

## Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2022-1190

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1551 Meadowlark Lane, Marysville, Ohio 43040 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Victim

Involves: Lindsay Todhunter (V)

**Date of Activity:** 05/30/2022

Activity Location: - 1551 Meadowlark Lane, Marysville, OH 43040, Union County

Author: SA Douglas Eveslage, #66

## Narrative:

On May 30, 2022, Special Agent Douglas Eveslage with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to assist the Marysville Police Department with an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 1551 Meadowlark Lane, Marysville, Ohio, with the Union County Sheriff's Department and subject Matthew Todhunter (Matthew). As a result of this OICI, SA Eveslage interviewed Lindsay Todhunter (Lindsay), the estranged wife of Matthew Todhunter, about what happened during the custody exchange of their four year old son, Maddox, that evening.

At approximately 2247 hours, SA Eveslage sat with Lindsay Todhunter at the dining room table inside of 1551 Meadowlark Lane to conduct the interview. Lindsay said that she dropped Maddox off to Matthew's mom earlier in the day, when she called Matthew to attempt to pick him up Matthew sounded "messed up" and Matthew told her to come pick up Maddox at Brittany Harding's mom's house in "Mill Valley." Lindsay said that she and Savanna Vorhies went to pick up Maddox; however, they arrived to learn that Matthew had already left with Maddox to bring him to 1551 Meadowlark Lane.

Lindsay explained that when they arrived back to Meadowlark, Maddox was already there and Matthew had left. A few minutes later when Lindsay, Savanna, Avery (Savanna's five year old daughter), and Maddox were in the garage with the garage door open, Matthew pulled up into the front yard of 1551 Meadowlark Lane with his truck. Lindsay said that Matthew got out of the truck with a gun, pointed the gun at her, and she "thought for sure that he was going to kill" her. Lindsay describes Matthew "bending down" near Maddox and saying, "I love you Maddox, but I'm never going to see you again. Daddy is going to die tonight."

Lindsay said that when Matthew went back to his truck, Savanna, Avery, Maddox and her went inside the residence. Lindsay said that they had to call the police twice because the police took "probably 30 minutes" to arrive on scene. Lindsay explains to SA Eveslage that "this has

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happened so many times." SA Eveslage asked if she was referring to issues during custody exchanges, but Lindsay says, "his brother is a cop...21 Xanax, he has assault on me, there is so much to it I don't even want to." Lindsay explains that she "can't even talk to these people anymore," referring to the 911 dispatchers, and says that she handed the phone to Savanna.

Lindsay says, "I think what happened was when the police arrived he tried to throw a gun at them, we heard five gunshots," and were watching from the front window. SA Eveslage asks if it was hard to see because of Matthew's truck obstructing their view, but Lindsay takes a long pause then says, "I think it was game over after that." Lindsay said that she watched the life squad take Matthew away on a stretcher, so SA Eveslage asked if she saw the police attempting life saving measures, and Lindsay replied, "No."

Lindsay tells SA Eveslage that "there is no reason why it should have got to this point." SA Eveslage asked who called 911, and Lindsay explains that she called but "they kept asking me stupid questions like what's he, and I'm like just bring the cops here." "I don't need to tell you whether his left shoe is on here or this or that," says Lindsay.

SA Eveslage asked Lindsay to explain in more detail what she meant by stating Matthew was "messed up" earlier, and Lindsay said that Matthew is an "addict...umm...my guess is that he was on Xanax, when he does Xanax he acts like that." Lindsay talked about issues that Matthew's girlfriend, Brittany has and stated that Brittany has caused so many issues with her family. Lindsay said that Matthew tried to help Brittany because Brittany was suicidal and has attempted to kill herself. SA Eveslage asked Lindsay if Matthew has ever attempted to kill himself, and Lindsay nodded her head up and down with a non-verbal response of yes. SA Eveslage asked if Matthew has ever been signed into the hospital for suicidal issues, and Lindsay explained that Matthew was in the hospital for an overdose when Maddox was born. Lindsay said that Matthew went to rehabilitation in "Dublin," relapsed then went to "Banyan" for three months in Florida, but when Matthew came home his friend relapsed and died so Matthew "just couldn't figure it out."

SA Eveslage asked if Matthew has ever made statements about suicide in the past, and Lindsay said "that was his go to card," and explained, "that was his pity party when he knew he messed things up, he would always say I just want to die! I just want to kill myself!" Lindsay said that Matthew sent her a text message about wishing she would drive her vehicle into a semitruck and die earlier that day. SA Eveslage asked if Lindsay cared to show SA Eveslage her text message conversations with Matthew that day, and Lindsay agreed.

Lindsay went into the garage to get her cell phone, staying in the garage for a couple minutes, and is overheard by SA Eveslage as she is walking back into the house saying, "I'm not trying to delete nothing." SA Eveslage reviewed Lindsay's text messages with "Narsacist" on her phone, who she explained was Matthew Todhunter. SA Eveslage attached the text message conversation starting on May 30, 2022 at 1407 hours with a text message from Lindsay to "Narsacist" that said, "I dropped Maddox off at your sister I believe everyone is on same page no Brittany. Please just enjoy him and leave him out of that noise. He's been amazing and has had the best weekend," and ending at 1816 hours with a text message from Lindsay to "Narsacist" that says, "Where's Maddox????" SA Eveslage took photos of these text messages. See attachments for further details.

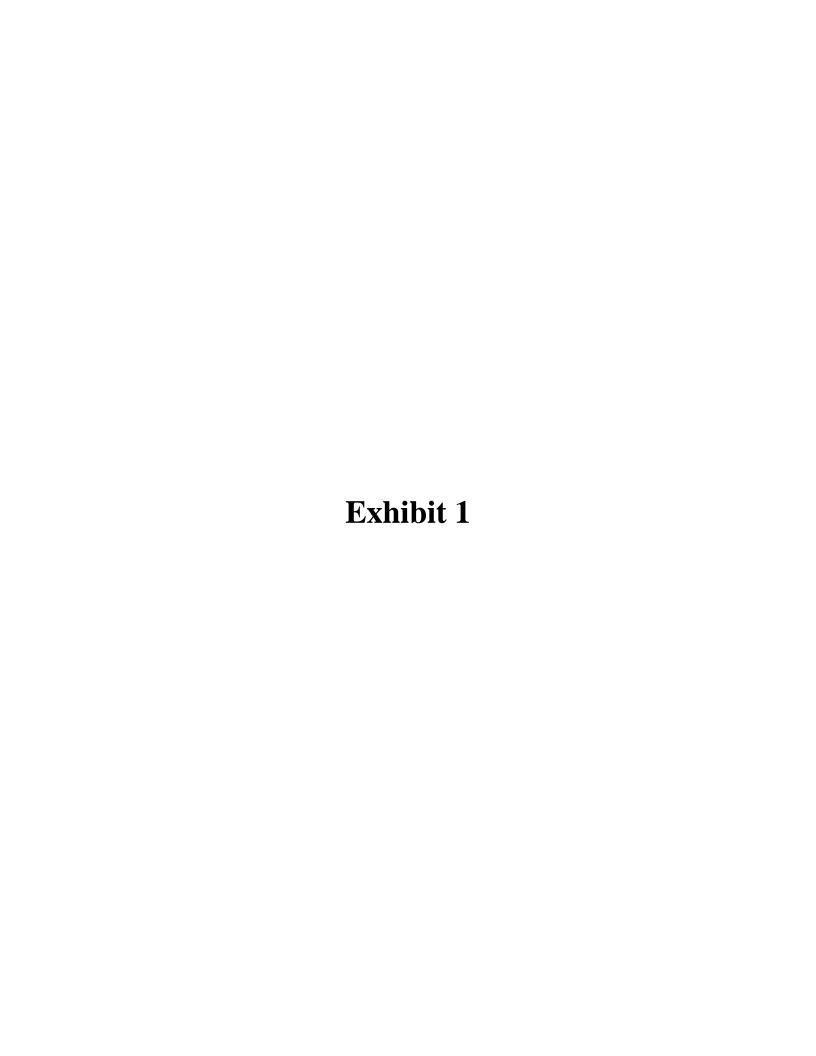
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Lindsay was smoking cigarettes throughout the entirety of this interview and Brett Eberhard and Savanna Vorhies walked through the dining room area while the interview was being conducted. This interview was concluded at approximately 2313 hours. The interview was audio recorded. See attached recording for further details.

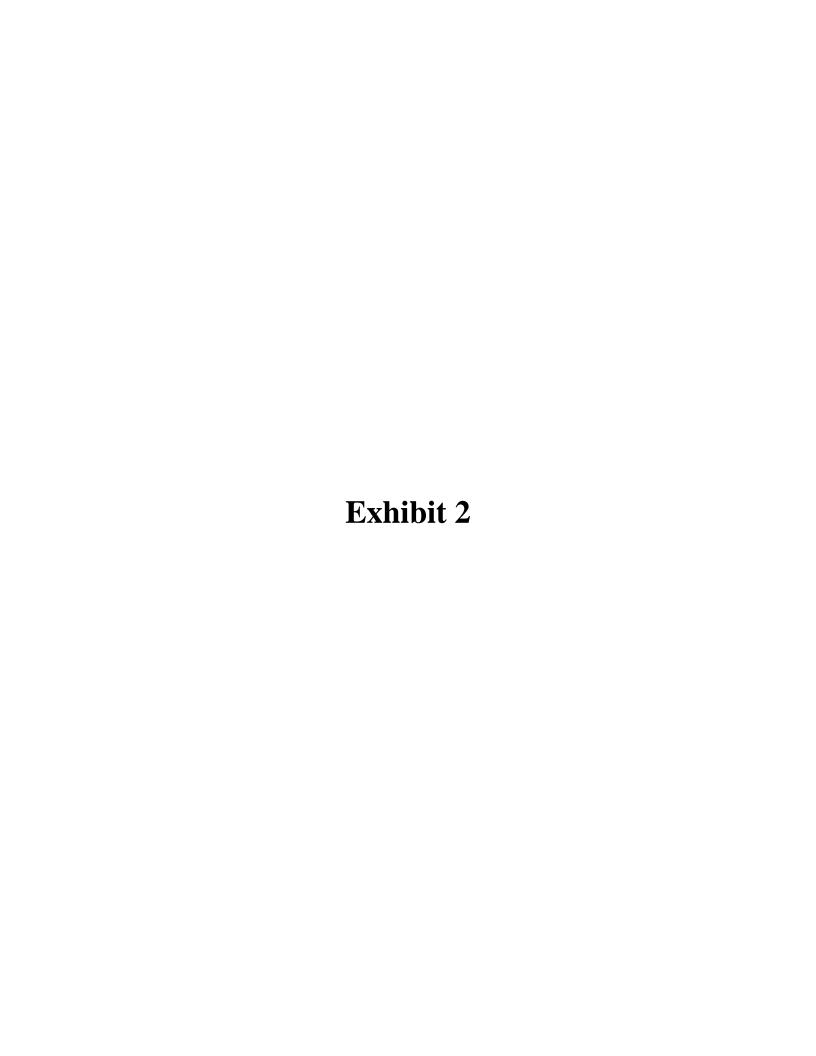
## Attachments:

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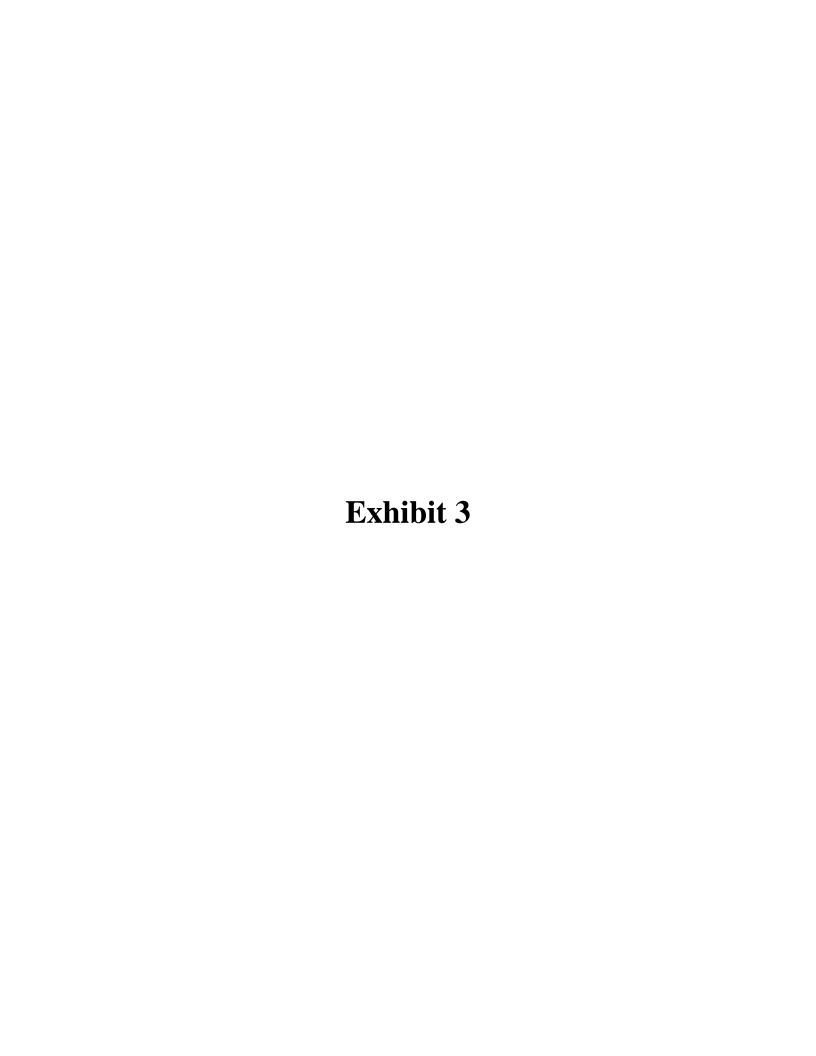
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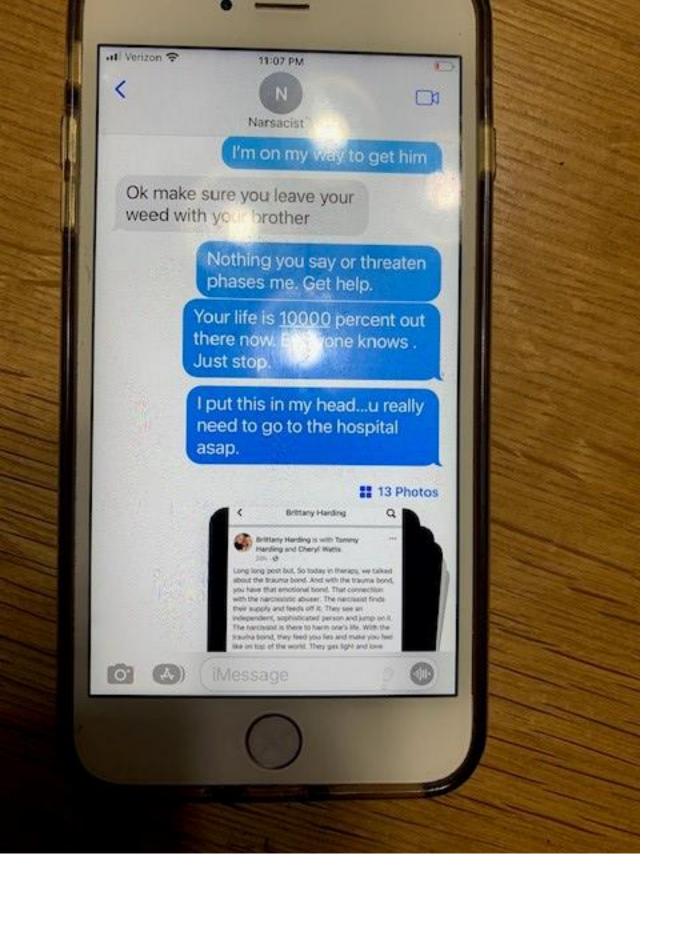


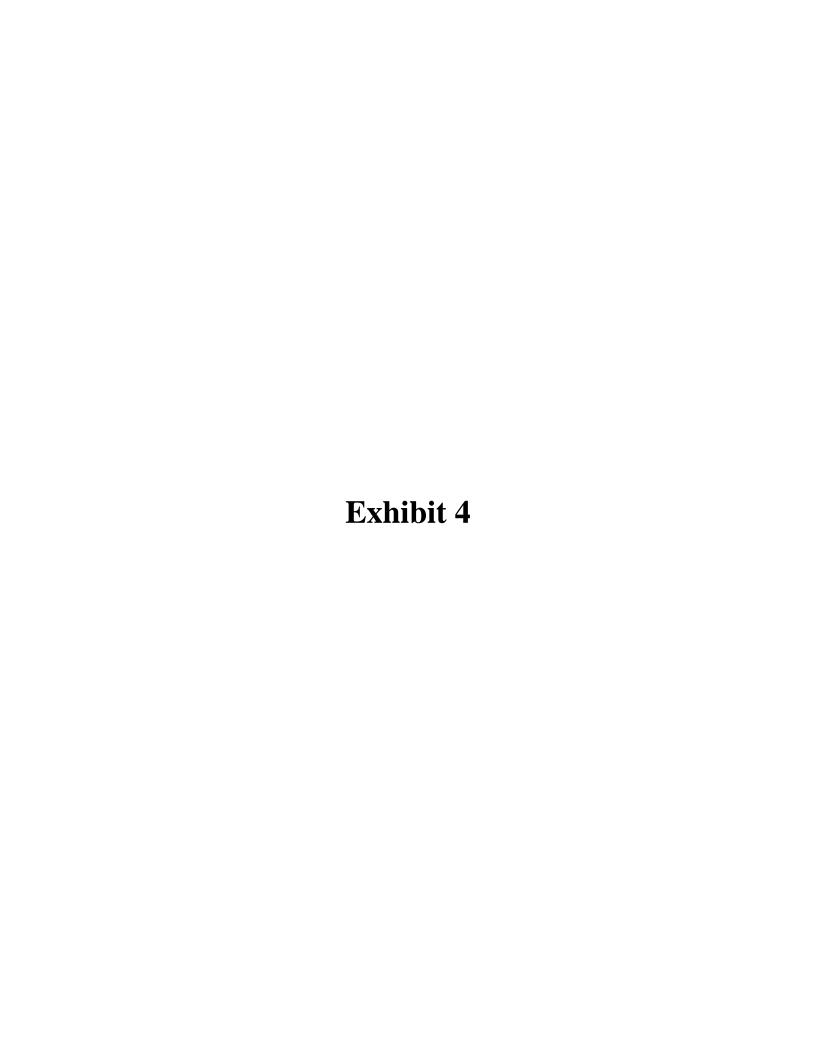


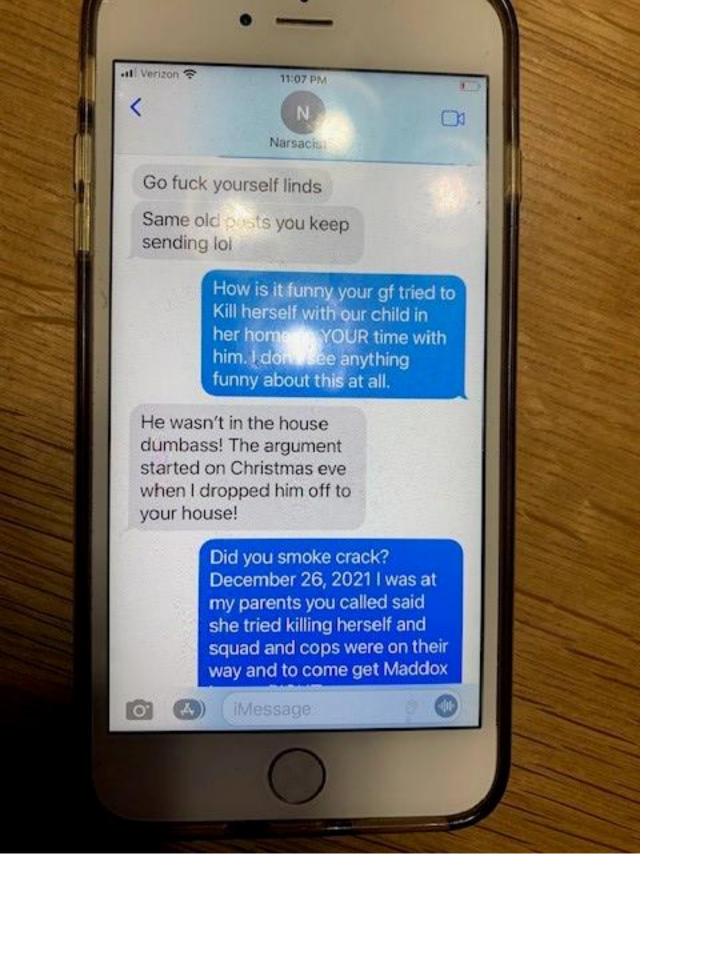


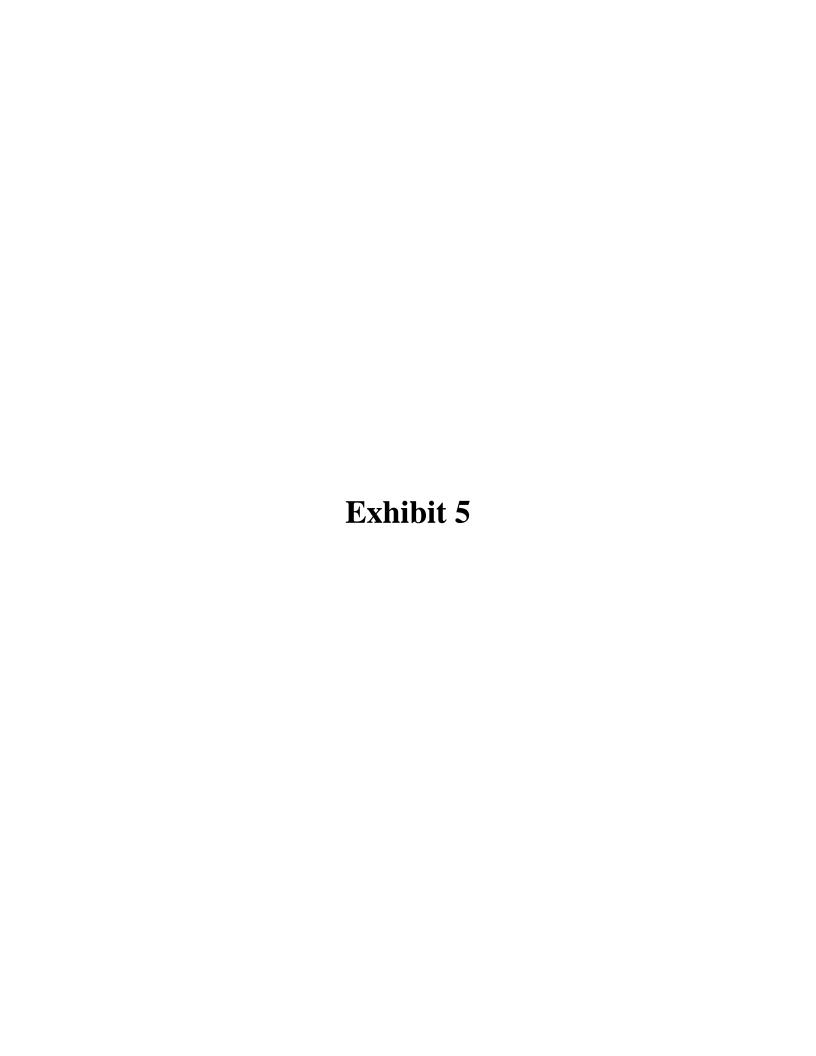




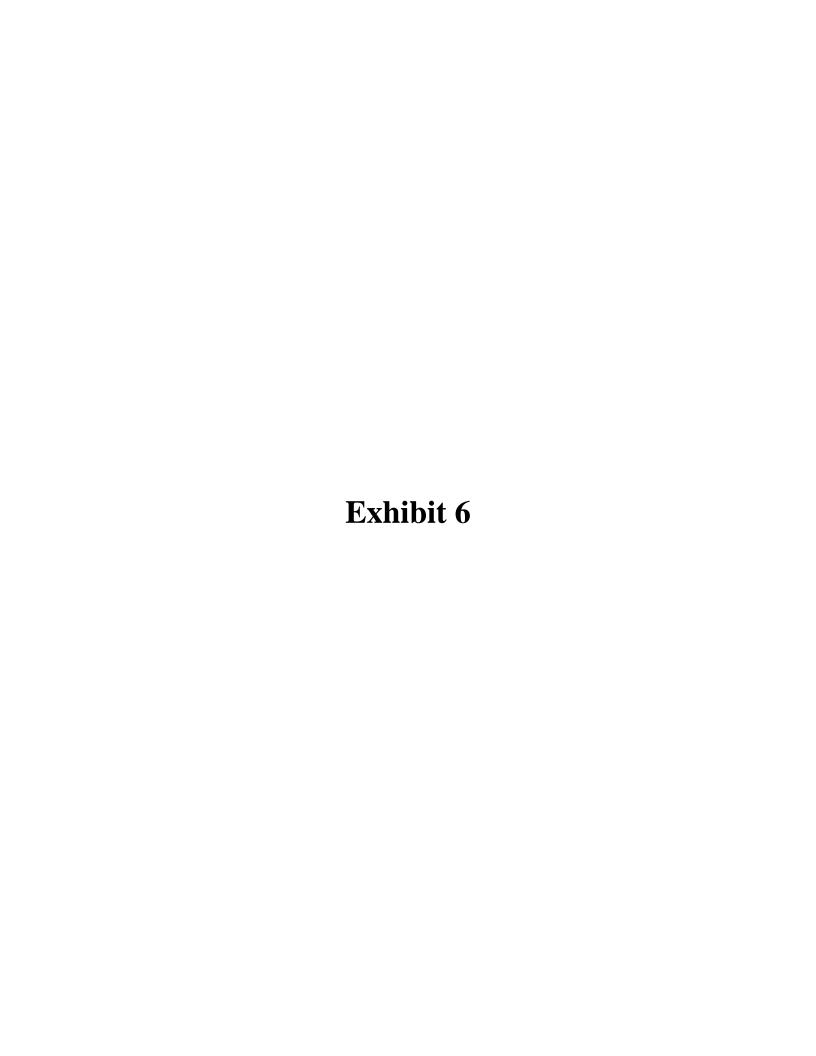


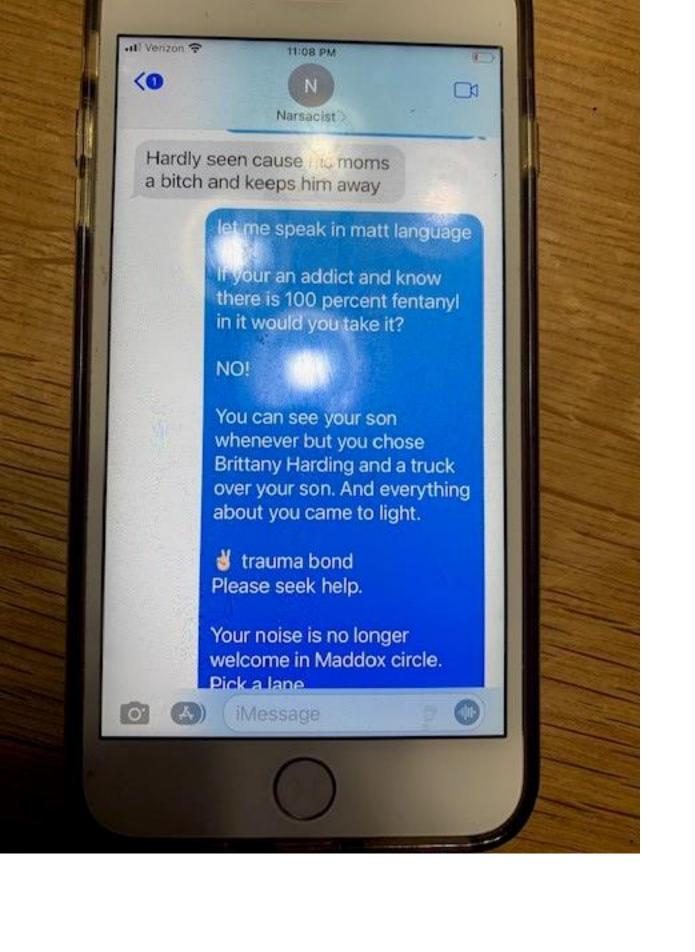


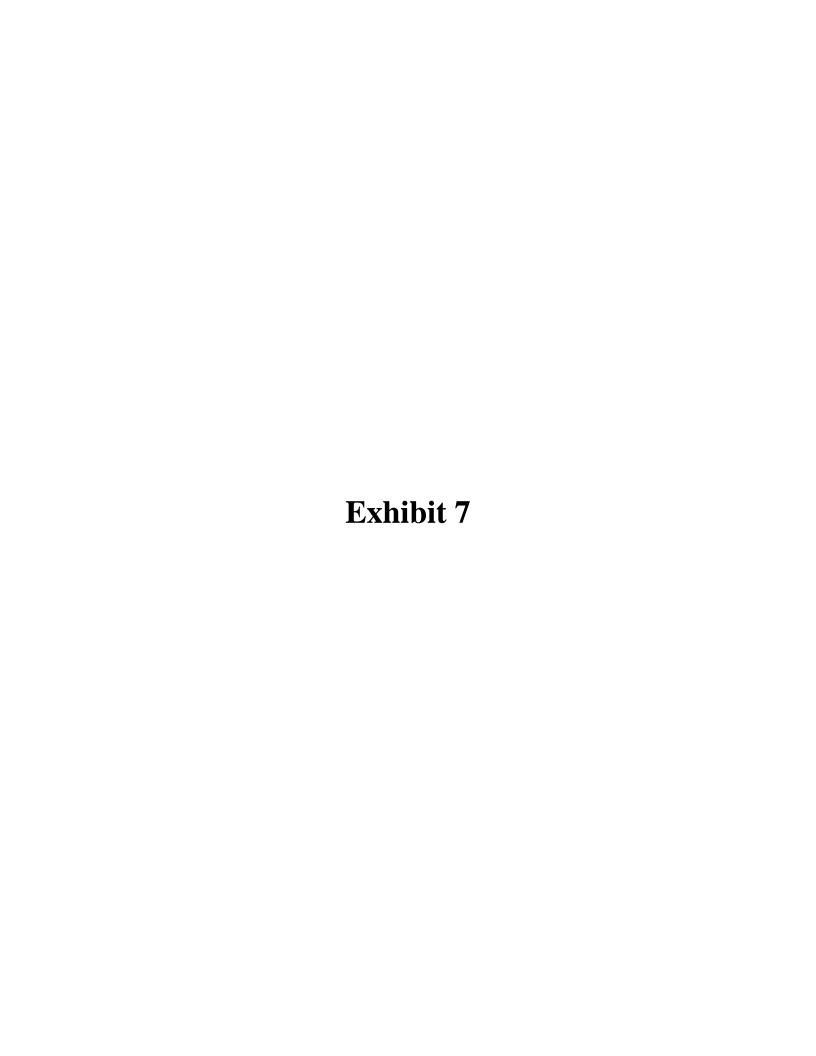


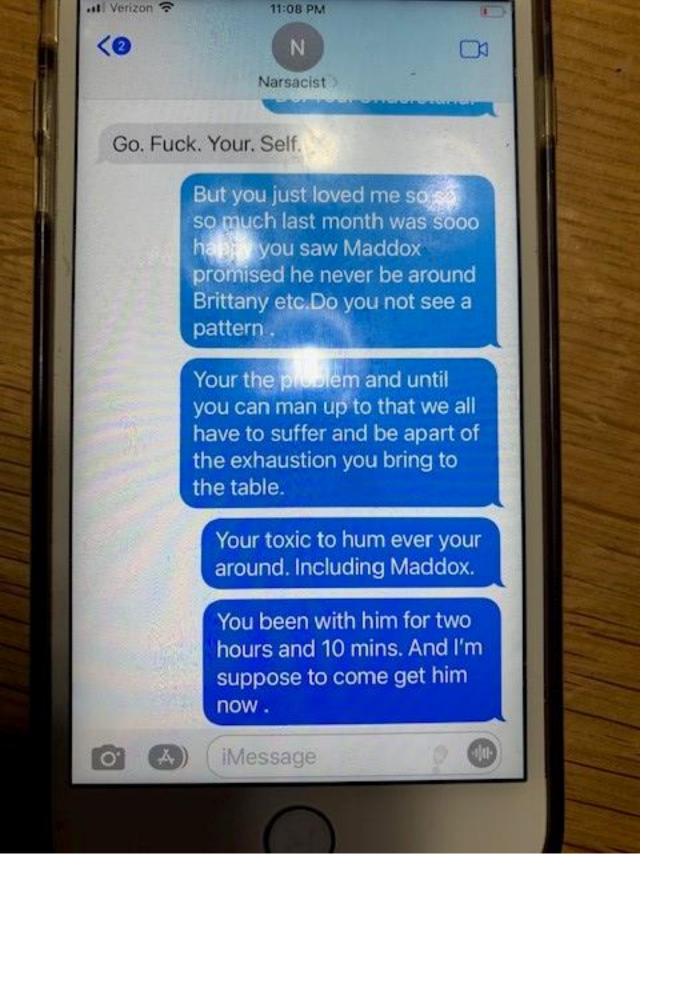


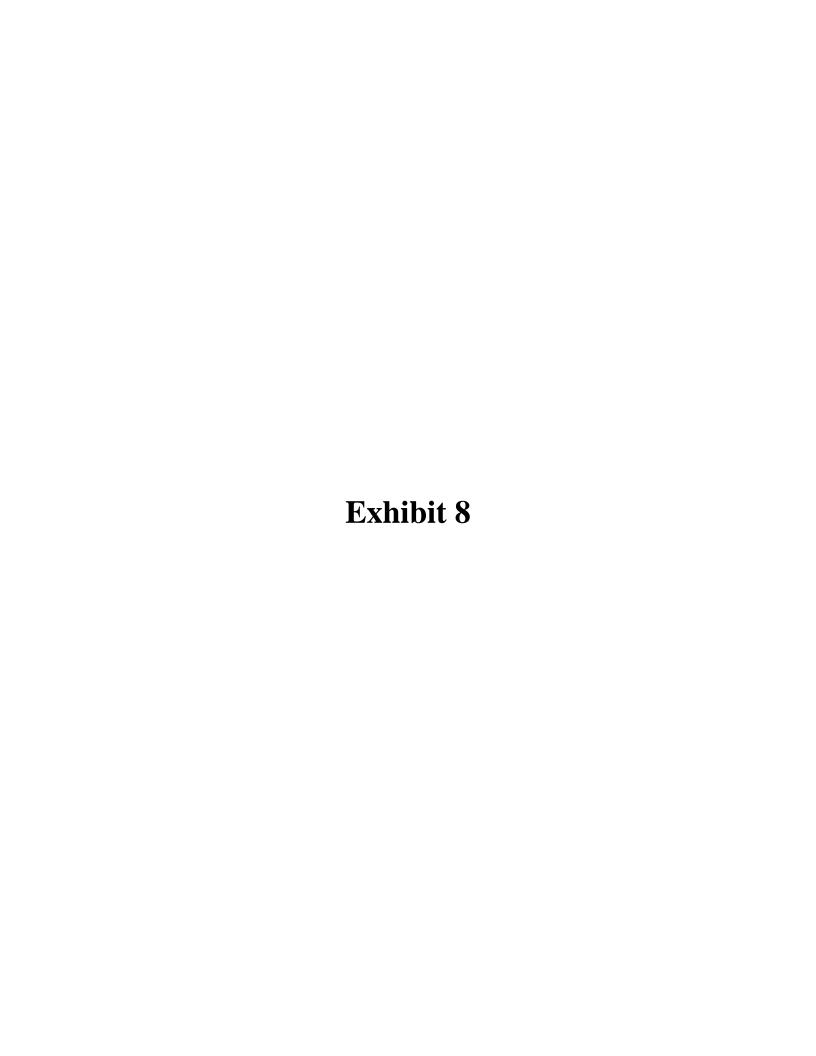


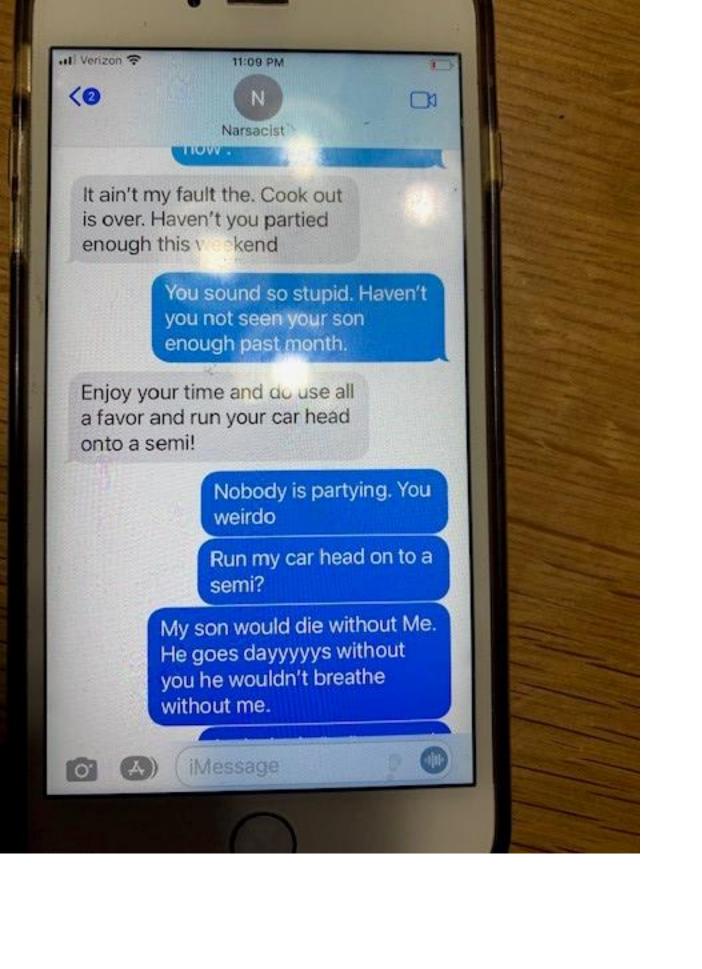


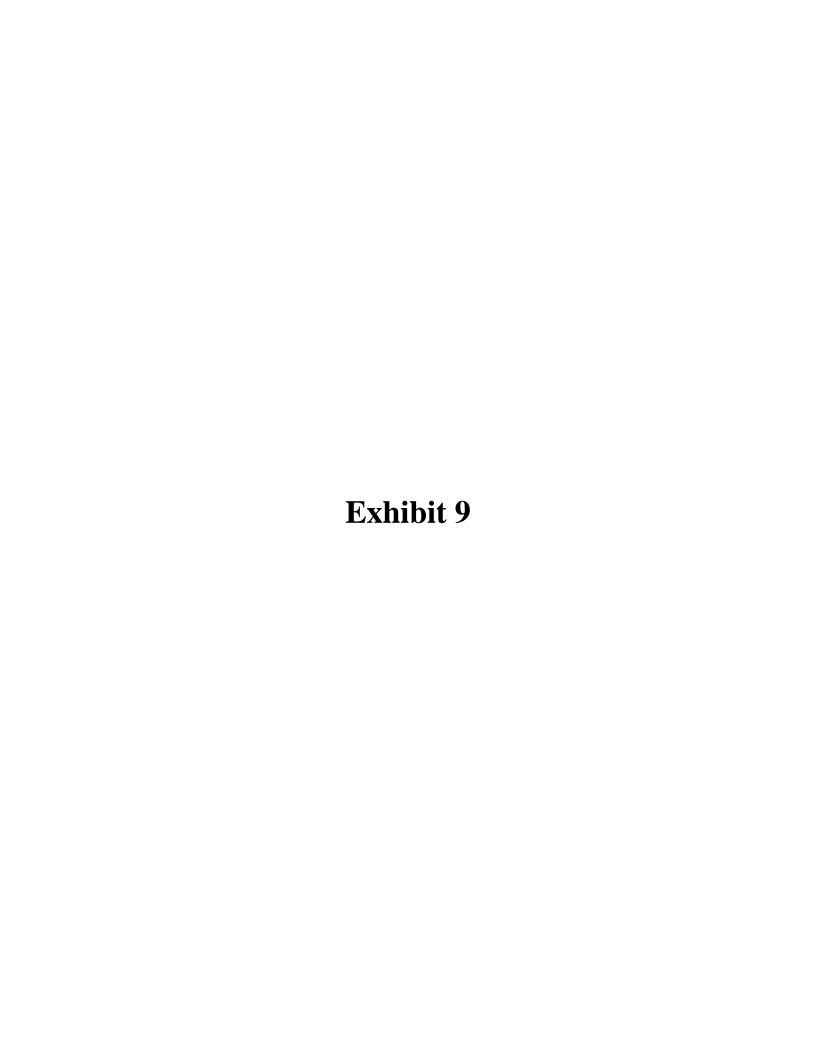


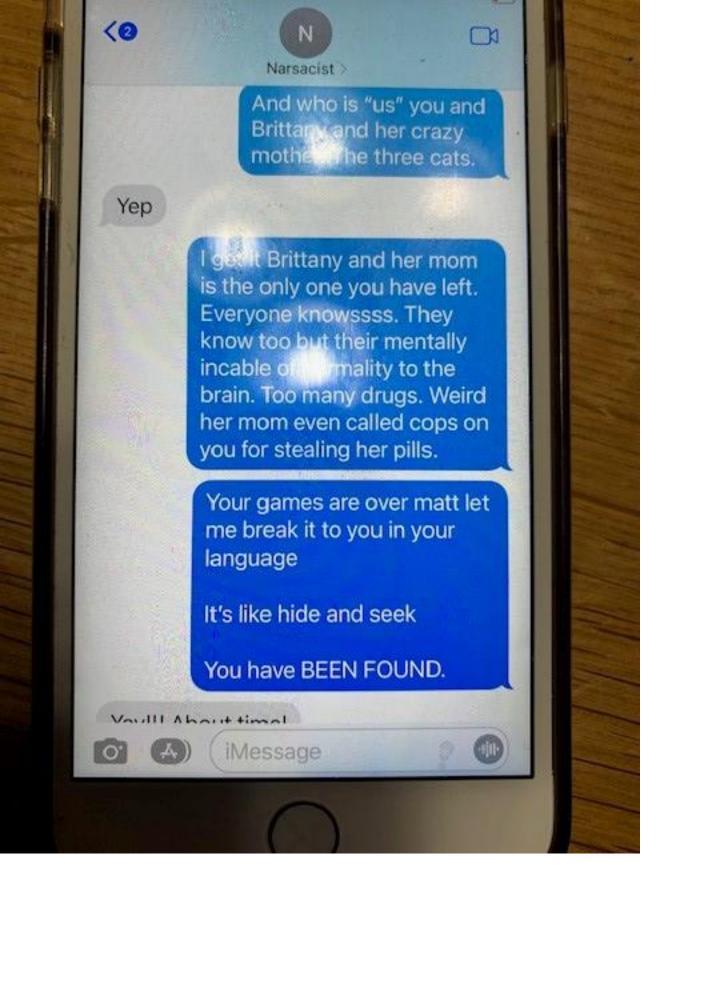


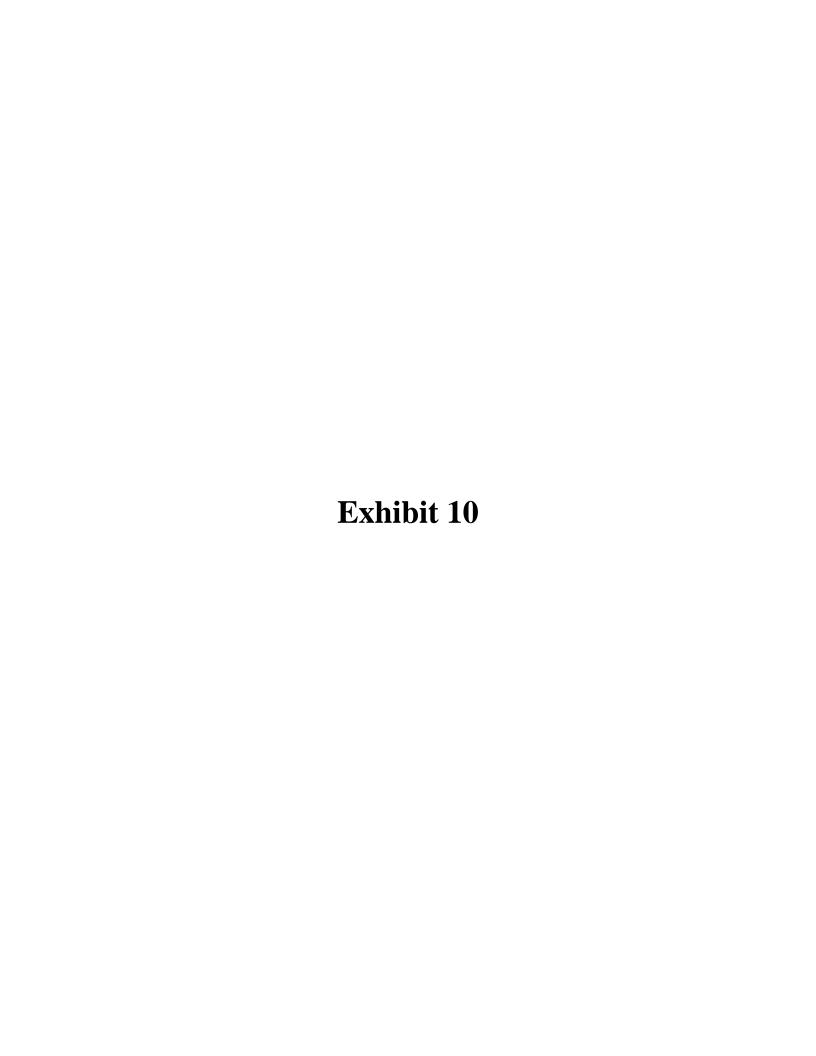


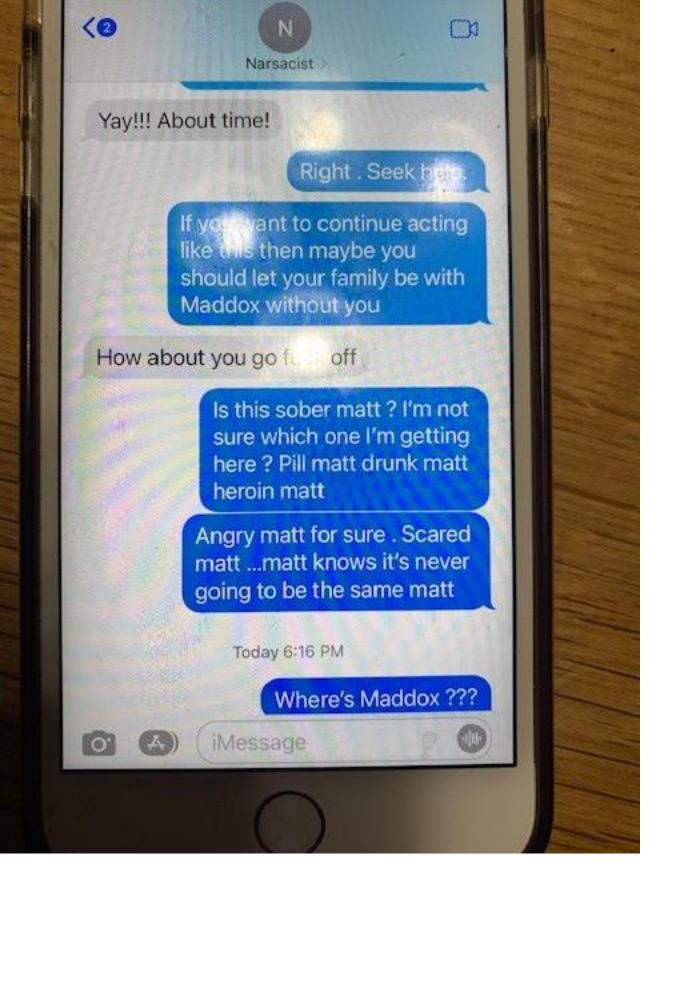












## Exhibit 11

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