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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON

DOMINIC ARTIS and DAMYEAN
DOTSON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON; SANDY
WEINTRAUB; CHICORA MARTIN;
ROBIN HOLMES; and MICHAEL R.
GOTTFREDSON,

Defendants.

Case No.: 6:16-cv-00647-MC

DECLARATION OF LISA THORNTON IN
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
DISMISS

I, Lisa Thornton, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the Public Records Officer for the University of Oregon. I am a duly-authorized custodian at the University of Oregon of the attached records. I have the authority to certify the attached records.

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2. The attached records are true copies of the records and were created at or near the time of the act, condition, or event described or referred to in them.

3. The attached records were prepared or received and kept by the University of Oregon, or persons acting under its control, in the ordinary course of regularly conducted business.

4. Attached as Exhibit A are copies of plaintiffs' signed scholarships.

5. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the text of President Gottfredson's public statement made on May 9, 2014.

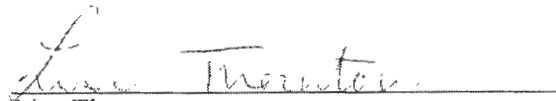
6. Attached as Exhibit C is a copy of an e-mail sent by Greg Veralrud to Douglas Park on or around May 28, 2014, and a copy of a "Special Choice Resolution Form" signed by Damyeon Dotson dated June 19, 2014.

7. Attached as Exhibit D are copies of hearing decision letters from Sandy Weintraub to plaintiff Dominic Artis (with the subject "Regarding Case: 00516-003-2014") and to plaintiff Damyeon Dotson (with the subject "Regarding Case: 00516-001-2014"), dated June 20, 2014.

8. Attached as Exhibit E are redacted copies of Artis's and Dotson's "Tort Claims Notices" dated October 8, 2014, and October 9, 2014, respectively.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED on this 20th day of May, 2016, in Eugene, Oregon.



Lisa Thornton

29 May 2013



Dominic Artis

REDACTED

Dear Dominic:

This letter is to officially notify you that your University of Oregon athletic scholarship was renewed for the 2013-2014 academic year. Renewal is contingent upon normal academic progress towards graduation and continued eligibility as mandated by NCAA and Pac-12 regulations. Your athletic scholarship will be as follows:

Full athletic scholarship consisting of tuition and compulsory fees, a subsistence grant covering the cost of room and board at campus rates, and the provision of required course-related books.

If you receive other countable aid that increases the value of the equivalency (listed above) counting toward NCAA team financial aid limitations, your athletics scholarship or other countable aid may be reduced or cancelled to maintain compliance with applicable NCAA regulations. If your athletics aid is less than the amount of your other countable aid, you may decline your athletics aid.

Failure to adhere to University of Oregon, Athletic Department, or team rules may result in immediate termination of athletics aid. NCAA Bylaw provisions applicable to your acceptance and retention of financial assistance are cited on the reverse side of this letter.

Best wishes for an upcoming successful year.

Cordially,

Handwritten signature of Rob Mullens in black ink.

Rob Mullens
Director of Athletics

Handwritten signature of James Brooks in black ink.

James Brooks
Director of Financial Aid

By signing and dating below, I, the individual this letter is addressing, hereby acknowledge both 1) receipt of this written notification on the date below and prior to July 1, 2013 and 2) my understanding of the status of my athletics aid at the University of Oregon for the 2013-14 academic year.

Signature: _____

Handwritten signature of the recipient in black ink.

Date: _____

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29 May 2013



Damyean Dotson

REDACTED

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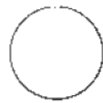
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The Office of the
President

President Gottfredson's statement to media regarding sexual violence

President Gottfredson made the following statement at a press conference on the University of Oregon campus called for 11:00 a.m. PDT on Friday, May 9, 2014. Full text of the president's remarks is below.

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Sexual violence assault and harassment have no place on our campus or anywhere in our community. Non-

The type of behavior in the police report released this week is utterly unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

I understand and empathize with the outrage people feel — as a father, I was appalled at what I read. As president of this university, I am angry and disappointed over this profoundly disturbing incident.

As you know, there are many details of this case that we cannot talk about. We can not discuss the specifics of this case, or any other case involving students. I know it's frustrating, and we would like to say more, but we are not going to violate the laws that are in place to protect students' privacy or the rights of our students — *especially* the survivor.

Here is what I *can* tell you:

- When the university was made aware of the incident, we immediately began our investigation and activated our established process of support and service. *Immediately.*
- We cooperated completely with law enforcement. The Eugene Police Department requested we not do anything that might hinder their criminal investigation—including suspending players or not playing them in a game. We complied fully with that request, and appropriately so.
- That does not mean we did nothing during that time. It simply means that we refrained, at the request of Eugene Police, from doing anything that might have alerted the persons the police told us not to alert to the investigation. Throughout, we continued to follow other steps of our regular process of investigation, and to provide support services, as we do for all such matters.
- We received the police report on April 24. That enabled us to take action without jeopardizing a criminal investigation. Not all actions the university takes are disclosable. However, working with the UO Athletic Department, we took the following action: The three student-athletes were suspended. They will not be playing basketball at Oregon again.
- We have, and we will continue, to pursue all appropriate action in this case. We have clear, established policies and protocols that we follow in all such cases.
- When and if we can share additional information, I assure you we will.

In the meantime, it is my great hope that we, as a university community, will take this opportunity to address the broader issues of sexual violence and harassment directly, openly, and decisively.

As a community, we need to engage in frank, productive discussions that will help eradicate such violence from our campus. Because even one instance of sexual assault in our community is too many.

Over the past few days, I have talked with students all across campus, to hear their feelings and concerns. Yesterday, I met with faculty members of the UO Coalition to End Sexual Violence, to gain their perspective and talk about how the campus can most effectively work together to end sexual violence in our community.

We have great expertise on our faculty, and we will draw on that and turn to them to help improve our response, support, and prevention practices.

We have a student body of caring, conscientious young people who want a safe and respectful community.

We will do whatever it takes to create a safe, secure environment for all our students, and foster a culture of respect and shared values on our campus. Our university will not tolerate behavior that runs counter to these values.

I am encouraged by the attention the problem of sexual assault on college campuses has received recently on a national level, as outlined in the [recent report](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/president2.uoregon.edu/files/docs/report_0.pdf) (http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/president2.uoregon.edu/files/docs/report_0.pdf) from the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. This is an important step toward the kinds of deep cultural change that must take place to stop such violence on our campuses.

But the actions taking place nationally are not nearly enough. We must address this problem here on our *own* campus and within our own community. We must take this opportunity to rise above the fray and become leaders in the fight to eradicate sexual violence from college campuses, beginning with our own.

Last fall, we commissioned an external review of our sexual misconduct policies and protocols, and we have already implemented or are in the process of implementing all of the recommendations of that [report](http://vpsa.uoregon.edu/wp-). (<http://vpsa.uoregon.edu/wp->

[content/uploads/2014/05/Independent-Review-Sexual-Violence-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf](#)) including adding staff to support students who have experienced sexual violence. We have that report available for you.

Next week, I will announce details of an additional independent review I have ordered jointly with our Athletic Director and Vice President for Student Affairs to examine our practices for preventing and responding to sexual violence. We will appoint an independent panel, whose charge will include an examination of our athletic department's recruitment practices, and a campus climate survey to learn more about the culture of our own campus community when it comes to sexual violence and harassment.

Our students' safety and security is our top priority. We have strong policies and protocols in place, and we are working to make them stronger still.

Until we have a campus where every individual feels safe, where everyone is respected, and where no instance of sexual violence is tolerated, we will not consider it good enough.

This is a difficult time for our community, *especially* for those whose lives have been directly affected by sexual violence. As a university, we will take this time as an opportunity to make our campus safer, our community stronger, and our intolerance of sexual violence in any form clear and unequivocal.

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From: veralrud@oregonattorney.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Douglas Park
Subject: Student Conduct Matter-Dominic Artis

Doug-

Mr. Artis agrees to proceed with the decision made by the university's neutral administrator rather than by panel, with the conditions set forth in your earlier offer. I understand the university has been trying to get the recording we've been discussing and would request those efforts continue for use in the decision making process. More on that later, but for now the panel hearing for Friday can be taken off as to Mr. Artis. I understand Mr. ^{REDACTED} TRID has made a similar decision. Regards, Greg Veralrud

SPECIAL CHOICE OF RESOLUTION FORM
Student Conduct and Community Standards
University of Oregon

Student Name: Damyeon DaKethe Dotson Student ID#: REDACTED

Incident Date: March 09, 2014 Case Number: 00516-001-2014

Description: You engaged in sexual acts with a fellow student without explicit consent.

Summary of Alleged Violations:

1. **Sexual Misconduct** : Oregon Administrative Rule 571-021-0120(3)(h) Sexual Misconduct. A mission of the Student Conduct Code is to encourage good decision-making, personal integrity, and interpersonal behavior that is cooperative rather than coercive and that respects the rights of others. Sexual misconduct violates these values, and is committed when a student engages in sexual behavior described in OAR 571-021-0105(30). OAR 571-021-0105(30) "Sexual Misconduct" means: (a) Unwanted Penetration is Penetration of another person, or causing the Penetration of another person, when one: (A) Does not first obtain Explicit Consent from that person; or (B) Knows or should have known the person was incapable of consent by reason of Mental Disorder, Mental Incapacitation, or Physical Helplessness. (b) Nonconsensual personal contact occurs when a student subjects another person to contact of a sexual nature when a reasonable person would know that such contact would cause emotional distress: (A) Without having first obtained Explicit Consent; or (B) When he or she knows or should have known the person was incapable of consent by reason of Mental Disorder, Mental Incapacitation, or Physical Helplessness. (c) Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that interferes with work or academic performance because it has created an intimidating, hostile, or degrading environment and would have such an effect on a reasonable person of the alleged complainant's status when the conduct is unwelcome and sufficiently severe or pervasive that it deprives that person of benefits of the University's educational environment.

Students accused of violating the Student Conduct Code have a choice of how they can have their case heard. Sign below ONE choice:

1. Special Administrative Conference: This option is a hearing with an administrator. If you select this option, the hearing can take place immediately afterward. In this type of hearing, the full range of sanctions are possible. All decisions made are final; you cannot appeal. Also, during this type of hearing, the administrator may refer you to the Restorative Justice program or Conflict Resolution Services in addition to or in substitution of sanctions.

I affirm I have had the opportunity to consult with an adviser of my choosing. I also understand that by waiving my right to a panel hearing, I give up the right to have the accuser at the hearing with me. I agree to waive my right to an appeal, and I give permission for the Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards or his designee, to choose from the full range of University sanctions if he or the designee finds me responsible. These include suspension, ~~expulsion, and negative notation on my academic transcript.~~ *finding of code violation - unspecified*

Signing below confirms the choice of a special administrative hearing and above affirmation:

Signature: *Lisa Thornton* Date: _____
6-19-14

2. Panel Hearing: This option is a hearing with a panel made up of a mixture of four to five students, staff, and faculty. If you select this option, a hearing time will be set 21-30 days later (or longer depending on term breaks and the discretion of the Director of SCCS). In this type of hearing, all University sanctions are possible, including suspension, expulsion, and negative notation on the transcript. You or the complainant may appeal the Panel's decision on the limited bases allowed by the Student Conduct Code.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Students may have an advisor present with them during the hearing, but it is not required. Indicate your advisor situation with initials:

- _____ 1. I am not here with an advisor nor do I wish to have one.
- _____ 2. I am here with an advisor: _____

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD

Name: Dominic Jordan Artis

UO ID: REDACTED
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E-mail: REDACTED

Gender: Male

DOB: REDACTED
D

Class: Sophomore

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DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: MARCH 9, 2014
12:00 AM

**SOCIAL MISCONDUCT (RESIDENCE HALL, CLASSROOM
BEHAVIOR, ETC.)**

CASE NUMBER: 00516-003-2014

INCIDENT STATUS: RESPONSIBLE



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Decision Letter

June 20, 2014

Dominic Jordan Artis
ID number: REDACTED
UO email: REDACTED

Regarding Case: 00516-003-2014

Dear Dominic:

The University of Oregon has resolved a complaint(s) regarding your reported behavior on March 09, 2014 with the following incident description: You engaged in sexual acts with a fellow student without receiving explicit consent.

I have found you responsible for the following charges:

1. Sexual Misconduct : Oregon Administrative Rule 571-021-0120(3)(h) Sexual Misconduct. A mission of the Student Conduct Code is to encourage good decision-making, personal integrity, and interpersonal behavior that is cooperative rather than coercive and that respects the rights of others. Sexual misconduct violates these values, and is committed when a student engages in sexual behavior described in OAR 571-021-0105(30). OAR 571-021-0105(30) "Sexual Misconduct" means: (a) Unwanted Penetration is Penetration of another person, or causing the Penetration of another person, when one: (A) Does not first obtain Explicit Consent from that person; or (B) Knows or should have known the person was incapable of consent by reason of Mental Disorder, Mental Incapacitation, or Physical Helplessness. (b) Nonconsensual personal contact occurs when a student subjects another person to contact of a sexual nature when a reasonable person would know that such contact would cause emotional distress: (A) Without having first obtained Explicit Consent; or (B) When he or she knows or should have known the person was incapable of consent by reason of Mental Disorder, Mental Incapacitation, or Physical Helplessness. (c) Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that interferes with work or academic performance because it has created an intimidating, hostile, or degrading environment and would have such an effect on a reasonable person of the alleged complainant's status when the conduct is unwelcome and sufficiently severe or pervasive that it deprives that person of benefits of the University's educational environment.

As a result, I am imposing the following sanctions:

1. Suspension

You are suspended from the University of Oregon for a period of at least four years and until the complainant is no longer enrolled or employed at the University of Oregon but for not more than a period of ten years.

You will be may be eligible to regain your status as a student on June 20, 2018 upon review of the complainants status with the University of Oregon.

A student who has been suspended from the University shall not be permitted to participate in any University Sponsored Activity or allowed to reside on University Premises during the period the

student is suspended.

You may not come on to University Premises without explicit permission from the Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards or his designee.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from classes for periods the student is not allowed to be on campus.

2. Negative Notation on Transcript

A notation will be placed on your University of Oregon transcript that reads, "Student Conduct Violation".

Your student conduct record (different from your academic record) will indicate your responsibility (and/or lack of responsibility) for the above charges for five years after the date of the incident unless suspension, expulsion, or negative notation were imposed. Your student conduct record is only released by your express waiver (usually on an application to a scholarship, study abroad program, graduate school, etc.) or to other University staff/faculty on a strict need-to-know basis.

Your student account will be billed with an administrative fee, which covers the cost of administering the program and maintaining your records.

I hope you have learned and will continue to learn much from this experience. Please feel welcome to ask questions and seek help from me or my office in the future.

Sincerely,

Sandy Weintraub, Director, Student Conduct and Community Standards

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chicora@uoregon.edu

CC: Chicora Martin, Doug Park, Sam Hill

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October 8, 2014

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Re: Notice of Claims by Dominic Artis vs. University of Oregon and
Various Administrative Officials

Dear ODAS and Mr. Park:

In compliance with ORS 30.275, notice is hereby given of claims for damages on behalf of Dominic Artis against the University of Oregon and its departments, officers, employees and/or agents resulting in a course of conduct on the part of the aforementioned parties beginning April 10, 2014, with the University's "emergency suspension" and ending on or about June 17, 2014, at which time the University issued a suspension following University Student Conduct Code hearing.

State law claims against the University and its departments, officers, employees and/or agents arise out of breach of contract, slander, defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress on the part of the aforementioned and/or the University's vicarious liability for those wrongful actions.

Federal law claims against the University and its departments, officers, employees and/or agents arise out of a violation of Mr. Artis' civil rights under 42 USC §1981 and

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§1983, the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, including deprivation of due process, deprivation of the right to freedom of association, deliberate indifference to Mr. Artis' civil and constitutional rights and all policies, customs and practices that allowed such violations to occur.

Insofar as the claimant is aware, the time, place and circumstances giving rise to the claims are as follows:

On or about March 9, 2014, Mr. Artis attended a party with other friends and fellow Oregon Duck basketball teammates. At the party Mr. Artis engaged in consensual sexual activities with REDACTED as did other attendees at the party. Further sexual contact between Mr. Artis and REDACTED occurred later in the evening and in the early morning hours of the following day at Mr. Artis' apartment. Those acts were consensual as well.

In the days following, REDACTED characterized what had been patently consensual sexual contact as sexual assault and caused her complaint to be submitted to law enforcement and eventually to the University of Oregon, including the above-referenced officials.

A subsequent police investigation led to a conclusion by the Lane County District Attorney's office that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute the case.

The police investigation generated police reports that underscored the consensual nature of the activities. Those reports were made known to the University and its above-referenced employees and agents.

University officials, including the then University of Oregon President, made public statements both implicitly and explicitly declaiming Mr. Artis as a sexual assaulter, a rapist and a criminal, thus slandering and defaming Mr. Artis.

During the course of the investigation, although the emergency suspension of the University was lifted with respect to Mr. Artis pending a University Student Conduct Code hearing, he was (1) first suspended from the basketball team, then (2) dismissed from the basketball team, and then (3) notified that his scholarship was terminated. These actions on the part of the University and the above-referenced officials were without cause and in violation of Mr. Artis' civil and contractual rights.

The University then asserted violation of the University Student Conduct Code, claiming non-consensual sexual contact as a violation of that code.

In the run-up to the University Student Conduct Code hearing, the University denied Mr. Artis' requests for:

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a. A contested case hearing in accordance with the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act because Mr. Artis contended that the procedures set forth in the Student Conduct Code were deficient and denied him due process of law.

b. The issuance of subpoenas for witnesses who would provide evidence and testimony supporting Mr. Artis' contention that he had committed no violation of law or Student Conduct Code and that REDACTED's credibility was at issue.

c. Names and contact information of witnesses who the University of Oregon interviewed and relied upon in bringing the Student Conduct Code violation claim against Mr. Artis.

d. Copies of the University's Title IX investigator's report (Mr. Artis' counsel was allowed to view but not have the document, with significant parts blacked out and unavailable to Mr. Artis or his counsel).

Student Conduct Code Hearing

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Substantial and compelling evidence of the consensual nature of Mr. Artis' sexual contact with REDACTED was willfully ignored.

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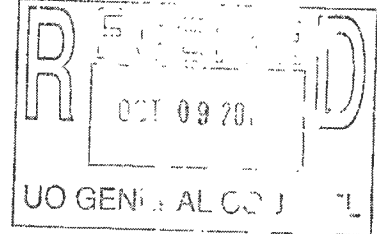
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Re: Notice of Tort Claim by Damyean Dotson vs. University of Oregon and
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Dear ODAS and Mr. Park,

In compliance with ORS 30.275, notice is hereby given of claims for damages on behalf of Damyean Dotson against the University of Oregon and its departments, officers, employees and/or agents resulting in a course of conduct on the part of the aforementioned parties beginning April 10, 2014, with the University's "emergency suspension" and ending on or about June 17, 2014, at which time the University issued a suspension following University Student Conduct Code hearing.

State law claims against the University and its departments, officers, employees and/or agents arise out of breach of contract, slander, defamation and intentional infliction of

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emotional distress on the part of the aforementioned and/or the University's vicarious liability for those wrongful actions.

Federal law claims against the University and its departments, officers, employees and/or agents arise out of a violation of Mr. Dotson's civil rights under 42 USC § 1981 and § 1983, the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, including deprivation of due process, deprivation of the right to freedom of association, deliberate indifference to Mr. Dotson's civil and constitutional rights and all policies, customs and practices that allowed such violations to occur.

Insofar as the claimant is aware, the time, place and circumstances giving rise to the claims are as follows:

On or about March 9, 2014 Mr. Dotson attended a party with other friends and fellow Oregon Duck basketball teammates. At the party Mr. Dotson engaged in consensual sexual activities with [REDACTED] as did other attendees at the party. Further consensual contact between another teammate and [REDACTED] occurred later in the evening and in the early morning hours of the following day at that teammate's apartment. Those acts were consensual as well.

In the days following, [REDACTED] characterized what had been patently consensual sexual contact as sexual assault and caused her complaint to be submitted to law enforcement and eventually to the University of Oregon, including the above-referenced officials.

A subsequent police investigation led to a conclusion by the Lane County District Attorney's office that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute the case.

The police investigation generated police reports that underscored the consensual nature of the activities. Those reports were made known to the University and its above-referenced employees and agents.

University officials, including the then University of Oregon President, made public statements both implicitly and explicitly declaiming Mr. Dotson as a sexual assaulter, a rapist and a criminal, thus slandering and defaming Mr. Dotson.

During the course of the investigation, although the emergency suspension of the University was lifted with respect to Mr. Dotson pending a University Student Conduct Code hearing, he was (1) first suspended from the basketball team, then (2) dismissed from the basketball team, and then (3) notified that his scholarship was terminated. These actions on the part of the University and the above-referenced officials were without cause and in violation of Mr. Dotson's civil and contractual rights.

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The University then asserted violation of the University Student Conduct Code, claiming non-consensual sexual contact as a violation of that code.

In the run-up the University Student Conduct Code hearing, the University denied Mr. Dotson's requests for:

- a) a contested case hearing in accordance with the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act because Mr. Dotson contended that the procedures set fourth in the Student Conduct Code were deficient and denied him due process of law.
- b) The issuance of subpoenas for witnesses who would provide evidence and testimony supporting Mr. Dotson' contention that he had committed no violation of law or Student Conduct Code and that [REDACTED]'s credibility was at issue.
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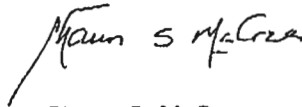
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