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Overview

The Huron Undercover Narcotics has just completed its 20th year of service. The Team (HUNT) was established in 1990 as a multi-jurisdictional task force. The mission of the team is the enforcement of controlled substance laws, and the reduction of associated criminal activity, in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, in Northeastern Michigan. The team is operated under the direction of the HUNT Board of Directors, consisting of the prosecuting attorneys and top law enforcement officials in the four counties and the 7th District of the Michigan State Police.

The team consists of seven detectives/undercover officers from local police agencies, as well as a detective sergeant and a detective lieutenant from the Michigan State Police. All of these detectives have been specifically trained in narcotics and special investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry.

During the team's 20 years of service, HUNT has removed over 7 million dollars worth of illegal drugs from the streets of the community, as well as 371 illegal firearms. 2,951 investigations have been initiated resulting in the arrests of 1,586 felons, 437 misdemeanants, and 368 fugitives.

In addition to its law enforcement activities, the team maintains a web site at www.huntteam.net, where information can be gleaned regarding controlled substance use/abuse, annual reports, press releases, and anonymous tips can be left regarding narcotics activity.

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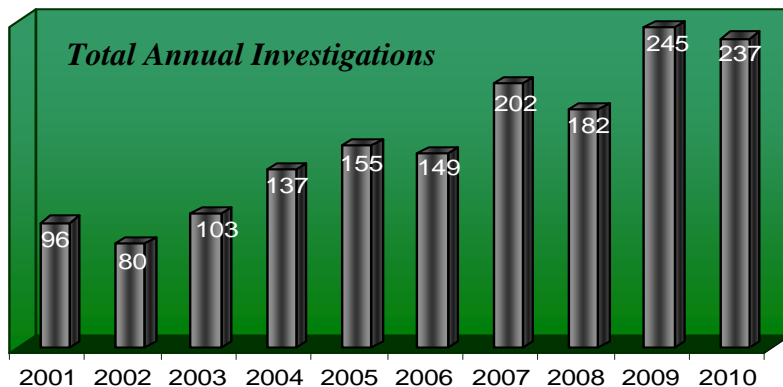
Investigations

HUNT initiated 237 new investigations in 2010, which is 38% over the average for the past ten years. 129 of those investigations were drug related, with the manufacture and distribution of marijuana being the most commonly found in our area. In addition to the drug related cases, 78 cases involved the location and arrest of fugitives, 13 cases were providing assistance to other departments, and 13 investigations such as witness intimidation, Probation/Parole Violation, recovery of stolen property, retail fraud, unregistered handgun, disorderly person, etc.

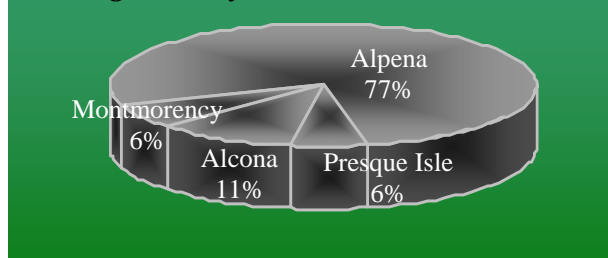
230 people have been arrested as a result of those investigations, with 7 still pending arrests, providing an arrest to case ratio for the year, of 100%

Narcotics Related Investigations by Drug Type

Cocaine Delivery	4	Methamphetamine Possession	1
Cocaine Possession	1	Morphine Delivery	6
Ecstasy Delivery	1	Morphine Possession	1
Heroin Delivery	13	Oxycodone Delivery	1
Heroin Possession	2	Vicodin Delivery	10
Marijuana Delivery	22	Prescription Fraud	1
Marijuana Manufacturing	30	Prescription Delivery	7
Marijuana Possession	14	Overdose	8
Methadone Delivery	4	Deliver Controlled Substance Causing Death	2
Methadone Possession	1		



Investigations by Jurisdiction



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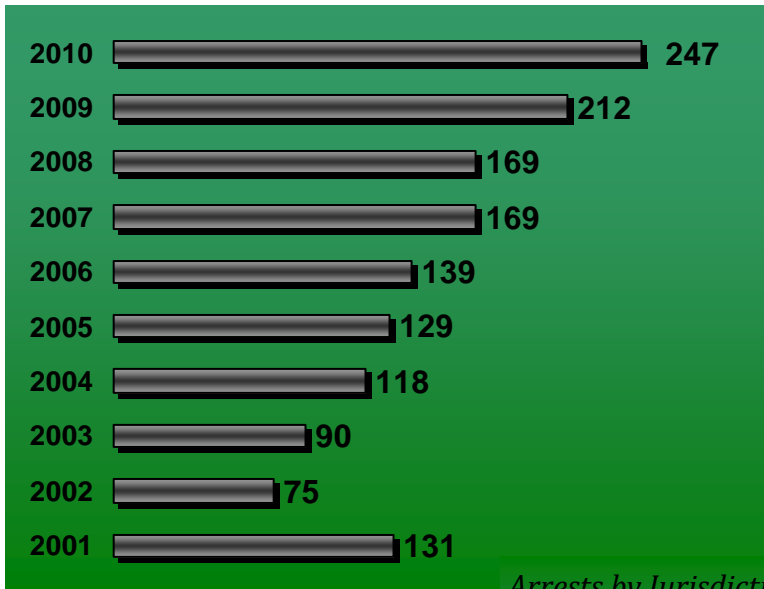
Arrests

HUNT arrested 247 people in 2010, a record number in the team's history, and 46% over the average for the past ten years.

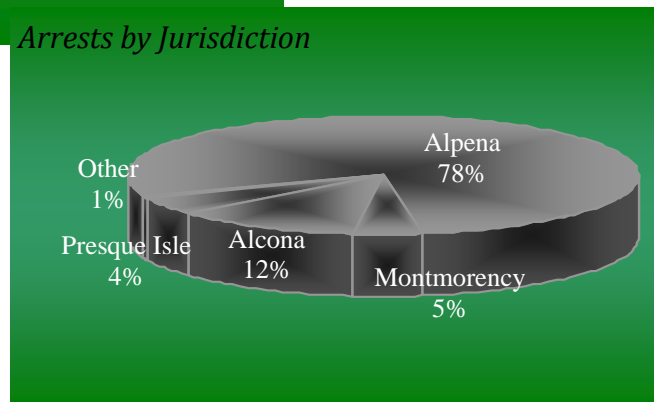
Of those arrested, 66% were repeat offenders. The ratio of male to female arrests was 69% male and 31% female (the same percentages as the previous year).

Total persons arrested	247
Male	170
Female	77
Over 18	236
Under 18	11
On Parole at time of Arrest	4
On Probation at time of Arrest	25
Repeat Offender	163

Annual Arrested Persons



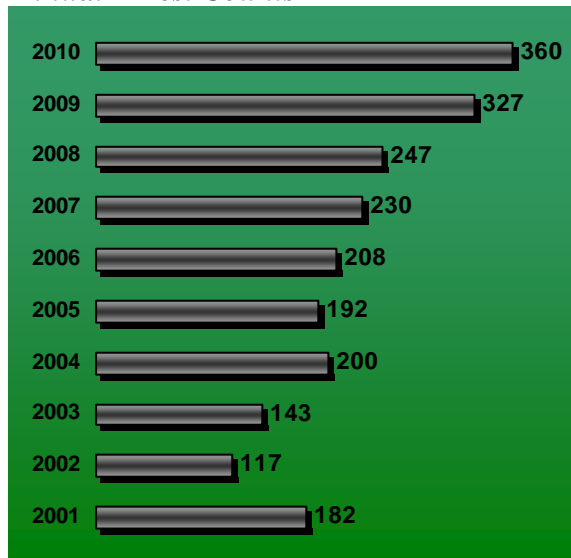
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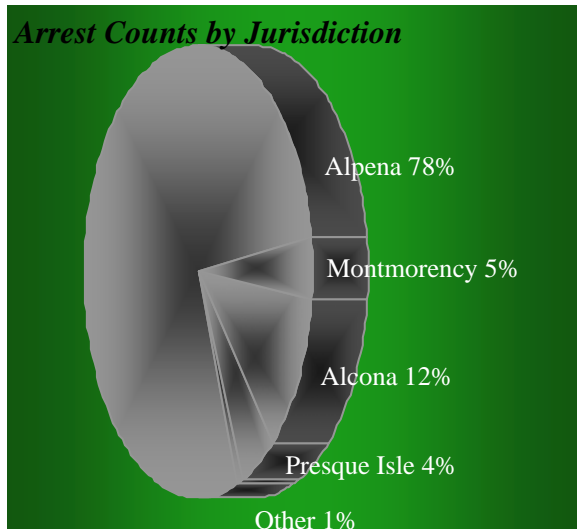
Arrest Counts

Of the 360 arrest counts, 214 were felony charges, 52 were misdemeanor charges, and 94 were fugitives. 242 of these were drug related as listed to the right. The other charges included concealed weapons, receive/conceal stolen firearms, escape, harboring misdemeants, larceny, parole violation, possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle, and various others.

Annual Arrest Counts



Arrest Counts by Jurisdiction



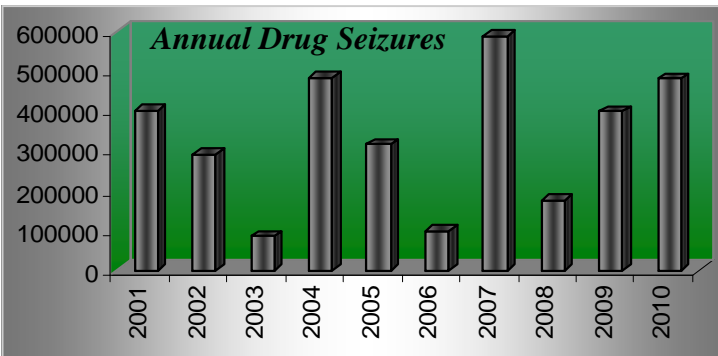
Delivery of Cocaine	5
Delivery of Ecstasy	1
Delivery of Fentanyl	2
Delivery of Heroin	16
Delivery of Marijuana	58
Delivery of Methadone	10
Delivery of Morphine	23
Delivery of Oxycodone	7
Delivery of Vicodin	16
Delivery of Prescription Meds	5
Manufacture Marijuana	18
Possession of Cocaine	1
Possession of Heroin	9
Possession of Marijuana	27
Possession of Methadone	2
Possession of Methamphetamine	1
Possession of Morphine	2
Possession of Prescription Meds	4
Maintaining a Drug House	8
Prescription Fraud	4
Larceny by Conversion	2
Operate a Meth Lab	1
Conspiracy to Deliver Controlled Substances	18
Deliver Controlled Substance Causing Death	2

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Arrest Counts = 5

Drugs Seized

HUNT seized \$481,555 worth of illegal drugs during 2010, which is 39% over the average for the past ten years. Drugs are seized throughout the year by means of controlled/undercover purchases, possession during traffic stops, search warrants, HEMP flights, consent searches, etc.



Marijuana remains the most commonly seized drug in Northeastern Michigan. 400 marijuana plants were eradicated during the year, with 64 of those being from indoor grow operations, and 336 being from outdoor plots.

Hydrocodone (Vicodin) was the most commonly seized prescription drug in 2010, as compared to Methadone the two previous years. Hydrocodone is a synthetic opiod, prescribed for pain management and/or as a cough suppressant. It is sought out in the narcotics community as a less expensive alternative to heroin or other opiates. Due to its opiate-related side effects such as euphoria, sedation, and somnolence, hydrocodone is now one of the most common recreational prescription drugs in America.

Drug	Seizures	Street Value
Cocaine	174.5 grams	17,450
Codeine	19 units	285
Ecstasy	4 units	100
Fentanyl	8 units	120
Heroin	13.8 grams	3,450
Marijuana Plants	400	400,000
Marijuana (processed)	5,516 grams	55,157
Methadone	69 units	1,035
Methamphetamine	.5 gram	50
Morphine	59 units	885
Oxycodone	49 units	1,020
Vicodin	206 units	1,785
Other	70 units	218
Total Street Value of Drugs Seized		\$481,555

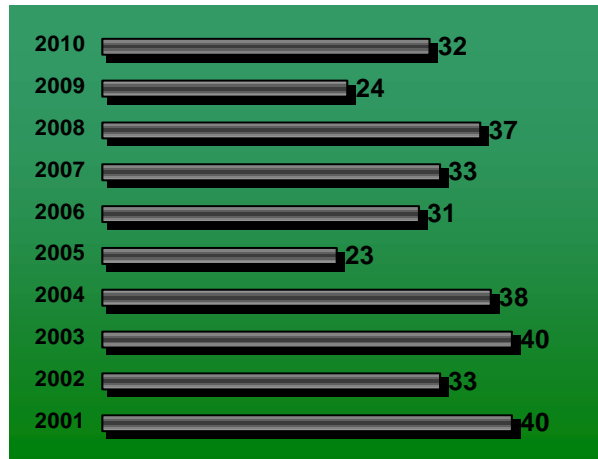
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Searches / Seizures

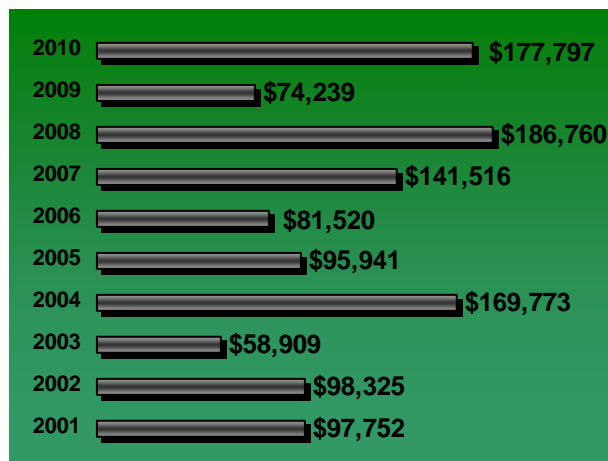
Search Warrants

HUNT conducted 32 search warrants in 2010. Most of the search warrants were conducted to obtain evidence of narcotics crimes, while some were conducted for medical records, cell phone records, and/or blood samples in overdose cases. 18 illegal firearms were seized as a result, as well as drugs and drug trafficking evidence.



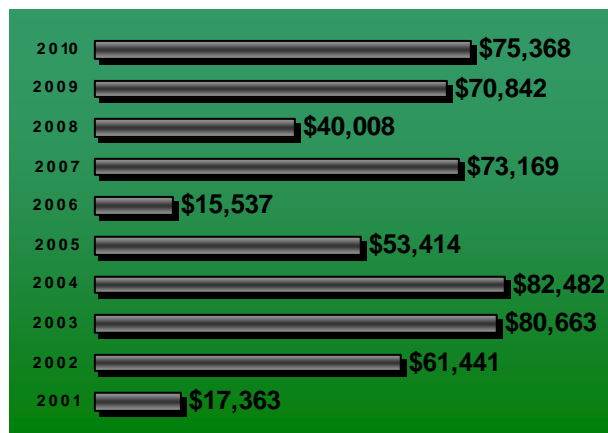
Property Seizures

HUNT seized 177,797 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of 22 vehicles, \$16,090 in cash, 40 cell phones, and other items used to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Some of these items will be sold at public auction, some will be destroyed, some retained by HUNT, and some will be returned in settlement agreements.



Forfeiture Proceeds

\$75,368 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through public sale of seized items, retention of seized funds, and settlement agreements. Some of the adjudicated property was seized during previous years, and some during 2010.



Significant Activity

TWO ARRESTED IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY

In May of 2010, troopers from the Michigan State Police Post in Alpena, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, and found the driver to be in possession of a quantity of crack cocaine. After discovering that the cocaine was being delivered for an individual in Alcona County, who was trafficking in the drug, the investigation was turned over to the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team.



HUNT then conducted a controlled purchase of Vicodin (which turned out to be counterfeit) from the Alcona County suspect, and two controlled purchases of cocaine. A search warrant was then conducted at the suspect's residence, resulting in the seizure of both marijuana and cocaine that were intended to be sold, as well as firearms (some of which were loaded), and the recovery of official HUNT funds that had been spent in the two controlled purchases of cocaine. HUNT detectives obtained a full confession from the suspect regarding his narcotics trafficking activities, as well as information about his downstate source. The downstate source had been delivering cocaine to the suspect in Alcona County, and then continuing to the upper peninsula where he delivered more large quantities of cocaine and marijuana.

HUNT then made arrangements for a delivery of cocaine from the downstate source. The source then delivered 2 ounces of cocaine to the suspect in Alcona County, for three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Following the delivery, a traffic stop was conducted, and the three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) of official HUNT funds were recovered, as well as an additional 4 ounces of cocaine, 2 pounds of marijuana, and 20 Vicodin pills.

A full confession was obtained from the source, regarding his narcotics trafficking activities. The source also admitted that he had an additional half-pound of marijuana in the garage of his Montrose, Michigan residence. HUNT detectives then enlisted troopers from the Michigan State Police, Flint Post, who subsequently obtained the half-pound of marijuana from the garage.

The first suspect (Alcona County resident) was charged with one count delivery of cocaine, one count delivery of Vicodin, and one count attempted delivery of Vicodin. The first being a 20 year felony, and the others being 7 year felonies.

The second suspect (Montrose, Michigan resident) was charged with delivery of cocaine, possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and possession with intent to deliver Vicodin. 2 are 20 year felonies, one a 7 year felony, and one a 4 year felony.

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YELLOW JUG OLD DRUGS

HUNT continues to participate in the “Yellow Jug Old Drugs” program. The program is sponsored by the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization as a means for people to dispose of unused, unwanted, and/or expired prescription medications. HUNT’s participation provides a means for people to get rid of their scheduled narcotics that can’t be simply put in the jug at various locations. HUNT encourages anyone with scheduled prescription medications that are no longer needed, or are outdated, to turn them in, in order to prevent the drugs from reaching our water supplies, and also from reaching our streets to be used recreationally. During the year 2010, HUNT collected 26, 794 units of prescription narcotics, and safely disposed of them.



HEMP FLIGHTS



21 marijuana growing operations were discovered during the 2010 HEMP flights, with a total of 331 plants being eradicated. Of the 14 suspects identified, 9 were Michigan Medical Marijuana cardholders. None of those 9 were in



compliance with the laws under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. The most common violations were growing more plants than are allowed under the law, and not having the plants in a secured facility.

MURDER SUSPECT LOCATED

In July of 2010, the HUNT Team was requested to assist in the location of an Alcona County homicide suspect, who had fled and eluded police. After meeting with the investigating officers from the Michigan State Police, and the 7th District Fugitive Team, detectives were briefed on the fugitive’s identity, and possible whereabouts. Detectives from both teams were deployed to begin a search in the vastly remote area of Black River. Ultimately, by following suspicious tire tracks and subsequently foot tracks, the fugitive was located in a cabin where he took his own life upon officers’ entry. The suspect was located within 8 hours of the contact/request for assistance from the two teams.

STOLEN FIREARMS RECOVERED

In October of 2010, HUNT was enlisted by the Michigan State Police to assist in the investigation of stolen firearms following a series of break-ins in the Alpena area. One of the people suspected to be involved in the break-ins and the concealment of the stolen weapons, was a known member of a violent street gang in the downstate area, and was currently a wanted parole absconder. The Detroit Area Violent Gangs Task Force was contacted, and it was determined that another member of the same gang, resided in Montmorency County. It was likely that the suspect would utilize his gang affiliation to conceal his own whereabouts and/or the stolen weapons. HUNT officers then established surveillance on the Montmorency County residence, and were able to observe as some of the weapons were carried into and out of the residence. The weapons were loaded into a vehicle, which departed, and was then surveilled as it traveled eastward toward Alpena. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle, resulting in the apprehension of the original suspect, as well as the apprehension of another suspect, also affiliated with the violent street gang, as well as the recovery of numerous stolen firearms. Several area break-ins were solved as a result of the investigation, and both of the aforementioned suspects were arrested and lodged on felony firearms charges.

HEROIN TRAFFICKING NETWORK DISMANTLED

In early 2010, HUNT began investigating a network of heroin and prescription opiate distributors in the Alpena area. These investigations included a multitude of controlled purchases of heroin and opiate drugs. By the end of the year, 25 people had been arrested for delivery of heroin, conspiracy to deliver heroin, and/or possession of heroin, on a total of 32 counts. It was found that these individuals were acquainted with one another to various degrees and that each was involved in the acquisition and distribution of heroin and/or other schedule 1 and 2 opiates in varying capacities. These investigations and arrests caused a significant disruption of the heroin trafficking network in the greater Alpena area. Several of these individuals were on parole for the same offense and have been returned to the state prison system.

TWO ARRESTED FOR DELIVERY CAUSING DEATH

In early 2010, an individual passed away from an overdose which was later determined to be caused by the ingestion of Methadone. The investigation was initiated by the Alpena County Sheriff Department, and subsequently turned over to the HUNT team. Investigations of this nature are very time intensive, as they include search warrants for various records (medical, cell phone, previous prescriptions, etc.), extensive interviews with involved parties, lab/toxicology results, autopsy, etc. Following the conclusion of this investigation, two people (husband and wife) were arrested and charged with delivery of a controlled substance causing death, which carries a sentence of any number of years to life in prison. Both were convicted and are currently serving their sentence. At year end, HUNT was investigating 5 other delivery of controlled substance causing death cases initiated during 2010.

Funding Sources

Alcona County	96,108
Alpena City	87,507
Alpena County	78,009
Presque Isle County	77,987
Alpena Township	1,000
Sanborn Township	375
Michigan State Police	306,141
O.D.C.P. Grant	141,899
Stimulus Grant	62,524
Interest	532
Restitution	3,288
Stipends	1,025
Adjudicated Forfeiture Funds	58,792
Total Operating Costs	915,187

*The above figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010

Conclusion

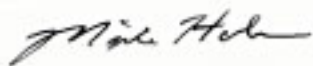
As the acting commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, I respectfully present this annual report for 2010. D/Lt. Rick Schultz led the team through the year with an outstanding degree of success. D/Lt. Schultz's accomplishments during his 8 ½ years as commander of the team were immeasurable. He expanded the team by one full-time officer and one part-time officer, made significant technology enhancements, mentored patrol officers into effective investigators, and provided a degree of leadership that took the team to record breaking levels. D/Lt. Schultz retired at the end of the year, and left a legacy that the team and the community will benefit from for years to come.

237 investigations were initiated during the year, a 38% increase over the past 10 year average, and 247 persons arrested, a record number in the team's history. The team conducted 75 controlled/undercover purchases of drugs through the year, and one controlled purchase of a stolen firearm. Marijuana was the most commonly purchased, at 36%, followed by prescription opiates, at 33%, and heroin at 15%.

Throughout the year, HUNT provided investigative assistance to other agencies such as the FBI Violent Crimes Unit, Immigration/Customs, the Department of Human Services, Alpena City Police Department, the Alpena County Sheriff Department, the Alcona County Sheriff Department, the Michigan State Police, the Presque Isle County Sheriff Department, and the Montmorency County Sheriff Department. Those assists were for cases such as fugitive location, parole violations, transporting across national borders, felonious assault, criminal sexual conduct, etc. Those same agencies responded to assist the HUNT team for uniform presence at activities such as search warrants, traffic stops, K-9 searches, etc. That unity of efforts increases the effectiveness of not only the HUNT team, but the other agencies as well.

As the assistant team leader for the past 11 years, and now the acting team commander, I am dedicated to the continuance of the team's effectiveness in protecting and improving the quality of life of those people in Northeast Michigan.

Sincerely,



D/Sgt. Mike Hahn

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