

Foust Says He Won't Run

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Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, second from right, says that he will not run for a fifth term. Here, Foust and others mark the opening of Fire and Rescue Station No. 44, Scotts Run, in McLean, on Saturday, Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021.



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News

Celebrate National Farmers Market Week, Aug. 7–13

The McLean Farmers Market will join farmers markets across the nation in celebration of National Farmers Market Week, Aug. 7–13. Farmers Market Week highlights the role of farmers markets in supporting healthy communities, stimulating local economies, and supporting local farmers. The mission of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets is to provide residents access to locally grown products and create market opportunities for area farmers and food producers. Join us as we celebrate the contributions of our local farmers and food producers to the McLean community.

Visit the McLean Farmers Market on Friday, Aug. 12 to support local farmers and businesses, participate in fun, educational activities, listen to live music, learn about composting with Green Planet Farms, and enjoy delicious foods from local producers.

Farmers Market Week is also Bike to Market Week in Fairfax County. We invite you to bike to the McLean Farmers Market. To find a safe route, see the Fairfax County Bicycle Map. While you're at the market, stop by the market



FILE PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON

McLean Farmers Market

manager table to learn more about bike-friendly routes in McLean and Fairfax County.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/farmers-market-week for the Fairfax County Farmers Market Week schedule and list of activities. We look forward to seeing you at the McLean Farmers Market for National Farmers Market Week.

National Farmers Market Week will be held at the McLean Market on Friday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The market is located at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101.

Fairfax County Police Department Weekly Recap

MCLEAN DISTRICT STATION

SHOOTING: 8400 block of Wesleyan Street, 7/30/22, 4:52 p.m. Officers responded to a home for a shooting. The investigation revealed the victim was a former tenant of the home and was there visiting a 30-year-old man from Vienna. Preliminarily, detectives believe the man from Vienna got into a verbal altercation with someone on the phone when he shot the victim in the upper body. The victim was outside the home when officers arrived and was taken to the hospital with injuries not considered life threatening. The man came to the door and refused to follow officers' commands. Officers from our Special Operations Division responded and took him into custody. He was taken to the hospital with injuries not considered life threatening. The man has been charged with malicious wounding, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and the use of a firearm in the commission

of a felony.

BURGLARY: 6901 Haycock Road (Faith Bible Presbyterian Church), 7/31/22, 5:17 p.m. A witness called police after noticing two men forced entry through a window and took property. Two teens, 18, from Falls Church, were located by officers inside the church. The teens were charged with burglary and felony destruction of property. Additionally, one of the teens was charged with providing false identification to law enforcement.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 6220 block of Old Dominion Drive (Sherwin Williams & New Star Asian Bistro), 8/1/22, 6:54 a.m. Someone forced entry into two adjacent businesses and took property.

SHOOTING: 2800 block of Fairmont Street, 8/3/22, 7:03 p.m. A man shot the victim in the upper body. The victim was treated from injuries that were not considered life-threatening. This does not appear to be a random act.

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Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

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PITTSYLVANIA	13538	612	WYATT FARM RD	SANDY RIVER	7/29/2022
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TAZEWELL	18482	67	ROUTE 67	SPRING BRANCH	7/26/2022
TAZEWELL	27977	643	ROUTE 643	MUD FORK	7/26/2022
TAZEWELL	18483	67	ROUTE 67	BIG CREEK	7/26/2022
TAZEWELL	18651	680	ROUTE 680	SPRING BRANCH	7/26/2022
BUCHANAN	3815	460	RIVERSIDE DR	LYNN CAMP CREEK	7/25/2022
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TAZEWELL	18479	67	ROUTE 67	BIG CREEK	7/25/2022
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For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

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Co-Responder Program Expansion Needed

Two officers use tasers; one officer fires four shots, killing 26-year-old man during a mental health crisis inside his family's McLean home.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Jasper Aaron Lynch's twin sister wanted to help her brother who was having a mental health crisis. Three Fairfax County Police officers hoped to help, too.

The evening of July 7, 2022, 26-year-old Jasper Aaron Lynch was experiencing a mental health crisis, detached from reality his sister told Fairfax County Police. He was throwing and breaking objects inside the family's McLean home, pacing, and possibly hadn't slept or eaten in days.

She had traveled from New York to help him.

"We could not have walked away from that incident, we have a duty to care," Fairfax Police Chief Kevin Davis said at a press conference on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, when police released body-worn camera footage. In Fairfax County, police release body worn camera footage within 30 days of a police involved shooting except when to do so would interfere with the investigation.



Pat and Kathy Lynch with their son, Jasper Aaron Lynch.

BEFORE THEY ENTERED

Lynch's family's house, the three police officers, who had been trained in crisis intervention deescalation techniques, asked Lynch's sister many questions to determine the best way to approach her brother. They said they hoped to get him to go with them, so he could be evaluated for treatment, and warned that they would need to handcuff and search him.

A friend of the family warned officers that Lynch had been upset when anyone tried to go in the house.

Lynch's sister told officers that he was experiencing thoughts that people were out to get him.

"Hey bud," one officer said as they entered the home. "We're here to help."

"Are my parents here?" Lynch said.

"You're not in trouble, we just want to help," one of the officers said.

Almost immediately, Lynch threw a decorative wooden mask at officers, then ran toward them, swinging a champagne bottle, as he got within feet of the officers.

Two of the officers attempted to use their electronic control weapons, or tasers. Police Officer First Class Edward George, a 10-year-veteran, discharged his firearm four times, killing Lynch at the scene despite the officers' attempts to render aid.

The officer fired the fatal shots less than 30 seconds after entering the house.

"We have to respect the family's privacy. I am not going to offer an assessment of how the family feels or doesn't feel. They are going through a lot right now," Davis said.

Shortly after Davis wrapped up, Jasper Lynch's parents, Pat and Kathy Lynch, expressed how they felt.

"Our son, Aaron, was experiencing a severe mental health crisis on July 7. He was scared and asked for both of the 911 calls that were made that day. We believe that the three police officers who answered the second 911 call could have, and should have, handled this far differently. To respond to Aaron's mental health crisis by shooting him at all, let alone multiple times, cannot be justified.

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POLICE HAVE RESPONDED to 6,700 behavioral or mental health crisis calls in 2022, Davis said, more than 30 such calls a day. Davis repeated multiple times that use

of force was employed by police less than one percent of the time.

Criminal and administrative investigations in this case are underway.

"Our investigation will reveal in fact if those tasers hit, if in fact they took effect, and if they didn't why not. I don't have that information at this point," said Davis.

But Lynch's death is a reminder of the critical importance of implementing a new model model so clinicians are available to assist officers during mental health crisis calls. The new program calls for behavioral health crisis intervention specialists to be available to respond to calls with police, sometimes taking the lead in de-escalating crises.

The county finished its first phase of the program and entered the second phase on Aug. 8, 2022.

"By the time we get to phase four of our co-responder program we will have about 16 clinicians riding with police officers. Right now, we have one clinician that is available on certain days and times of the week," Davis said.

In fact, a crisis intake clinician had gone to the home with police after the first call to police at 7:11 p.m., but Lynch was not found.

According to Davis, that specialist's "tour of duty" ended and he was in another location doing paperwork when police were

called to the home a second time at 8:34 p.m.

"As parents, we mourn the heartbreaking loss of our son and are left with only memories and regret," said Pat and Kathy Lynch.

"Had we known there was any possibility that the police responding to the second 911 call would use lethal force against Aaron during a mental health crisis, we would not have involved them until a mental health counselor could be present, as was the case for the response to the first 911 call.

"We hope our efforts to find out more about this incident will, in the future, help families in similar situations avoid such a tragic outcome," they said.

Davis said of the co-responder model, "It's not a silver bullet. It's our responsibility, both law enforcement and even local media, to manage expectations. It will certainly result in many more better outcomes for people in crisis. Is it going to eliminate use of force? Probably not."

WHEN ASKED questions such as why three officers couldn't

have done something differently to control a 26-year-old in crisis, Davis said he didn't want to "get too deep down a theoretical hole."

Civilian members of police oversight groups have called for the chief of police to maintain a neutral position on police actions until after the investigations are complete.

"I want to be very careful not to offer any assessments or any opinions but I think it's clear to see from the video that that was a very active and chaotic incident," said Davis.

All three officers involved in this incident have been placed on restricted duty pending the outcome of an investigation by Internal Affairs Bureau.

An independent review will also be conducted by the Fairfax County Independent Police Auditor, Richard G. Schott.

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor was established by the Board of Supervisors on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, in the wake of the police shooting death of John Geer of Springfield in August 2013. The recommendations of the commission also led to the timeline for release of information.

There have been five officer involved shootings so far in 2022; in 2021, there was only one. Three of the five officer-involved shootings this year involved someone with a mental health crisis.

FAMILY PHOTO

Foust Says He's Not Running in 2023

No fifth term for legacy leader.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

At the Aug. 2 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) announced that he will not run for re-election in the upcoming November 2023 election. Foust said he will have more to say on the matter later.

"It has been an absolute honor to serve on this board for the past 15 years, particularly with the current board, and I just love it. I want to assure my constituents that we will continue to work hard to represent you until my term ends on Dec. 31, 2023," Foust said. First elected in November of 2007 to represent the residents of McLean, Great Falls, Herndon, and portions of Vienna and Falls Church, Foust was re-elected for four-year terms in 2011, 2015, and 2019.

Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay (D) said that Foust's work on economic initiatives and affordable housing has been remarkable, especially in the last two and a half years, which have been some of the most difficult times to govern that anyone can imagine. McKay recalled in the



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay (D) says that Foust will be missed.



Supervisor John W. Foust (D- Dranesville) announces he is not running again for the supervisor's seat.

late 1990s, attending the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership with Foust and, like him, an "average citizen," then being elected to the board for the first time.

"It is something that I will always cherish," McKay said. "Thank you for your outstanding dedication to the people of the Dranesville District and the entire county. ... You've made the Dranesville District a much better place to live, thanks to your leadership. So, we will certainly miss you." McKay said.

Foust chairs the Housing and Economic Advisory Committees and serves as Vice Chairman of the Budget and Health and Human Services Board Committees. Foust represents Fairfax County on re-

gional boards and commissions, including the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/about-supervisor-foust>
He has served the Dranesville District and Fairfax County with "hard work," "advocacy," and "problem-solving leadership."

Foust's accomplishments as supervisor include helping to expand full-day kindergarten countywide, supporting funding for teacher pay increases, obtaining funds to widen Route 7, and constructing numerous road and pedestrian improvements. He supported capital projects in Dranesville, including three new fire stations and two renovated and expanded libraries, and he advanced the county's efforts to address climate change.



Supervisor John W. Foust at the McLean Community Center renovation completion ribbon-cutting ceremony in December 2018.

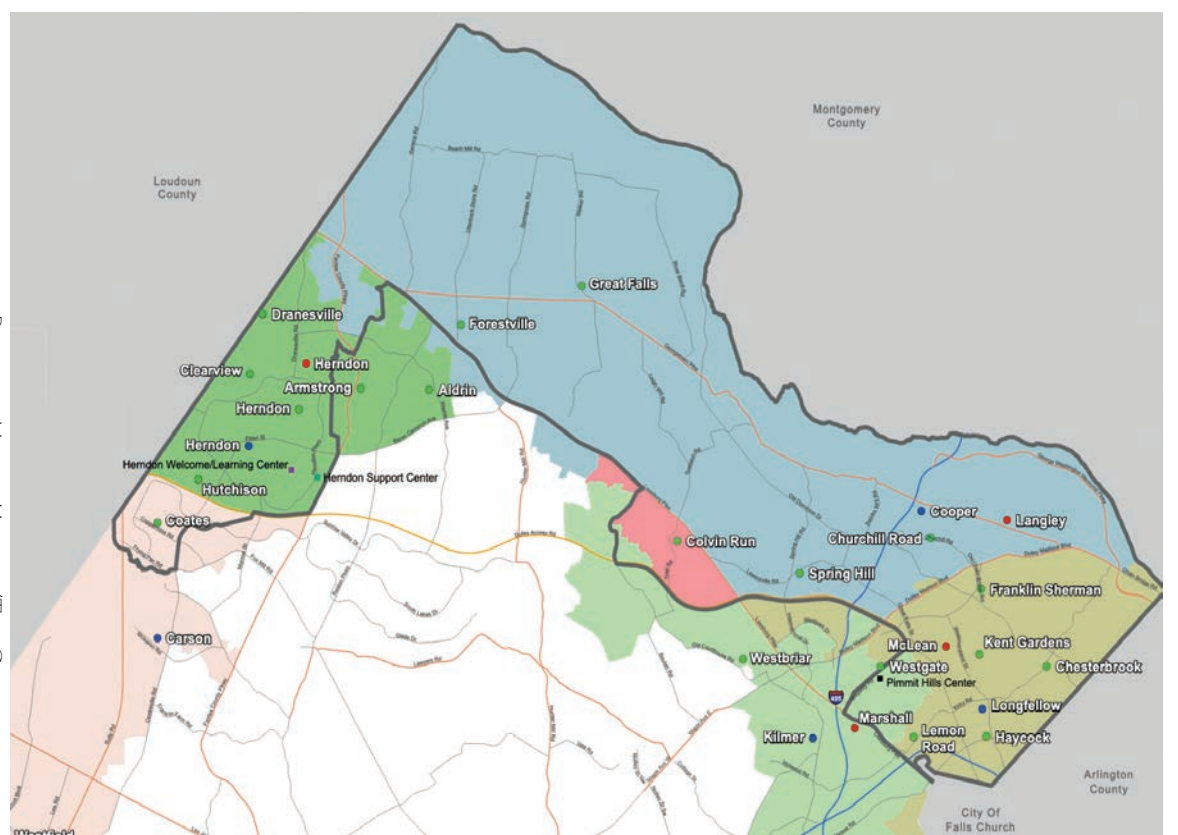


In 2017, Lisa C. Merkel, mayor of Herndon, and Supervisor John W. Foust celebrate the grand opening of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station # 4 in the Town of Herndon.



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"The community has spoken pretty loudly that they want to see the single-lane bridge preserved. I agree with that," Foust said. He was referencing the Springvale Road bridge over Piney Creek in Great Falls.



Map of the Dranesville District

ENTERTAINMENT



The Lake Anne Cardboard Regatta will take place Saturday, Aug. 13 in Lake Anne, Reston.

Lake Anne Cardboard Regatta.

Over 50 life-size cardboard boats created from cardboard and duct tape will set sail and race on Lake Anne in Reston. Teams of all ages will race in timed heats by rowing out to a designated buoy and back to the docks. Creative boat designs and costumes are encouraged. Prizes are awarded to the fastest boats in each category and winners of the design contest. The consolation "Titanic" award is given to the vessel that sinks in the most epic fashion. Join the fun by becoming a sponsor or register a team online today at <https://www.restonmuseum.org/cardboard>.

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SATURDAY MORNINGS

Summer Programming for Kids. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Reston Museum is launching new summer programming for kids! Visit the Reston Museum to participate in fun and creative activities inspired by Reston's history. Program is free and everyone will receive an Explore Reston packet.

NOW THRU DEC. 31

Crafts for Kids. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. At Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W at Lake Anne, Reston. Free, themed art projects for children (with guardian) are offered at Reston Art Gallery and Studios every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Visit the website: www.restonartgallery.com

SATURDAYS UNTIL DECEMBER

The Reston Farmers Market (sponsored by the Fairfax Co. Park Authority) will take place at Lake Anne Village from 8 a.m.-noon. SNAP beneficiaries receive up to \$20 match. Visit <http://restonfarmersmarket.com/>

MCLEAN FARMERS MARKET

The McLean Farmers Market opened for the 2022 season on May 6th, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market will run every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon through November 11. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; breads and pastries; prepared foods; meats; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles of Fairfax County. For more information, see:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/>

HERNDON FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays through Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 765 Lynn St., Herndon, VA, 20170 <https://www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndon>

GREAT FALLS FARMERS MARKET

The Great Falls Farmers Market Outdoor Market is open every Saturday, Spring and Summer, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. For vendors and weekly highlights see <https://www.greatfallsfarmers-market.org/>

NOW THRU AUG. 26 (FRIDAYS)

Storytime for Little Historians. 11 a.m. The second annual Storytime for Little Historians program returns this summer. Reston Museum invites our youngest visitors to the Reston Museum every Friday at 11 a.m. to listen to a story about Reston or one of Reston's founding principles. Books for the program come from the Reston Museum and Reston's Used Book Shop. Program is offered free of charge and each child will receive a goodie bag. Program is recommended for children under 7. Visit www.restonmuseum.org.

NOW THRU AUG. 18 (THURSDAYS)

Farmers' Market Fun Days. At Town Green, 730 Elden Street, Herndon. Enjoy free kid-friendly entertainment on Thursdays running July 7-August 18 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on the Town Green, 730 Elden Street. Before or after the performance, people are welcome to shop the locally grown and homemade goodies at the Farmers' Market from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., on Lynn Street in historic downtown Herndon. If inclement weather occurs, call the Inclement

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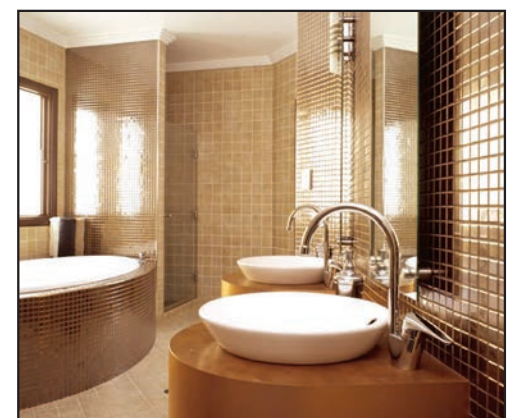
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AUG. 13-14

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Dan Navarro. 8 p.m. At Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Tickets are \$22-\$25. Visit www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

'80s "The Legwarmers." 7-9 p.m. Part of the Summer Concert Series. At Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Join Tysons Corner Center on a tour through the decades! Listen to your favorite songs on the plaza while enjoying drinks and takeout from the plaza retailers. These events are free to attend.

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Out of the Woods ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... but still very much in the bushes, and I fear without the 'round-the-clock, extremely attentive ICU staff on his case, there may be some predictable out-of-sight/out-of-mind-type problems. Beginning with: the nurses are not responsible for only one patient. They may be responsible for upwards of four or five others. What that mean is the immediate response to whatever problem the patient is experiencing gets back-burnered/deferred to the more pressing demands of some other patient the nurse is responsible for. Unfortunately, unlike Superman (although there are many superwomen too), they can't split themselves in two, as Clark Kent did in one television episode. We understand and appreciate the never-ending demands placed on today's nurses. That being said, if the hospital powers-that-be deem a transfer from the ICU to a regular floor, it's unlikely us powers who can't be have any appeal-type powers to affect that. The previous three weeks have spoiled us, no doubt.

In addition, I'm afraid the reality is for visitors of non-ICU patients, the visiting hours posted on the walls are more restrictive and there will be less time for us to visit and encourage the patient through his excruciatingly long and difficult recovery. Granted, there's likely to be a phone in a regular room and a cell phone as well would similarly be available, but right now this patient doesn't have the strength or capacity to pick up a phone or manipulate its keys. Moreover, as long as he's a breathing through a trach tube (until he can't breathe consistently on his own, which so far efforts to wean him off the ventilator have been unsuccessful; septic shock causes multiple problems), he cannot physically even talk. For us then, the situation summarizes as follows: if he can't talk, and he can't pick up the phone/text (at present he doesn't have the dexterity to do either) and is likewise unable to grab/press the nurse's call button, and moreover, during this time, will likely be unattended and unable to express his needs/requirements (which are too numerous to mention) in any way available, and perhaps you can appreciate the challenging and stressful path forward for him, and to a lesser degree, us.

This transition from 24-hour, many hands-on 'round the clock care in ICU has, (which together with this patient's will to survive, has enabled him to progress to this point), seems not particularly patient friendly; not knowing admittedly, the rules and regulations, policy and procedures that a hospital must adhere to (or else chaos would ensue, I imagine) isn't totally lost on us. However, common sense must prevail occasionally, doesn't it? I mean, a relatively, helpless patient can't be left to fend for himself, or expect to improve if his medical quality-of-life is not being met because his nurse has four other patients with varying needs to tend to, none of which, selfishly speaking, contribute to the health and well-being of this recently transferred patient. But the hospital serves the community, not one patient and it's their responsibility to serve multiple patients. As Spock has said many times on Star Trek: "The good of the many outweigh the good of the few." I get it. But in this case, if logic plays any part in the decisions/process, well; let's just say I don't agree since they're "to do no harm." I understand, one single, solitary patient can't stand (lay, occasionally sit) in the way of progress, such as it is. However, it would be a damn shame if while trying to move forward, we end up going backwards. But what do I know? (As has been made clear many times before in this space: not much.)

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