciously, stealing, or breaking into a home or building.
- \* If you see a fire
- \* If you see people fighting and hurting each other.
- \* If you see someone being robbed or beaten.
- \* If you believe emergency assistance may be needed but are not sure, call 9-1-1 and briefly describe the situation.
- \* If you call 9-1-1 by accident, don't hang up. Explain what happened to the 9-1-1 operator.

***When NOT to call 9-1-1:***

- \* In the event of a natural disaster or emergency, minimize your calls to 9-1-1 unless it is a life-threatening police, medical, or fire emergency. The following guide should help you determine when it is appropriate to call 9-1-1 in a disaster.
- \* Never call 9-1-1 as a joke.
- \* Never call 9-1-1 to ask for information
- \* **Do not** call 9-1-1 unless you need emergency response from police, fire or emergency medical personnel.
- \* If you experience other types of problems not related to these emergency services, call the appropriate telephone number for those services.

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**What to say when you call 9-1-1:**

- \* Tell the dispatcher what is wrong.
- \* Tell the dispatcher your name, address and telephone number.
- \* Do **not** hang up until they tell you that you should; they may have to ask you more questions.

**Other emergency phone tips:**

- \* Do you have an out-of-state (area) contact? In an emergency, local phone lines could be jammed. If you have a friend or relative to call long distance, you should be able to get through. Your family can leave messages for each other and you can let people know you're okay.
- \* Parents should use the information on this sheet to talk to children about how and when to use 9-1-1. Knowing the right thing to do can save lives.
- \* During emergencies, telephone services become overloaded. You can help keep services available for those who need it most by making only calls that are critical. Limit fax machine and computer use as well; their use also ties up phone lines.



## HAVING A STREET SMART ATTITUDE



Looking into a dark alley, you can feel the tension in your gut. You need to trust that feeling and stay alert. "The simple act of paying attention to your surroundings could prevent so many crimes." Before navigating through an urban environment, remember to always trust your instincts. Here are some ways to increase your confidence so you won't be affected by the actions of other people, and lessen your chances of becoming a victim:

- Take time to think honestly about your risks so you can find ways to reduce them.
- You can look up information on crime in your area but also use common sense.
- Many police departments offer free Home Security Surveys; call and ask.
- Situational Awareness: Teach yourself to actively look for signs of potential problems and dangers. Crime is more likely in quiet areas. This can be parking garages or lots, bathrooms, alleys, and so on. Get used to looking for things that look out of place

before entering or ask mall security to escort you if possible.

- If someone makes you nervous, trust your gut and stay at least five feet away from them. If they come toward you tell them to stop.
- Follow the advice you give your kids: be wary of strangers. Don't trust offers that seem too good. Don't go off with people you don't know.
- Create a safe zone around your residence by installing good lighting and reducing foliage that can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- Reach out, get to know your neighbors and talk to them about how you can work together to look after each other before and during a disaster.
- Increase your ability to get attention: carry a whistle or personal alarm and a small flashlight. These can also prove invaluable.

(Provided by Seattle Red Cross)

**If You Feel Threatened:**

Your attitude can make a difference. Don't convey signs that you consider yourself vulnerable, but not to the point that you walk toward a situation you feel may be dangerous.

When you feel a situation may be dangerous withdraw from the area and move to an area with more people. If this is not possible, work to draw the attention of other people. Run toward an area where there are lights and people.

**If You are Being Abused at Home:**

Abuse does not have to be physical violence. Have a safety plan; keep important documents where you can grab them quickly and leave.

**If You Are The Victim of Domestic Violence:**

- If needed get medical attention.
- Document the crime. Take photographs and keep lists of the police, medical providers, and court officials you talk to. Keep notes on what they said.
- Talk to friends and professionals.
- Expect strong emotions. The emotions you feel are not a sign of weakness; they are normal responses of our minds to extreme stress.

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## If You Are The Victim of Domestic Violence (cont):

- Exercise can help you deal with strong emotions more effectively than alcohol or chemicals. A doctor can help determine an appropriate exercise regime.
- Create a plan for moving forward, but avoid major life decisions for now.
- It takes a long time for your mind and body to work through things. Don't rush your recovery. There are victim support groups that can provide you a place to talk about your feelings with others who understand.
- Reach out and talk with a counselor if you find yourself feeling ill or avoiding activities you used to enjoy.



## There Are No Safe Fireworks



Huntington Beach is once again preparing for its Fourth of July Celebration. Following tradition, it will start early with a parade and end with a dazzling evening fireworks display. Fireworks are enjoyable and exciting to watch, but each year their illegal use causes numerous fires and serious injuries, many of them to children.

Citizens need to keep in mind that it is against the law to manufacture, possess, store, sell, and use any fireworks within the City limits.

Our Police and Fire departments receive thousands of complaints of fireworks violations every year. They will be strictly enforcing this ban to maintain order, ensure the safety of our citizens and protect property. Patrols will be increased several days before, during, and after the holiday to catch those who continue to put our community in danger.

This ban includes so-called "safe and sane" fireworks purchased outside of the city or on the Internet. Fire Chief Duane Olson states, "There are no safe fireworks." They are all dangerous and illegal in our city. If you are caught using or possessing fireworks of any kind, you will be fined. Civil citation fines are \$500 for the first offense and \$1000 for additional offenses.

Unfortunately, many offenders are not aware of the dangers of fireworks, especially to children. Even those that you may consider to be safe, like sparklers, pose great danger. Sparklers can burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt some metals—resulting in the majority of injuries to children under the age of 5. More than 50 percent of fireworks-related injuries occur to children and teenagers under the age of 14.

Police Chief Ken Small suggests "If you want to celebrate the Fourth of July with a fireworks display, the best way to do that is by attending the public fireworks display conducted by professional pyrotechnicians," Huntington Beach hosts a show after sunset at our pier. As always, this is a **free event**.

Anyone witnessing illegal fireworks or those in possession of fireworks is asked to call the Huntington Beach Police Department at (714) 960-8825.



## ALERT!



Recently several residents called the Huntington Beach Police Department to inquire about a reported increase in crime for their area. A gentleman claiming to be with ADT Alarm was canvassing the neighborhood to alert people. He wanted to let them know he was working in the area selling and installing alarms, so if they heard an alarm go off to just disregard it. He was offering a free estimate and the possibility of having an alarm installed for free. When asked for identification or an office number so he could be contacted at a later time, he simply stated he did not have any; he said the company was cutting costs.

Contact was made with ADT Alarm's corporate office and they stated that ADT Alarm **does not** have door to door sales people. It is possible it was an authorized dealer or sub-contractor but their employees always carry some sort of identification. The contact went on to say if you have any questions or concerns about ADT Alarm or about people stating they represent ADT Alarm Company please call 1-800-238-2727 for assistance.

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**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. 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**

30 entries in May  
39 entries in April

Sixteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors. Ten of these burglaries were committed during the day; nine were committed at night, and eleven at an unknown time.

There were twelve garage entries.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

60 reported in May  
83 reported in April

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**

32 reported in May  
32 reported in April

**BEAT 2**

2 Residential Burglaries  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 485-1 RD 486-1

Streets: Luau Ln. and Allison Ct.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 475-1 RD 476-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 464-1

**BEAT 3**

2 Residential Burglaries  
0 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 447-1 RD 455-1

Streets: Craimer Ln. & Carrolltown Dr.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
None reported

**Grand Theft Auto**  
None reported

**BEAT 4**

8 Residential Burglaries  
4 Vehicle Burglaries  
0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 442-3 RD 452-2  
RD 453-1 RD 463-1  
RD 473-1

Streets: Huntington St., Memphis Ave., Delaware St., Alabama St., Snowbird Dr., Sailors Bay Ln. and Newland St.

In RD 453, Snowbird Dr., suspect is possibly known by victim.  
In RD 463, Sailors Bay Ln., suspect is possibly known by victim.  
In RD 473, Newland St., suspect in custody.

There were four garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 432-1 RD 452-1  
RD 461-1 RD 463-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
None reported

**BEAT 5**

2 Residential Burglaries  
1 Vehicle Burglary  
2 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 436-1 RD 437-1

Streets: Berkshire Ln. and Monitor Dr.

There was one garage entry

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 439-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 436-2

**BEAT 6**

0 Residential Burglaries  
7 Vehicle Burglaries  
7 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
None reported

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 329-2 RD 336-1  
RD 359-3 RD 451-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 326-3 RD 448-1  
RD 349-1 RD 359-1  
RD 451-1

**BEAT 7**

4 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 292-1 RD 293-1  
RD 412-1 RD 423-1

Streets: Parkview Ln., Patterson Ln., Amberleaf Cr., Worchester Ln.

There was one garage entry.

In RD 293, Patterson Ln.; Suspect is possibly known.

In RD 412; Amberleaf Cr., Suspect enters unlocked garage, broke the driver's door window of the vehicle parked inside and removes the stereo.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
RD 292-1 RD 412-2

**Grand Theft Auto**  
RD 292-1 RD 319-1  
RD 411-1 RD 422-1

**BEAT 8**

3 Residential Burglaries  
7 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
RD 186-1 RD 187-1  
RD 188-1

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTO**

Streets: Beck Cr., Misty Ln., and Lewis Ln.

In RD 187, Misty Ln.; Suspect is possibly known by victim.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
 RD 176-1 RD 177-3  
 RD 178-1 RD 179-1  
 RD 188-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
 RD 176-1 RD 178-1  
 RD 179-1

**BEAT 9**

1 Residential Burglary  
 7 Vehicle Burglaries  
 3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
 RD 264-1

Streets: Anthony Dr.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
 RD 272-4 RD 273-1  
 RD 282-1 RD 283-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
 RD 263-3

**BEAT 10**

2 Residential Burglaries  
 3 Vehicle Burglaries  
 3 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
 RD 164-1 RD 175-1

Streets: Pickwick Dr. and Bolsa Chica St.

In RD 175: Bolsa Chica St., suspect is possibly known by victim.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
 RD 153-1 RD 155-1  
 RD 162-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
 RD 151-1 RD 155-1  
 RD 162-1

**BEAT 11**

3 Residential Burglaries  
 5 Vehicle Burglaries  
 4 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
 RD 156-1 RD 166-1  
 RD 167-1

Streets: Saratoga Ln., Regina Cr. and Hillview Cr.

In RD 166, Regina Cr., suspect is possibly known.  
 In RD 167, Hillview Cr., attempt only, entry was not made.

There were two garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
 RD 156-1 RD 157-1  
 RD 167-1 RD 168-1  
 RD 169-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
 RD 158-1 RD 168-2  
 RD 169-1

**BEAT 12**

2 Residential Burglaries  
 4 Vehicle Burglaries  
 0 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
 RD 148-1 RD 149-1

Streets: Priscilla Dr. and Shannon Dr.

There were 2 garage entries.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
 RD 137-1 RD 139-1  
 RD 148-1 RD 149-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
 None reported

**BEAT 13**

1 Residential Burglary  
 17 Vehicle Burglaries  
 5 Grand Theft Auto

**Residential Burglaries**  
 RD 261-1

Streets: Elk Cr.

**Vehicle Burglaries**  
 RD 242-15 RD 252-1  
 RD 253-1

**Grand Theft Auto**  
 RD 232-1 (attempt)  
 RD 241-1 RD 242-3

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**IF YOUR STREET WAS LISTED AS HAVING A RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY OR IF YOU KNOW ABOUT A VEHICLE BURGLARY, IT WOULD BE WISE TO SCHEDULE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING. REMEMBER, THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL NILDA PATIÑO de BERNDT, HBPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST AT (714) 536-5933.**

***WHAT'S IN YOUR CAR?***

Although there have been fewer vehicle burglaries this past month, many could be avoided just by removing valuables from inside your vehicle.

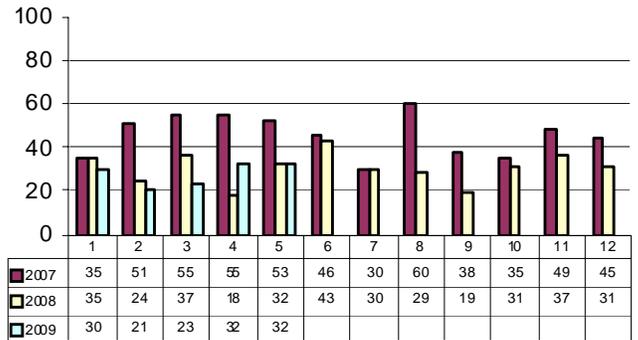
Placing purses behind a front seat or leaving your GPS holder in plain view is often all a criminal has to see to decide to take your belongings.

Remember, if you don't need it, leave it at home, or lock and secure it in the trunk out of sight before you reach your destination.

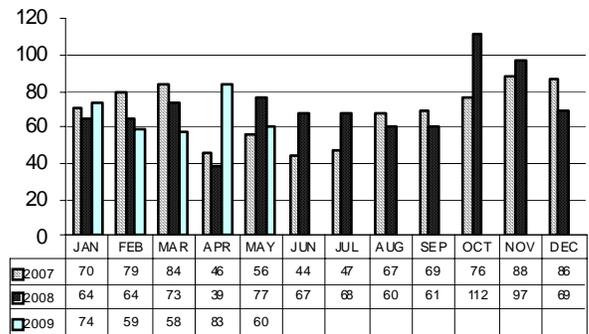
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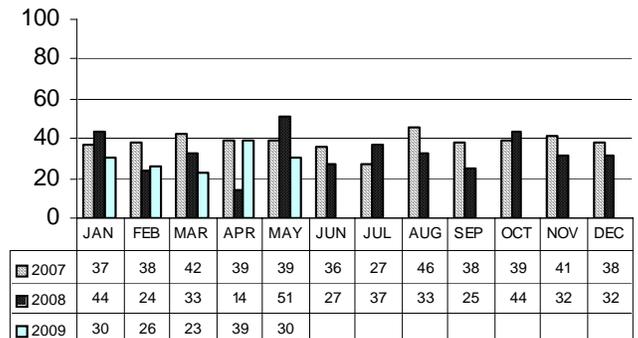
**GRAND THEFT AUTO**



**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**



**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**



**ALERT!** (continued from page 3...)

If a door to door salesperson (you did not invite) comes to your door, **do not** open it. If you think they are suspicious immediately call the HBPD at 714-960-8825.

Have you attended a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting lately?

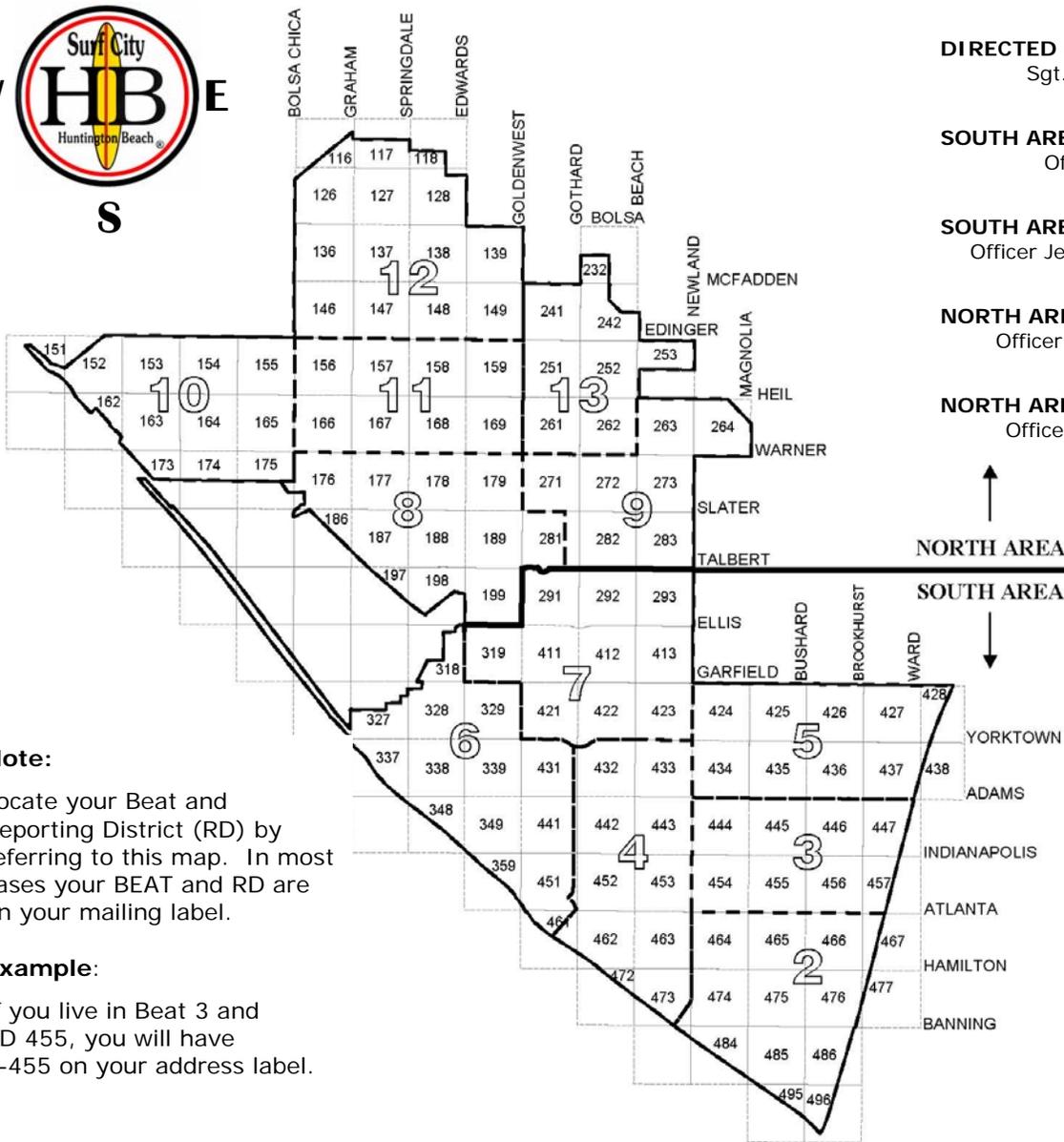
- Don't open your door to anyone you do not know or have not invited to your home.
- Call the police department's non emergency line. Briefly explain to the dispatcher what happened, give them the best description you can of the person(s), their vehicle and direction of travel.
- Call your neighbors and alert them.
- Remember it's better to be safe than sorry.

If you haven't attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting lately, please consider hosting one. Call the HBPD Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5933 to set a date.

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**Example:**

If you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.

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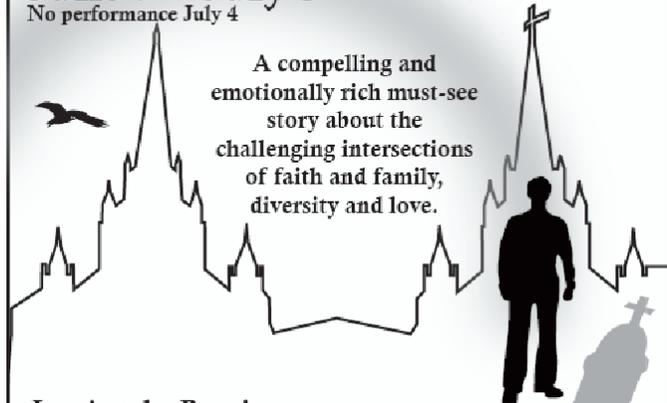
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