

Metropolitan Police Service

The Forest Hill Post

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2025

Hello, firstly I would like to apologise for the lack of newsletters provided this year.

Initially it was meant to be one a quarter but due to this being a added extra that not all SNT's provide we had to put it on the back burner in order to focus on more important priorities.

This newsletter will include what we have been doing over the last few months and what we plan to do..

Following this, a end of year letter will be sent out asking for your input.

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LOCAL POLICE, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

This is a short break down on what we have done recently —

Mental health assessments

Mental health assessments are still attended by us in order to assist doctors in order to ensure that everything that takes place during the assessment is legal and proportionate.

If you know someone or are someone in need of help with their mental health, call 101, or 111 for medical.

Criminal behaviour order

Criminal behaviour order has been issued to a male within the community who has been a problem for the local businesses primarily public houses located on Dartmouth road.

Backfilling for ERPT (Emergency Response Policing Team)

Due to mass training for officers on ERPT in order to keep their skills honed SNT have been taking their places on ERPT responding to 999 calls, this is not only essential to maintain the number of officers responding at a satisfactory level but also a great way for SNT officers to continue to stay familiar with the BCU as a whole and refresh their skills of dealing with different situations that they may face when responding to calls.



General patrol

Patrol of the ward is always the best way to see the ward in all its glory, speaking with shop workers residents and passers through. When on patrol SNT officers often visit victims for reassurance checks and local businesses to be aware of any ongoing incidents in the locality in which hasn't been reported.

We have patrolled in uniform and plain clothes at various times throughout the last few months along with mobile patrols in marked and unmarked vehicles.

How to report..

How and what to report to emergency services — On speaking to some residents it has become apparent that not everyone knows how or what to report.

Things you can report and how —

- Non emergency neighbour disputes **(101)**
- Suspicious activity **(101 or *Foresthill.snt@met.police.uk*)**
- Non emergency police **(101)**
- Emergency's **(999)**
- Mental health episodes **(999)**
- Non emergency medical **(111)**

If concerned, report.

Ward Panel..

Ward Panel Meetings — Due to the lack of attendees of the ward panel over the last few months.

The ward panel is still joint with PERRY VALE's ward panel. This is still temporary and will be taking place at St GEORGE'S Church WOOLSTONE/VANCOVER ROAD.

Ward panels are where police and residents talk about priority issues within the ward hosted by the Chair.

Currently our Ward priorities are

1. Increasing Police presence in the ward and reducing burglaries.
2. Reducing motor vehicle crime including tool theft.
3. Reducing public order offences helping residents and businesses to protect themselves.

Next ward panel date — NOVEMBER 13TH 2025



Email ***Foresthill.snt@met.police.uk*** to join!

MET ENGAGE

Community crime-fighting

Through our new platform Met Engage you can get to know your local officers, help shape how we police your local area and have direct access to key information and advice.

This isn't just a platform for us to tell you what we're doing in your area, it's an opportunity for you to tell us what's concerning you most so we can take action on the things that truly matter to you.

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In an emergency always call 999 or visit our website to report crime online – www.met.police.uk

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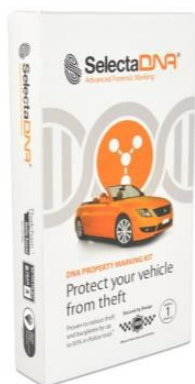
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Motor vehicle crime awareness



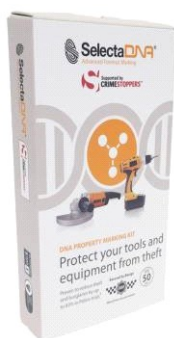
We still offer vehicle marking

We have received multiple emails regarding vehicle marking. Although we haven't attended addresses yet to mark vehicles we are ready to do so.. Weather dependent.

Vehicle window etching — Glass etching with unique codes to individual pack that is issued.

Security stickers —Special security stickers that we place on the engine or chassis out of sight this sticker cannot be removed easily and leaves a mark.

Visible security stickers —These stickers can be put as a visible deterrent against vehicle thieves. Placed inside and easy to remove in case you no longer want it on show.



DNA marking drops —These drops can be applied via the applicator which is a clear dot barely visible to any device or property which has unique DNA assigned to individual packs. This is good for laptops or any high value property.

Information —Security information for your vehicle such as steering wheel locks and pedal locks ghost immobilizers and faraday pouches.

Tool marking kits —Much like the DNA marking drops specifically designed for tools.

Usually £60 but were giving them away for free!

HOW IT WORKS



Step 1

Use SelectaDNA to mark and protect your property



Step 2

Put signs up to show that your home or business is protected



Step 3

Register your unique DNA code on our secure database

Due to the limited number of vehicle kits we have we have had to target a certain criteria of vehicles this is if your car was made in 2019 onwards or if it is a luxury vehicle.

We hope to continue these a events and with time open up the eligibility to everyone.

Keep your vehicle & property safe

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Tool Marking

Why YOU should use tool marking..

- Tool marking is a simple and effective way to insure your tools can be identified and linked to you.
- The marking solution is a unique DNA to the specific kit and once applied will dry clear but glow under UV light.
- Not only is applying the DNA marking to tools or other items very quick and easy to do but registering your tools online takes a couple of minutes and is equally as simple.

Why WE want use tool marking..

Tool theft is often unpredictable and a spur of the moment type theft. Marking your tools insure that if these tools are ever found on someone, in someone's vehicle, at a car boot sale, or found in a raid they can be easily identified not only returned to the original owner but it also proves that they belong to another thus giving further evidence to convict the seller of handling stolen goods or theft.

When/where we are marking tools..

January 2026

We have been attending local building merchants and giving these kits to customers provided they sign up.

If you are a person who works within the trades and is interested in these kits feel free to get in contact with us and we will let you know when and where we will next be giving these away..

If you reside within FOREST HILL I am happy to attend your address to provide you with one.



(Signing up to Selecta is required, no details are kept by police)



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Updates from Forest Hill SNT

ASB— ASB is a persistent concern of Forest Hill SNT. ASB not only causes issues for individuals but the residents and anyone who is in the ward. To deal with ASB Forest Hill SNT often problem solve themselves, contacting Lewisham council or housing. CPW's CPN's and community resolutions. Dartmouth road has been a priority for Forest Hill SNT focusing on public order and drug use within the area.

Drugs—The Hill Public House was targeted by ourselves to conduct a warrant to tackle drug use, this was a positive outcome resulting in drugs and weapons being taken off the streets, The Hill has new staff and have stated to be firmer with their customers.

Public order—Street drinking has been a problem as of late, SNT are aware and slowly helping those who need it and dealing with those who cause ASB through this action.

Events / School visits — Forest Hill SNT is open to welcoming ideas for events or visits to schools if requested.

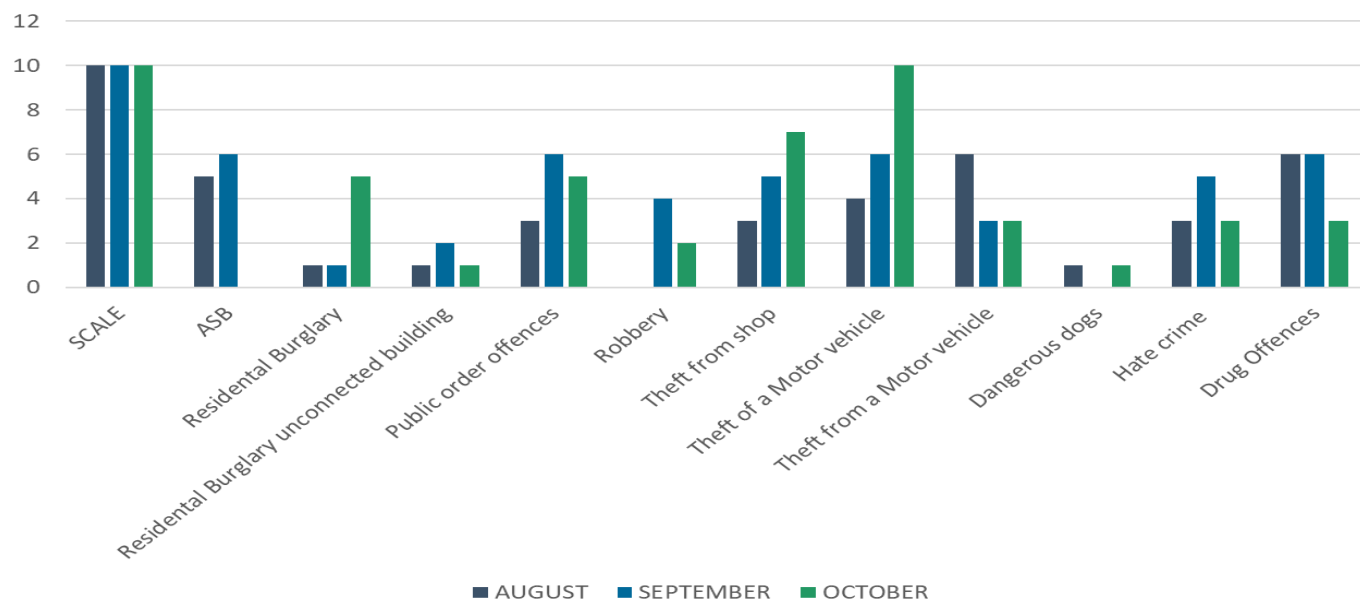
Street Meets — Forest Hill SNT will be conducting street meets where officers will be posted at a location to answer any questions that residents or members of the public have.

Crime stats within FOREST HILL

FOREST HILL has over **15,174** residents according to a population census taken in 2021 the true number of people who live within FOREST HILL will be bordering **20,000** not to mention people who commute through or visit/work within the area. A small break down of crimes committed within the ward that are relevant to residents.

***Data taken from CONNECT system filtered to 3 months**

Statistics for AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



■ AUGUST ■ SEPTEMBER ■ OCTOBER



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The MET ride along scheme

The Met Police ride along scheme offers individuals the chance to join officers on patrol and gain an insight into daily policing.

The scheme has been brought back under The New Met for London which focuses on more trust, less crime and higher standards.

You can choose to ride with the following units:

Emergency Response Team—These officers attended emergency calls (e.g assaults, robberies).



Who can apply and what to expect

- ◆ You have to be 18 and over and live in London to be applicable to applicable to apply.
- ◆ You will be subjected to a criminal check record. Having a previous conviction does not necessarily mean your application will be rejected. The Met review each application on a case by case basis.
- ◆ On the day you will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement and participant briefing sheet.
- ◆ You will get the unique opportunity to talk to officers on a one-to-one basis and gain better knowledge on how the Met police.
- ◆ Please note—due to high influx of applications for this scheme, it can take up to four weeks for the Met to get back to you in relation to your application.



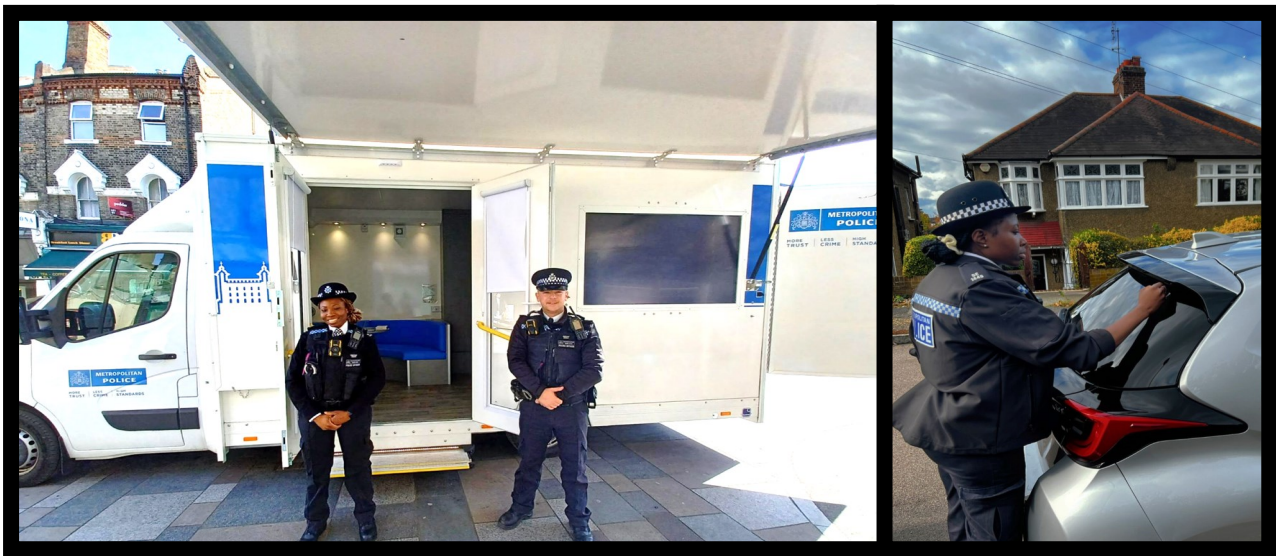
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STREET MEET'S

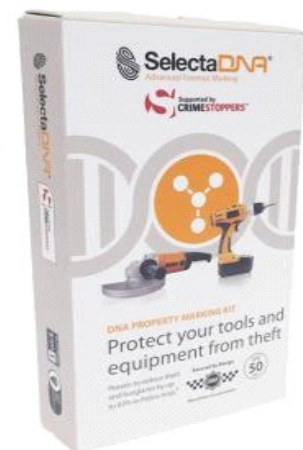
Forest Hill SNT will be holding 'Street meets' which are a police community engagement van will be parking up at various places around Forest Hill in order to engage with the public allowing residents to speak to us face to face and gain any advice we can give them regarding any of their concerns of the local area. This is also the perfect opportunity for you to give us any information or intel regarding issues on the ward.

Reporting an incident to police, call 101 or if in immediate danger 999



Along with crime prevention advice leaflets we will be handing out the tool marking kits to trades workers which usually cost £60 but we provide them for free!

These kits are designed with unique DNA marking so that if the worst were to happen, the tools can be identified and returned to their owner along with providing evidence that they are stolen to allow us a prosecution.



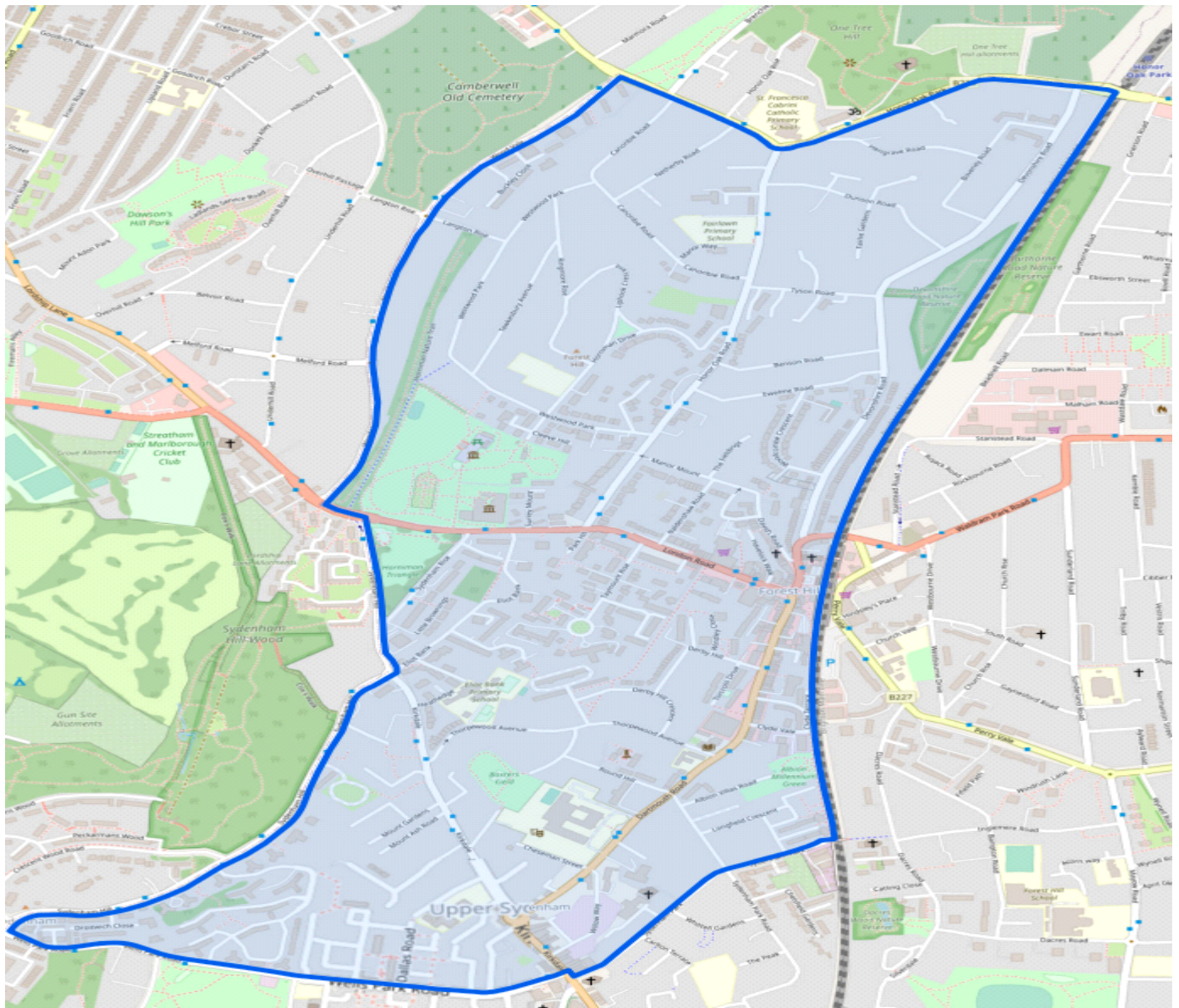
Any ideas for possible community events please let us know, we welcome suggestions.

Patrol radius & routes

This is the radius of the Forest Hill Ward.... That 's a lot of area to cover..

Foot patrols are and will continue to take place in targeted areas in an attempt to combat issues within these set areas such as ASB, drug use, shoplifting and various other problems.

Patrols will also include weapon sweeps and general engagement with the public.



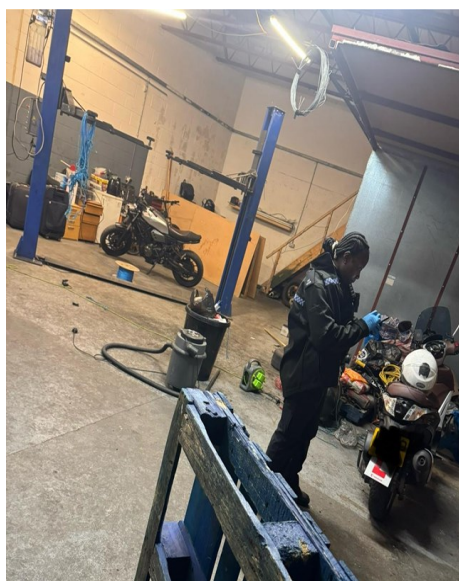
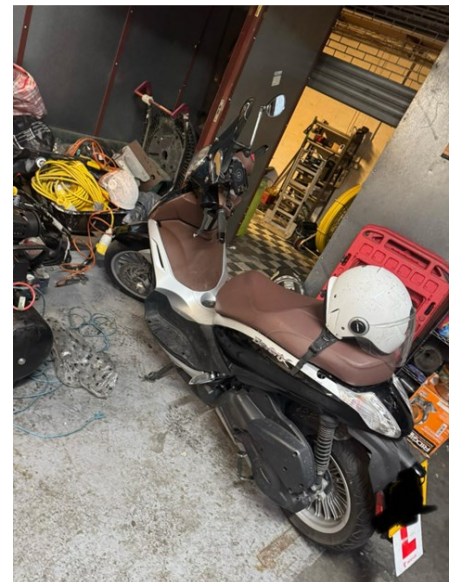
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MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME OPERATION

Recently Forest Hill SNT along with Perry Vale & Crofton Park SNT took part in a Motor vehicle operation which took place over the whole Lewisham borough this was to combat vehicle crime such as Theft from motor vehicle, Theft of Motor vehicle and general crime that takes place whilst using Motor vehicles.

Dog unit, Traffic police and solo bikers were also involved and officers worked together in order to achieve a good outcome for not only Lewisham but Forest Hill as well due to officers being tasked specific areas to target within the ward to deal with the ongoing vehicle thefts. ***Images below of a chop shop discovered by police during the OP.***



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This operation retrieved some great results leading to multiple arrests, return of multiple stolen vehicles and even TOR's issued (Traffic offence reports) which are essentially tickets.

Vehicles were taken off of the road due to them not being suitable, such as people operating vehicles without licences and or no insurance and even using vehicles to deal drugs were stopped and dealt with accordingly.

- Knife found on suspect that ran from police.
- Vehicle that crashed after pursuit with police also contained hunting knife and machete.
- Door panel of vehicle where drugs were found during a search.



Police / suspects / members of public no one was hurt during this operation.

Arrests made and weapons/drugs/Vehicles taken off the street making it that little bit safer.



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Your Local Team;

Team Inspector;

Insp Gavin Durnell

Team Sergeant;

PS Nathan Munday

Dedicated Ward Officers;

PC Jordan Nye, PC Hamdiya Hassan

Dedicated Ward PCSO;

PCSO Amie McCreery



Have you got any cause for concerns or any issues you need some advice with?

Check out our twitter; **@MPSForestHill** which is the twitter page for all 3 wards, Forest Hill, Crofton Park & Perry Vale.

Want a say in your local community? Join our Ward Panel!

Forest Hill Ward Panel needs you! Every 3 months, the panel meets and discuss face to face, issues and problems on the wards that can be solved with The Police Team. These meetings are held at either Forest Hill Library, which is located on Dartmouth Road, or via Zoom Meeting.

We are always looking for new members that live or work within Forest Hill and want to have a voice in their community and want to make a difference.

**TEMPORARILY TO BE HELD WITH PERRY VALE SEE
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Please email us expressing your interest in joining, and you will be added to the ward list.

Have any issues that cant wait until Ward Panel or need to get in contact with us over something else?

Email us, We look forward to hearing from you.



Contact Us

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