

Massachusetts State Police investigating fatal crash in Westborough

At approximately 8 p.m. Thursday night Troopers assigned to State Police-Charlton were dispatched to reports of a crash involving a tractor trailer and a car on Route 90 Eastbound at the 104.4 mile marker in Westborough.

Upon the arrival of troopers and EMS they discovered the 2019 Lexus coupe on fire resting against the median barrier. Preliminary investigation reveals the Lexus was traveling Eastbound when, for reasons still under investigation, it lost control and struck the rear of a tractor trailer. The operator of the Lexus, identified as Joel Yeghen, 39, of Ocean, N.J., was determined to be deceased at the scene.

The exact facts and circumstances of the crash remain under investigation by Troop C of the Massachusetts State Police, the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, and the State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section.

Troopers were assisted on scene by the Crime Scene Services Section, Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Sections, Medical Examiner's Office, Mass DOT, and Westborough Fire and EMS.

Hometown Heroes of Greater

New Bedford #15: TSgt Justin Miranda and SSgt Katherine A. Miranda

"My husband, TSgt Justin Miranda is currently serving in the Air Force he graduated basic training at Lackland AFB in 2008 and has served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Operation Odyssey Dawn and Osan, Korea. I am a veteran also. I served in the Air Force as a SSgt with 514th Maintenance Group at McGuire AFB, NJ. I graduated basic training in 2009 also at Lackland AFB. We have been stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, and Moody AFB Valdosta GA.

We met in New Bedford High School and graduated in 2005. We have been married for 11 years! We are proud to call New Bedford our home. We come to visit family and friends whenever possible." -Katherine A. Miranda.



If you are interested in having someone be highlighted for a Hometown Hero of the greater New Bedford email info@newbedfordguide.com.

Massachusetts State Troopers

Arrest Man for Trafficking Narcotics, Identity Theft

At approximately 8:30 last night Trooper Benjamin Joyal, assigned to SP-Boston, was conducting speed enforcement on Soldiers Field Road in Boston. Around that time he observed a gray Kia Sorento traveling nearly 60 miles per hour, the posted speed limit is 40 mph. Trooper Joyal activated his emergency lights and stopped the vehicle on Harvard Street.

Upon exiting his cruiser Trooper Joyal approached the Kia and identified the operator as CHEURY GOMEZ, 29, of Cambridge. He also detected the odor of freshly burn Marijuana along with multiple signs of impairment in GOMEZ. After several minutes of conversation Trooper Joyal removed GOMEZ from the vehicle in order to conduct field sobriety tests. After GOMEZ was removed Trooper Joyal pat-frisked GOMEZ and located an illegal "switchblade" knife. After the discovery of the knife, GOMEZ began reaching for his leg. Fearing he may have an additional weapon, Tpr Joyal placed GOMEZ in handcuffs and awaited an additional cruiser. Troopers John Dwyer and Edward Hunter arrived to assist a short time later.

After conducting a search of GOMEZ's pockets troopers discovered 12 baggies of Cocaine, 10 baggies of Crack Cocaine, and multiple baggies containing controlled prescription medication along with over \$3100 in cash. Troopers then conducted a search of the vehicle and located a credit card skimming device used to manufacture false documents in the commission of identity fraud and theft. Also located were numerous credit cards and ID's, not belonging to GOMEZ, forged to bear his photo.

GOMEZ was placed under arrest and transported to SP Boston for booking. A bail clerk ordered him to be held for court. He was arraigned today at Brighton District Court on the following

charges:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine;
 2. Possession of a Class B Substance with Intent to Distribute;
 3. Possession of a Class B Substance with Intent to Distribute
 4. Possession of a Class E Substance with Intent to Distribute;
 5. Possession of a Class D Substance with Intent to Distribute;
 6. Carrying a Dangerous Weapon;
 7. Carrying a Dangerous Weapon;
 8. Forge or Utter Forged Credit Card;
 9. Forge/Misuse RMV Document;
 10. Forgery of RMV Document;
 11. Identity Fraud;
 12. Operating Under the Influence of Intoxicating Drug;
 13. Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Revoked License; and
 14. Speeding.
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Fairhaven Man with Autism ‘ writes Children’s Book “Mike’s Big Space Adventure”

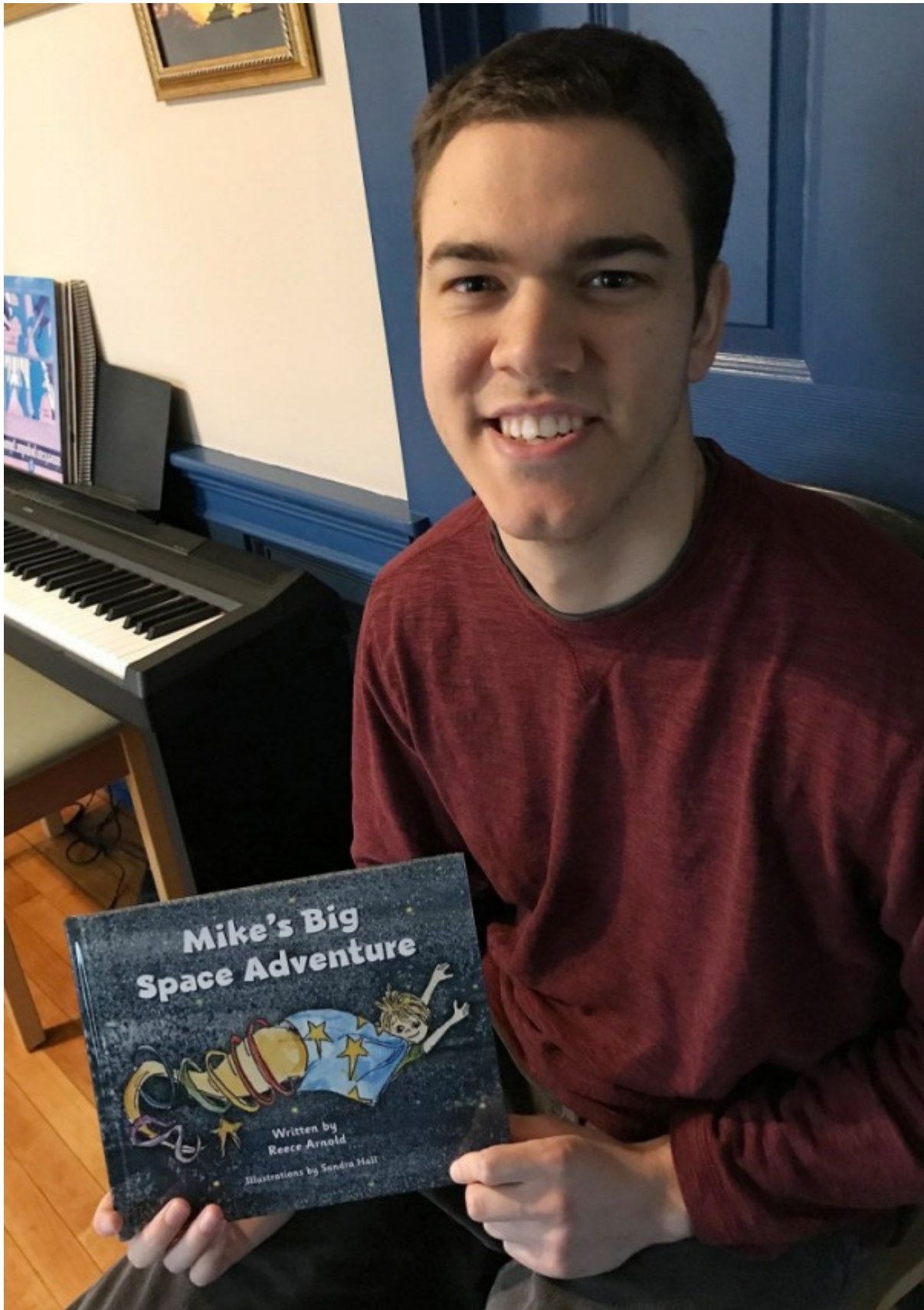
“My son and I live in Fairhaven and are very excited about this book that he wrote!” -Andrea Therrien Arnold.

Reece Arnold, 2013 Fairhaven High Graduate, has just released “Mike’s Big Space Adventure”, which tells the story of a young boy who loves astronomy. One night, he dreams that he becomes a shooting star and travels through different galaxies in space, meeting new friends – and getting into some scary

situations – but having a wonderful adventure along the way!

Come visit Reece at the Millicent Library at 45 Center Street, Fairhaven where he (and other local authors) will be signing and selling his book during the Old-Time Holiday event on Saturday, December 14, 9:30am-2:00pm. The book is also available on his website at www.reececycledfun.com.

Read more about Reece and the book here:
<https://reececycledfun.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Press-Release-Reece-Arnold-book.pdf>



Bristol County Savings Bank awards \$20,000 grant as sponsor of Holiday Happenings and City Celebrates! New Year's Eve

For the tenth consecutive year, Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB), through its charitable foundation, has awarded a \$20,000 grant to the City of New Bedford as part of the Bank's role as overall sponsor of the current Holiday Happenings and City Celebrates! New Year's Eve festivities. The city is in the middle of enjoying a couple weekends of exciting and engaging programming which all lead up to a host of family fun activities to ring in 2020 on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, including the traditional fireworks display.

This year's programming includes street performers, stilt walkers, fire-eaters, puppetry, live entertainment, face painting, fortune tellers and more. A full listing of all events is located at <http://destinationnewbedford.org/holidays2019/>. The New Year's Eve festivities will include a spectacular firework display on the waterfront at 8:30 p.m.



L-R: BCSB VP Jeff Bradley, BCSB Branch Manager Nancy Cabral, BCSB SVP Jeff Pagliuca, New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, BCSB Executive VP Michele Roberts, New Bedford Director of Tourism & Marketing Dagny Ashley, New Bedford Tourism & Marketing Manager Brooke Vinagre, BCSB VP Dave Medeiros pictured at today's press conference.

"It's hard to believe we've hit the ten-year milestone of serving as the lead sponsor of City Celebrates," said Patrick J. Murray, Jr., President & CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank and President, Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation (BCSCF). "It's always exciting for us to be a part of what is now a New Bedford tradition of engaging holiday programming for residents and visitors to enjoy and ring in the New Year." Murray added that since 2007, the Foundation has donated more than \$4 million to 501(c)(3) organizations in the region.

"New Year's Eve City Celebrates in New Bedford is a wonderful opportunity for area families and visitors to enjoy many free, fun events for all ages in our historic downtown," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "We're grateful for the generous support of Bristol County Savings Bank for continuing to sponsor City

Celebrates which, along with the many important causes they support, demonstrates the Bank's commitment to New Bedford and the region."

Bristol County Savings Bank is an active supporter in the communities in which it serves. The Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation was established in 1996 as part of the Bank's 150th Anniversary celebration. Its purpose is to fund needs that contribute to the economic and the social well-being of the people and institutions located in the greater Attleboro/Taunton Region, the greater New Bedford/Dartmouth Region, the Fall River Region and the Pawtucket, Rhode Island Region, with particular emphasis in the areas of education and literacy, economic development and housing for the low- to moderate-income population.

Since the Foundation began, more than \$20 million has been committed to hundreds of different non-profit organizations. In 2019, the Foundation has awarded over \$2 million to various 501©(3) organizations.

New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, December 12

Due to the continued weather conditions, the overflow will be opened again tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

All guests should plan to arrive for 6:00pm and the cutoff time will be 8:30pm. Dinner will be served between 6:00pm and 7:30pm and we wrap up between 9:45pm and 10pm.

As a reminder, the overflow will be activated on nights that the temperature is expected to be at 28 degrees or less. If the temperature were to drop below 28 at 4 or 5:00am rather than 7 or 8:00pm as an example, it doesn't ensure that the overflow would open. All guests are expected to get up at 5:00 am and exit the premises by 6 or 7:00am.

Also, precipitation or snow alone doesn't ensure that the overflow will open but are taken into consideration coupled with the temperatures. We also view the feel like temps, so as an example if the temperature was expected to be at 30 degrees but the wind-chill coupled with rain or snow presents or "feels like" 25 degrees then the overflow would be activated.

Every year we always have grey area days but we do the best in our judgment to make the right call. On days that we are expected to open an email blast will be sent by 12pm.

Also, 1-800-homeless will notify any callers if the overflow will be open on expected days. This will be our 4th season and with all the challenges at any given time, we are hopeful to continue safe operations and save lives, especially on the coldest nights. We also are looking for extra help, especially if the number of guests expected on any given night reaches 30. We also have 25 guests on the main floor so manpower is very important.

HELP WANTED: New Bedford Health Department is hiring

for a Program Monitor

PAY: \$59,841 – \$74,809

Monitors and coordinates program activities and helps develop and implement grant work plan. Works with local partners, cluster communities and the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force to assess training and Naloxone needs and delivers trainings.

Collaborate with local and regional partners including municipal, private sector, non-profit and local schools, colleges and/or universities to provide Naloxone training, licit and illicit drug safety training and Naloxone distribution. Conduct data analyses and assists Lead Evaluator to provide empirical documentation for grant project activities, outcomes and reports.

Bachelor's degree in public health, administration, or related discipline. Three years of experience in public health or any related field, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Mandatory CORI (Criminal Offender Record Investigation) background check per City Council Ordinance effective May 14, 2013.

For application/complete job description, please visit www.newbedford-ma.gov. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. New Bedford has a residency requirement. EEO

Marion property raided and condemned over animal cruelty, one arrested

Police Chief John Garcia and Town Administrator James McGrail report that a Marion woman has been arrested and her house was condemned following an investigation into animal cruelty Wednesday.

Lauren Fisher, 65 of Marion was charged with:

- Animal Cruelty (Two Counts)
- Interfering with a Police Officer
- Resisting Arrest

The investigation remains active and ongoing and Fisher will likely face additional charges. She is expected to be arraigned Thursday in Wareham District Court.

On Monday, Dec. 9, Marion Police received a report that multiple animals were being neglected and deceased animals had been recently removed from a property at 464 Front Street.

Marion Police opened an investigation, and today, detectives obtained a search warrant to search Fisher's property and home. Her house sits off the road behind another home on approximately eight acres of land.

At 11:16 a.m. today, Marion Police went to the property to serve the warrant, along with Marion Animal Control Officer Susan Connor and representatives from the Animal Rescue League.

Upon arrival to the home, it was immediately evident that the conditions were squalid. There was feces visible on the floor of the home and on a mattress and a strong, pervasive odor was noted in the home. A Marion Board of Health Agent was called

to respond to the scene and ordered that the house be condemned due to the conditions inside.

Elsewhere on the property, there were multiple unregistered vehicles located, along with multiple dilapidated sheds and outbuildings. The town's Building Commissioner was called to the scene.

Dozens of animals were located inside of the home and on the property, including multiple miniature horses, potbelly pigs, ducks, rabbits, turkeys, hens, chickens, dogs, cats, and exotic birds.

The animals were taken into the custody of the Animal Rescue League. The exact number of animals and types of animals on the property is still being determined, but it is estimated to be in the dozens.

Fisher was at home at the time of the search and was placed under arrest when she allegedly became disruptive and interfered with the investigating officers.

The investigation determined that there were at least five people living in the home, including children. The Department of Children and Families was notified and arrangements were being made for the children to be placed with a relative.

Fisher is known to police.

This case remains under investigation by the Marion Police Department.

Spotlight: Fall River's Famous Churrascaria Portuguese BBQ & Grill Family Restaurant

Check out some of the amazing food at Famous Churrascaria Portuguese BBQ & Grill Family Restaurant on 144 Rodman St. in Fall River. Lunch special: 1/2 Chicken with Fries and Rice for \$6.99. Try the grilled octopus, Portuguese steak, kabobs or chicken, and ribs. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

The Amaral Bus Company Is Hiring for School Bus Drivers, Monitors, Mechanics and HR/ Accounting in the Southcoast

School Bus Driver:

Licensed School Bus drivers will receive a \$500 signing bonus.
School Bus Drivers Wanted! Up to \$28.75 per hour (Southcoast and Tri-Town areas)

Amaral Bus Co., Inc. is committed to providing quality, safe, transportation.

Monday thru Friday work Week. Weekends and major holidays off.
Summer and school vacations off. Extra work during school

closings available if you choose. Able to collect on any time off.

We have routes, field trips, and sports trips. The choice is yours. PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON

School Bus driving is a part-time job averaging 20-25 hours per week. You can make more money than some full time jobs. Opportunities for more hours are available.

Must have a C.D.L. Class B License with School Bus and Passenger endorsement to drive a School Bus.

Free C.D.L. School Bus training to qualified applicants.

Paid sick time and Yearly Attendance Bonus.

- Wages depending on school district and contract. Earn up to \$28.75 per hour.
- Management opportunities. Room for growth!
- New Equipment.
- Must be 21+ to get your School Bus license. Must be MA resident to qualify for free training.

School Bus Monitor:

Amaral Bus Co., Inc. is committed to providing quality, safe, transportation.

Responsible for the safety, and welfare of students who ride your bus.

- Monday thru Friday work Week.
- Weekends and major holidays off.
- Summer and school vacations off.
- Extra work during school closings available if you choose.
- Able to collect on any time off. Must have a license and a reliable way to work.
- Split Shift Schedule.

School Bus Monitoring is a part time job averaging 24 hours

per week. Free C.D.L. School Bus training to qualified applicants.

Paid Sick time and Yearly Attendance Bonus.

- Management opportunities.
- New Equipment.

\$13.00 per hour PLUS weekly attendance bonus

Accounting/HR Clerk

Amaral Bus Co., Inc is looking for a talented Accounting/HR Clerk to join our team. **This is a full-time position; Monday-Friday; 40 hours/week with great benefits.**

The Accounting/HR Clerk is an integral part of the company performing diversified duties. The primary responsibilities will be recording all financial transactions into QuickBooks, assisting the President with month-end procedures, reporting, audits, and contract renewals. The qualified candidate is highly analytical and possess an advanced level of Microsoft Excel skills. The successful candidate is well organized, has excellent interpersonal, communication, and problem-solving skills, is a team player and has the ability to multi-task.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Update financial data in databases to ensure that information will be accurate and immediately available when needed.
- Creates, and provides reports to President, Vice President, Accountant, and Management
- Analyzing data flows for process improvement opportunities
- Accurately process weekly payroll in accordance with state and federal laws and in accordance with company pay regulations using ADP WorkForce Now.
- Practice timely preparation of all payroll operations

working closely with Management to ensure that deductions, liens, and payroll actions are in conformance with employment benefits practices and accounting procedures.

- Ensure that employee files are properly maintained
- File EEOC and other required reports to State and Federal Agencies
- Process Accounts Payable
- Process Accounts Receivable
- Bank Reconciliations
- Research invoice and accounting system discrepancies
- Prepares and processes monthly invoices
- Prepare and post Journal Entries
- Communicate with clients, vendors, managers, and other professionals
- Responsible for gathering information required for audits, tax preparation, and monthly financial reporting
- Manage and maintain Accounts Payable filing system
- Create Accounting files and prepare financial documentation
- Special Accounting and ad hoc projects as needed

Education & Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- 3+ years payroll experience preferred
- Experience with ADP Workforce Now preferred
- Advanced QuickBooks Desktop experience preferred

Skills/Qualifications:

- Strong understanding of general accounting practices and procedures
- Advanced proficiency in QuickBooks
- Advanced proficiency in MS Office software
- Strong understanding of payroll processing
- Strong strategic, financial and analytical skills
- Strong "hands-on" work ethic
- Excellent organizational skills
- Must possess initiative, energy, and drive
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

- Ability to multi-task under pressure in a high volume, fast paced environment
 - Ability to professionally interact with all levels of management and co-workers
 - Confidentiality when dealing with employee and company financial information
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Mechanic

Amaral Bus Co., Inc. is searching for experienced technicians/mechanics to join our team. Technicians will be working on customer vehicles as well as dealership vehicles.

Pay Rate: \$18.00- \$28.00/ hour depending on experience.

Applicants should have their own tools and be proficient in, or willing to learn, how to repair/diagnose electrical systems, mechanical systems, suspension systems, brake systems, heating & A/C systems, and emissions systems. The applicant's experience can be with auto and/or diesel engines. Experience performing MA inspections and wheel alignments is a plus.

Our shop is equipped with the following systems to help with your tasks:

- Alldata
- Mitchell Ondemand
- Identifix
- JPro
- Cummins Insite
- Autel
- Robinair A/C machine
- Vacutec Evap Smoke Machine
- Hunter alignment system

Benefits offered:

- Health insurance
- Dental, vision, and hearing Aflac available

- Profit sharing
- Paid holidays, sick time, & vacation time
- Training offered as new software/systems are introduced
- All applications and interviews are confidential.

PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON AT:

Amaral Bus Co., Inc.

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Westport, MA, 02790

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