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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHERISE MARIE WALTON, an individual;  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE; DEPUTY MOLINA, an individual; DEPUTY MORALES, an individual; DEPUTY JIMENEZ, an individual; DEPUTY PINA, an individual; DEPUTY REINA, an individual; CHAD BIANCO, an individual; VICTORIA VARISCO-FLORES, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,,  
  
Defendant.

Case No. 5:24-cv-01191-JGB-SPx  
**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**  
  
Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym

**1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to

1 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends  
2 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment  
3 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in  
4 Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to  
5 file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the  
6 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party  
7 seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

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9 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

10 This action is likely to involve the production of confidential records,  
11 personal medical records, investigation information that may implicate third party  
12 information, materials protected by the Official Information Privilege, employment  
13 information, confidential information relating to the County, its deputies, and other  
14 inmates, and bodycam and jail surveillance videos where Plaintiff is not fully  
15 clothed, for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any  
16 purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such information may  
17 implicate the privacy interests of the party and are properly protected through a Fed.  
18 R. Civ. P. 26(c) protective order. *Seattle Times Co. v. Rhinehart*, 467 U.S. 20, 35  
19 n.21 (1984) (“Rule 26(c) includes among its express purposes the protection of a  
20 ‘party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression or undue burden or  
21 expense.’ Although the Rule contains no specific reference to privacy or to other  
22 rights or interests that may be implicated, such matters are implicit in the broad  
23 purpose and language of the Rule.”); *Soto v. City of Concord*, 162 F.R.D. 603, 617  
24 (N.D. Cal. 1995) (a party’s privacy rights are to be protected through a “carefully  
25 crafted protective order.”).

26 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, facilitate the prompt  
27 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, adequately protect  
28 information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, ensure that the parties are

1 permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the  
2 conduct of trial, address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends  
3 of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this Action. It is the  
4 intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential for  
5 tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it  
6 has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause  
7 why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

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9 **2. DEFINITIONS**

10 2.1 Action: This Lawsuit involving Cherise Marie Walton v. County of  
11 Riverside, et al; 5:24-cv-01191-JGB-SP.

12 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation  
13 of information or items under this Order.

14 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of  
15 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for  
16 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in  
17 the Good Cause Statement.

18 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as  
19 their support staff).

20 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or  
21 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as  
22 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

23 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless  
24 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,  
25 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or  
26 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

27 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter  
28 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as

1 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

2       2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.  
3 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside  
4 counsel.

5       2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or  
6 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

7       2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party  
8 to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have  
9 appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which  
10 has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

11       2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,  
12 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their  
13 support staffs).

14       2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or  
15 Discovery Material in this Action.

16       2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support  
17 services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or  
18 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)  
19 and their employees and subcontractors.

20       2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is  
21 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

22       2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material  
23 from a Producing Party.

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25 **3. SCOPE**

26       The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only  
27 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or  
28 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or

1 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or  
2 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

3 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the  
4 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

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6 **4. DURATION**

7 Once a case proceeds to trial, all of the information that was designated as  
8 confidential or maintained pursuant to this protective order becomes public and will  
9 be presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless  
10 compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are  
11 made to the trial judge in advance of the trial. See Kamakana v. City and County of  
12 Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006) (distinguishing “good cause”  
13 showing for sealing documents produced in discovery from “compelling reasons”  
14 standard when merits-related documents are part of court record). Accordingly, the  
15 terms of this protective order do not extend beyond the commencement of the trial.

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17 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

18 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

19 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under  
20 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that  
21 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for  
22 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written  
23 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,  
24 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept  
25 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

26 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations  
27 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper  
28 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose

1 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating  
2 Party to sanctions.

3 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it  
4 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must  
5 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

6 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in  
7 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise  
8 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection  
9 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or  
10 produced.

11 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

12 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
13 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
14 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend  
15 "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that  
16 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page  
17 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected  
18 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

19 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection  
20 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated  
21 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and  
22 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be  
23 deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified the  
24 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which  
25 documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before  
26 producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the  
27 "CONFIDENTIAL legend" to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a  
28 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing

1 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
2 markings in the margins).

3 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party  
4 identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the  
5 deposition all protected testimony.

6 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary  
7 and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place  
8 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the  
9 legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information  
10 warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the  
11 protected portion(s).

12 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent  
13 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive  
14 the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.  
15 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable  
16 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this  
17 Order.

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19 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

20 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a  
21 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s  
22 Scheduling Order.

23 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute  
24 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

25 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on  
26 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper  
27 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
28 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating

1 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall  
2 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
3 entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the Court rules on the  
4 challenge.

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6 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

7 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is  
8 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this  
9 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such  
10 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the  
11 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a  
12 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL  
13 DISPOSITION).

14 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a  
15 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons  
16 authorized under this Order.

17 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless  
18 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a  
19 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated  
20 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

21 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action,  
22 as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably  
23 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

24 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel)  
25 of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

26 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to  
27 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the  
28 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);



- 1 (d) the court and its personnel;
- 2 (e) court reporters and their staff;
- 3 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
- 4 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action
- 5 and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit
- 6 A);
- 7 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information
- 8 or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;
- 9 (h) during their depositions, witnesses ,and attorneys for witnesses,
- 10 in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing
- 11 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2)
- 12 they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the
- 13 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise
- 14 agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed
- 15 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may
- 16 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except
- 17 as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- 18 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting
- 19 personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
- 20 discussions.

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22 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**

23 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

24 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation

25 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as

26 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

- 27 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such
- 28 notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

1 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or  
2 order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the  
3 subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include  
4 a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

5 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be  
6 pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

7 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with  
8 the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this  
9 action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the  
10 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s  
11 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking  
12 protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions  
13 should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action  
14 to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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16 **9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**  
17 **PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

18 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced  
19 by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such  
20 information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected  
21 by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions  
22 should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

23 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request,  
24 to produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is  
25 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s  
26 confidential information, then the Party shall:

27 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the  
28 Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a

1 confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

2 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the  
3 Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a  
4 reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

5 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by  
6 the Non-Party, if requested.

7 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court  
8 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving  
9 Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the  
10 discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving  
11 Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to  
12 the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the  
13 court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and  
14 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

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16 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

17 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed  
18 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this  
19 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in  
20 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts  
21 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or  
22 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order,  
23 and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and  
24 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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26 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE**  
27 **PROTECTED MATERIAL**

28 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain

1 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection,  
2 the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil  
3 Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure  
4 may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without  
5 prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar  
6 as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or  
7 information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the  
8 parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted  
9 to the court.

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11 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

12 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any  
13 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

14 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this  
15 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to  
16 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this  
17 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any  
18 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

19 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
20 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may  
21 only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
22 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material  
23 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information  
24 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

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26 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

27 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60  
28 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return

1 all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in  
2 this subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,  
3 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
4 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving  
5 Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same  
6 person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies  
7 (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or  
8 destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,  
9 abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any  
10 of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to  
11 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing  
12 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert  
13 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such  
14 materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or  
15 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in  
16 Section 4 (DURATION).

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18 **14.** Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate  
19 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary  
20 sanctions.

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22 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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24 DATED: December 23, 2024

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26           /s/Matthew T. Falkenstein            
27 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
28 CHERISE MARIE WALTON


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DATED: December 23, 2024

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PINA, DEPUTY REINA, CHAD BIANCO,  
and VICTORIA VARISCO-FLORES

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 6, 2025

  
Honorable Sheri Pym  
United States Magistrate Judge

1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of  
5 perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order  
6 that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of  
7 California on [date] in the case of \_\_\_\_\_ **[insert formal name of the**  
8 **case and the number and initials assigned to it by the court]**. I agree to comply  
9 with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I  
10 understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions  
11 and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not  
12 disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated  
13 Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the  
14 provisions of this Order.

15 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court  
16 for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this  
17 Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after  
18 termination of this action. I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type  
19 full name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type  
20 full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in  
21 connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this  
22 Stipulated Protective Order.

23 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

24 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

26 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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