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8	UNITED STA	ATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	EASTERN DIS	STRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	MIGUEL A. GONZALEZ-CHAVEZ,) Case No.: 1:12-cv-02053 - JLT	
12	Plaintiff,) <u>PRETRIAL ORDER</u>	
13	v.) Deadlines:	
14) Motions in Limine Filing: 1/7/15	
15	CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, et al.,) Oppositions to Motions in Limine: 1/16/15) Hearing on Motions in Limine: 1/30/15, 9:30 a.m. 	
16	Defendants.)) Trial Submissions: 1/30/15	
17)	
18) Jury trial: 2/9/2015, 4-5 days	
19	Plaintiff Miguel Gonzalez-Chavez all	leges Bakersfield Police Officers Christopher Messick and	
20	Dean Barthelmes are liable "for the use of excessive force and/or unlawful search and seizure" in		
21	violation of the Fourth Amendment. (Doc. 1	at 6.) Upon consideration of the Joint Pre-Trial	
22	Conference Statement filed on December 3,	2014 (Doc. 38); the parties' comments at the hearing on	
23	December 10, 2014; and the file in this case,	the Court issues the following Pre-Trial Order.	
24	A. JURISDICTION/ VENUE		
25	The Court has jurisdiction over the ac	ction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343 (Doc. 1 at 2	
26	Doc. 38 at 2.) Further, Plaintiff's claims arise out of events that occurred in Bakersfield, California.		
27	Accordingly, venue is proper in the United S	States District Court for the Eastern District of California	
28	sitting in Bakersfield. See 28 U.S.C. § 1391.		
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1	B. JURY TRIAL		
2	Plaintiff included a demand for jury trial in his Complaint. (Doc. 1 at 1; Doc. 38 at 2). Thus,		
3	trial will be by jury.		
4	C. UNDISPUTED FACTS		
5		1. The incident upon which the action is premised occurred on or about December 4, 2011.	
6		2. Defendants Messick and Barthelmes were at all times duly appointed and acting	
7		officers of the Bakersfield Police Department and acting under the color of law.	
8	D.	DISPUTED FACTS	
9		All other facts are disputed.	
10	E.	DISPUTED EVIDENTIARY ISSUES	
11		None identified at this time.	
12	F.	SPECIAL FACTUAL INFORMATION	
13	None.		
14	G.	RELIEF SOUGHT	
15		Plaintiff seeks general damages, special damages, punitive damages, prejudgment interest, post-	
16	judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1961(a), attorney's fees and costs, and "further relief as the		
17	Court deems just and proper." (Doc. 38 at 5.) Defendants seek dismissal of the action and an award of		
18	attorneys' fees and costs under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1988 and 1927 and Local Rules 292 and 293. (Id. at 6.)		
19	H. POINTS OF LAW		
20		1. Violations of the Fourth Amendment	
21		The Fourth Amendment prohibits the use of excessive force and arrests without probable cause	
22	or oth	er justification. See Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386, 388 (1989) ("claim[s] that law	
23	enforcement officials used excessive force in the course of making an arrest, investigatory stop, or		
24	other 'seizure' are properly analyzed under the Fourth Amendment's 'objective reasonableness'		
25	standard"); see also Chew v. Gates, 27 F.3d 1432, 1440 (9th Cir. 1994) ("the use of force to effect an		
26	arrest is subject to the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable seizures"). The Supreme		
27	Court explained,		
28	As in other Fourth Amendment contexts the "reasonableness" inquiry in an excessive force case is an objective one: the question is whether the officers' actions are		

"objectively reasonable" in light of the facts and circumstances confronting them, without regard to their underlying intent or motivation. An officer's evil intentions will not make a Fourth Amendment violation out of an objectively reasonable use of force; nor will an officer's good intentions make an objectively unreasonable use of force constitutional.

Graham, 490 U.S. at 396-97 (internal citations omitted).

In applying this standard, the fact-finder considers "the totality of the circumstances and whatever specific factors may be appropriate in a particular case." Bryan v. MacPherson, 630 F.3d 805, 826 (9th Cir. 2010). Thus, factors to be considered in evaluating whether the force used was reasonable include "the severity of the crime at issue, whether the suspect poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others, and whether he is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight." Graham, 490 U.S. at 396 (citing Tennessee v. Garner, 471 U.S. 1, 8-9 (1985). Further, the fact finder may consider "whether officers administered a warning, assuming it was practicable." George v. Morris, 736 F.3d 829, 837-38 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing Scott v. Harris, 550 U.S. 372, 381-82 (2007). Ultimately, the "reasonableness" of the actions "must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight." Graham, 490 U.S. at 396.

Punitive damages

Plaintiff has the burden of proving what, if any, punitive damages should be awarded by a preponderance of the evidence. NINTH CIRCUIT MODEL CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS § 5.5 (2009). The jury must find that the defendant's conduct is "motivated by evil motive or intent, or involves reckless or callous indifference to the federally protected rights of others." Smith v. Wade, 461 U.S. 30, 56 (1986); see also Larez v. Holcomb, 16 F.3d 1513, 1518 (9th Cir. 1994).

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ABANDONDED ISSUES

Plaintiff has abandoned his Monell claim, and the City of Bakersfield has been dismissed as a defendant from this action. (Docs. 33-34.)

J. **WITNESSES**

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The following is a list of witnesses that the parties expect to call at trial, including rebuttal and impeachment witnesses. NO WITNESS, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS SECTION, MAY BE CALLED AT TRIAL UNLESS THE PARTIES STIPULATE OR UPON A SHOWING 27 28 THAT THIS ORDER SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO PREVENT "MANIFEST INJUSTICE." Fed. R.

 Civ. P. 16(e); Local Rule 281(b)(10). Plaintiff anticipates calling the following witnesses: 1. Martha Balandran 2. Hilarie Owens 3. Juanita Nations 4. Candace Munoz 7. 5. Teri Harless 8. 6. Thomas Degenhardt, MD 	
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7 5. Teri Harless	
9 7. Andrea Snow	
10 8. Laura E. Parker	
11 9. Evan Tobin	
12 10. Paul Mroz	
13 11. Armondo Larzaro	
14 12. Gabriel Trujillo	
15 13. Roger Clark	
16 14. Charles Sherman	
17 15. Christina Hackleman	
18 16. Justin Bytrus	
19 17. Miguel Gonzalez-Chavez	
20 18. Miguel Murrillo	
21 19. Oscar Castillo	
22 20. Helmuth Achtman	
23 21. Jeff Burdick	
24 22. Christopher Peck	
25 23. Christopher Messick	
2624.Dean Barthelmes	
27 Defendants anticipate calling the following witness	<u>es</u> :
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1	2.	Ahdalgo, Felipe Jr.
2	3.	Alonso, Linda
3	4.	Achtman, Helmuth
4	5.	Barthelmes, Dean
5	7.	Burdick, Jeffrey
6	8.	Byrtus, Justin
7	10.	Castellon, Sandra Maria
8	11.	Castillo, Oscar
9	12.	Chavira, Eduardo Landeros
10	13.	Cope, Curtis J.
11	14.	Degenhardt, Thomas M.D.
12	15.	Dossey, Richard
13	16.	Doyle, Brandon
14	17.	Gonzalez-Chavez, Miguel
15	18.	Hackleman, Christina
16	19.	Hashemi, Saeed
17	20.	Huene, Donald M.D.
18	21.	Jacquez, Christopher
19	22.	Lazaro, Armando
20	23.	Juana A. Magana/Records Custodian Star Staffing
21	24.	McIrvin, Timothy
22	25.	McNinch, Travis
23	26.	Messick, Christopher
24	27.	Moreno, Esmeralda
25	28.	Mroz, Paul M.D.
26	29.	Murillo Lua, Miguel
27	30.	Parker, Laura M.D.
28	31.	Peck, Christopher

1	32	2. I	Rubin, Christina
2	33. Sherman, Charles		
3	34. Smith, Jamie R.N		
4	35. Snow, Andrea M.D.		
5	30	6. 5	Soto, Kimberly
6	3	7. 1	Tobin, Evan M.D.
7	38	8. 1	Trujillo, Gabriel
8	39. Vesslin, Vassilev M.D.		
9	K. E	XHIB	ITS, SCHEDULES AND SUMMARIES
10	T	he foll	owing is a list of documents or other exhibits that the parties expect to offer at trial.
11	NO EXH	IIBIT,	OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS SECTION, MAY BE ADMITTED
12	UNLESS	S THE	PARTIES STIPULATE OR UPON A SHOWING THAT THIS ORDER SHOULD BE
13	MODIFIED TO PREVENT "MANIFEST INJUSTICE." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e); Local Rule 281(b)(11).		
14	<u>P</u>	laintif	'f's Exhibits
15	1.	. I	Photographs of Plaintiff
16	2.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Curtis Cope
17	3.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Dean Barthelmes
18	4.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Christopher Messick
19	5.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Jeff Burdick
20	6.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Charles Sherman
21	7.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Helmuth Achtman
22	8.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Christopher Peck
23	9.	. I	Exhibits attached to deposition of Thomas Degenhardt
24	10	0. 1	Medical records from Kern Medical Center
25	1	1. I	Medical records from orthopedic surgeon Thomas Degenhardt
26	12	2. I	Recorded statement of Plaintiff
27	13	3. I	Bakersfield Police Department Policy Manual
28	14	4. I	Defendants' training records
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1	15.	Walmart surveillance video
2	16.	Recorded statement of Miguel Murillo
3	17.	Photos of Walmart Parking lot
4	18.	Deposition transcripts
5	19.	Discipline records
6	Defer	adants' Exhibits
7	1.	Photographs of the plaintiff;
8	2.	Photographs of the incident scene;
9	3.	Photographs of items at the scene including but not limited to the subject vehicle and
10		open containers in the subject vehicle;
11	4.	Photographs of vehicle damaged in "fight";
12	3.	Interview of Miguel Murillo Lua;
13	4.	Surveillance video from Walmart;
14	5.	Excerpts from Kern County Medical Center records;
15	6.	Excerpts from Santa Rosa Orthopedics Medical Group records;
16	7.	Excerpts from Santa Rosa Family Health records;
17	8.	Excerpts from Hall Ambulance records;
18	9.	Excerpts from Star Staffing records;
19	10.	Excerpts from Santa Rosa Community Health Center records;
20	11.	911calls/Radio Transmissions;
21	12.	Aerial maps of area;
22	13.	Exhibit A to deposition of Christina Hackleman;
23	14.	Exhibit B to deposition of Christina Hackleman;
24	15.	Exhibit 1-4 to Deposition of Oscar Castillo;
25	16.	Exhibit 1-6, 7-9 to Deposition of Miguel Murillo;
26	17.	Bakersfield Police Department Policies;
27	18.	Excerpts of the file of Jeff Cope; and
28	19.	Excerpts of the file of Donald Huene, M.D.

On or before **January 16, 2015**, counsel **SHALL** meet and confer to discuss any disputes related to the above listed exhibits and to pre-mark and examining each other's exhibits.

1. At the exhibit conference, counsel will determine whether there are objections to the admission of each of the exhibits and will prepare separate indexes; one listing joint exhibits, one listing Plaintiff's exhibits and one listing Defendant's exhibits. In advance of the conference, counsel must have a complete set of their proposed exhibits in order to be able to fully discuss whether evidentiary objections exist. Any exhibit not previously provided in discovery **SHALL** be provided at least five court days in advance of the exhibit conference.

9 2. At the conference, counsel shall identify any duplicate exhibits, i.e., any document
10 which both sides desire to introduce into evidence. These exhibits SHALL be marked as a joint
11 exhibit and numbered as directed above. Joint exhibits SHALL be admitted into evidence without
12 further foundation.

All Joint exhibits will be pre-marked with numbers preceded by the designation "JT" (e.g. JT/1, JT/2, etc.). Plaintiff's exhibits will be pre-marked with numbers beginning with 1 by the designation PX (e.g. PX1, PX2, etc.). Defendant's exhibits will be pre-marked with numbers beginning with 501 preceded by the designation DX (e.g. DX501, DX502, etc.). The Parties SHALL number each page of any exhibit exceeding one page in length (e.g. PX1-1, PX1-2, PX1-3, etc.).

If originals of exhibits are unavailable, the parties may substitute legible copies. If any document is offered which is not fully legible, the Court may exclude it from evidence.

Each joint exhibit binder shall contain an index which is placed in the binder before the exhibits. The index shall consist of a column for the exhibit number, one for a description of the exhibit and one column entitled "Admitted in Evidence" (as shown in the example below).

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE

EXHIBIT# DESCRIPTION

3. As to any exhibit which is not a joint exhibit but to which there is no objection to its introduction, the exhibit will likewise be appropriately marked, i.e., as PX1, or as DX501 and will be

indexed as such on the index of the offering party. Such exhibits will be admitted upon introduction
 and motion of the party, without further foundation.

4. Each exhibit binder shall contain an index which is placed in the binder before the exhibits. Each index shall consist of the exhibit number, the description of the exhibit and the three columns as shown in the example below.

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5. On the index, as to exhibits to which the only objection is a lack of foundation, counsel will place a mark under the column heading entitled "Admissible but for Foundation."

6. On the index, as to exhibits to which there are objections to admissibility that are not based solely on a lack of foundation, counsel will place a mark under the column heading entitled "Other Objections."

After the exhibit conference, each counsel SHALL develop four complete, legible sets of
exhibits. Counsel SHALL deliver three sets of their exhibit binders to the Courtroom Clerk and
provide one set to opposing counsel, no later than 4:00 p.m., on January 30, 2015. Counsel SHALL
determine which of them will also provide three sets of the joint exhibits to the Courtroom Clerk.

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7. The Parties **SHALL** number each page of any exhibit exceeding one page in length.

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DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS

The following is a list of discovery documents – portions of depositions, answers to
interrogatories, and responses to requests for admissions – that the parties expect to offer at trial.
NO DISCOVERY DOCUMENT, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS SECTION, MAY BE
ADMITTED UNLESS THE PARTIES STIPULATE OR UPON A SHOWING THAT THIS ORDER
SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO PREVENT "MANIFEST INJUSTICE." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e); Local
Rule 281(b)(12). If counsel anticipates that he/she may wish to publish any particular discovery
request/response to the jury, counsel should be prepared with redacted copies¹ of discovery

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¹ Counsel should have at least two extra copies of the redacted version for review by the Court and opposing counsel before publication is allowed.

request/response so that only the discovery request/response (with objections redacted) at issue will be 1 2 published to the jury. No unredacted discovery requests/responses will be shown to the jury. 3 Plaintiff anticipates offering the following discovery documents at trial: Defendants' response to Request to Produce 1. 4 1. 5 2. Defendants' response to Request to Produce 2. 3. Defendants' Objections to Second Amended Notice of Videotaped Deposition of 6 7 Person Most Qualified. 4. Defendants' Amended Objections to Second Amended Notice of Videotaped 8 Deposition of Person Most Qualified. 9 5. Stipulation and Order for Physical Examination of Plaintiff Miguel Gonzalez-Chavez. 10 Defendant anticipates offering the following discovery documents at trial: 11 1. Plaintiff's Responses to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by Barthelmes. 12 2. Plaintiff's Responses to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by Messick. 13 3. Plaintiff's Responses to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by the City of 14 Bakersfield. 15 16 4. Plaintiff's Amended Responses to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by Barthelmes. 17 5. Plaintiff's Amended Responses to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by 18 19 Messick. 20 6. Plaintiff's Amended Responses to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by the 21 City of Bakersfield. 7. Plaintiff's Responses to Request for Production of Documents, Set One, propounded by 22 23 City of Bakersfield, Christopher Messick and Dean Barthelmes. 24 8. Plaintiff's Amended Responses to Request for Production of Documents, Set One, 25 propounded by City of Bakersfield, Christopher Messick and Dean Barthelmes. If either party wishes to rely upon discovery documents or deposition transcripts at trial, they 26 27 SHALL lodge the original discovery requests and responses and/or the original or certified copy of the 28 pertinent transcripts, no later than **January 30, 2015**. If the proffering party wishes the jury to view

the discovery document, only the request and response at issue may be visible on the page(s) and all extraneous material must be redacted or the request and the response re-typed on a clean page.

Any party may file motions in limine. The purpose of a motion in limine is to establish in

advance of the trial that certain evidence should not be offered at trial. "Although the Federal Rules of

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MOTIONS IN LIMINE

Evidence do not explicitly authorize in limine rulings, the practice has developed pursuant to the

district court's inherent authority to manage the course of trials." Luce v. United States, 469 U.S. 38, 40 n. 2 (1984); Jonasson v. Lutheran Child and Family Services, 115 F. 3d 436, 440 (7th Cir. 1997). The Court will grant a motion in limine, and thereby bar use of the evidence in question, only if the moving party establishes that the evidence clearly is not admissible for any valid purpose. *Id.*

In advance of filing any motion in limine, counsel SHALL meet and confer to determine whether they can resolve any disputes and avoid filing motions in limine. Along with their motions in limine, the parties SHALL file a certification demonstrating counsel have in good faith met and conferred and attempted to resolve the dispute. Failure to provide the certification may result in the Court refusing to entertain the motion.

All motions in limine must be served on the other party, and filed with the Court, by **January** 7, 2015. The motion must clearly identify the nature of the evidence that the moving party seeks to prohibit the other side from offering at trial. Any opposition to the motion must be served on the other party, and filed with the Court, by January 16, 2015. The Court sets a hearing on the motions in limine on **January 30, 2015** at 9:30 a.m. Appearances via Courtcall are authorized. The parties are reminded they may still object to the introduction of evidence during trial.

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STIPULATIONS

None at this time.

0. **AMENDMENTS/ DISMISSALS**

The parties do not identify any further or amendments or dismissals at this time.

P. SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS 26

27 The participated in a Settlement Conference on November 20, 2014. (Doc. 38 at 14.) 28 The action was not settled, and it appears the parties' positions remain unchanged.

1	Q.	AGREED STATEMENT	
2	None at this time.		
3	R. SEPARATE TRIAL OF ISSUES		
4	1	None	
5	S. ISSUES RELATED TO EXPERTS		
6	None.		
7	T.	ATTORNEYS' FEES	
8	1	Plaintiff seeks attorneys' fees and costs, pre- and post-judgment interest and "any further relief	
9	as the C	Court sees just and fit." (Doc. 38 at 14.) Defendants seek attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. §§	
10	1988 an	d 1927.	
11	U. 7	TRIAL DATE/ ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TRIAL	
12	J	Jury trial is set for February 9, 2015 , at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Jennifer L. Thurston at	
13	the United States Courthouse, 510 19 th Street, Bakersfield, California. Trial is expected to last no		
14	longer than 3-7 days.		
15	V. TRIAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSIONS		
16	1	1. Trial Briefs	
17		The parties are relieved of their obligation under Local Rule 285 to file trial briefs. If any party	
18	wishes to file a trial brief, they must do so in accordance with Local Rule 285 and be filed on or before		
19	January	y 30, 2015.	
20	2	2. Jury Voir Dire	
21		The parties are required to file their proposed voir dire questions, in accordance with Local	
22	Rule 162.1, on or before January 30, 2015.		
23	3. Statement of the Case		
24		The parties SHALL file a joint non-argumentative, brief statement of the case which is suitable	
25	for read	ing to the jury at the outset of jury selection on or before January 30, 2015.	
26	4	4. Jury Instructions	
27		The parties shall serve, via e-mail or fax, their proposed jury instructions in accordance with	
28	Local R	ule 163 and their proposed verdict form on one another no later than January 7, 2015 . The	
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parties shall conduct a conference to address their proposed jury instructions and verdict form no later
than January 16, 2015. At the conference, the parties SHALL attempt to reach agreement on jury
instructions and verdict form for use at trial. The parties shall file all agreed-upon jury instructions and
verdict form no later than January 30, 2015, and identify such as the agreed-upon jury instructions
and verdict forms. At the same time, the parties SHALL lodge via e-mail a copy of the joint jury
instructions and joint verdict form (in Word format) to JLTOrders@caed.uscourts.gov.

If and only if, the parties after genuine, reasonable and good faith effort cannot agree upon certain specific jury instructions and verdict form, the parties shall file their respective proposed (disputed) jury instructions and proposed (disputed) verdict form no later than January 30, 2015, and identify such as the disputed jury instructions and verdict forms. <u>Along with their disputed</u> <u>instructions, the parties SHALL file a certification demonstrating counsel have in good faith met</u> <u>and conferred and attempted to resolve the dispute. Failure to provide the certification may</u> <u>result in the Court refusing to consider the disputed instruction or verdict form.</u> At the same time, the parties SHALL lodge via e-mail, a copy of his/their own (disputed) jury instructions and proposed (disputed) verdict form (in Word format) to JLTOrders@caed.uscourts.gov.

In selecting proposed instructions, the parties shall use Ninth Circuit Model Civil Jury
Instructions or California's CACI instructions to the extent possible. All jury instructions and verdict
forms shall indicate the party submitting the instruction or verdict form (i.e., joint, plaintiff's,
defendant's, etc.), the number of the proposed instruction in sequence, a brief title for the instruction
describing the subject matter, the complete text of the instruction, and the legal authority supporting
the instruction. Each instruction SHALL be numbered.

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OBJECTIONS TO PRETRIAL ORDER

Any party may, within 10 days after the date of service of this order, file and serve written objections to any of the provisions set forth in this order. Such objections shall clearly specify the requested modifications, corrections, additions or deletions.

26 X. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

None.

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COMPLIANCE

Strict compliance with this order and its requirements is mandatory. All parties and their counsel are subject to sanctions, including dismissal or entry of default, for failure to fully comply with this order and its requirements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

7	Dated: December 10, 2014	<u>/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston</u> UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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