

FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The Carroll Police Department presents our Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Year End Report. Through support and partnership with the community, Carroll continues to be a clean and safe town for residents and visitors. Support from the Mayor and City Council, as well as the citizens, has aided our dedicated employees to ensure that we meet our goals of providing a safe community for all.

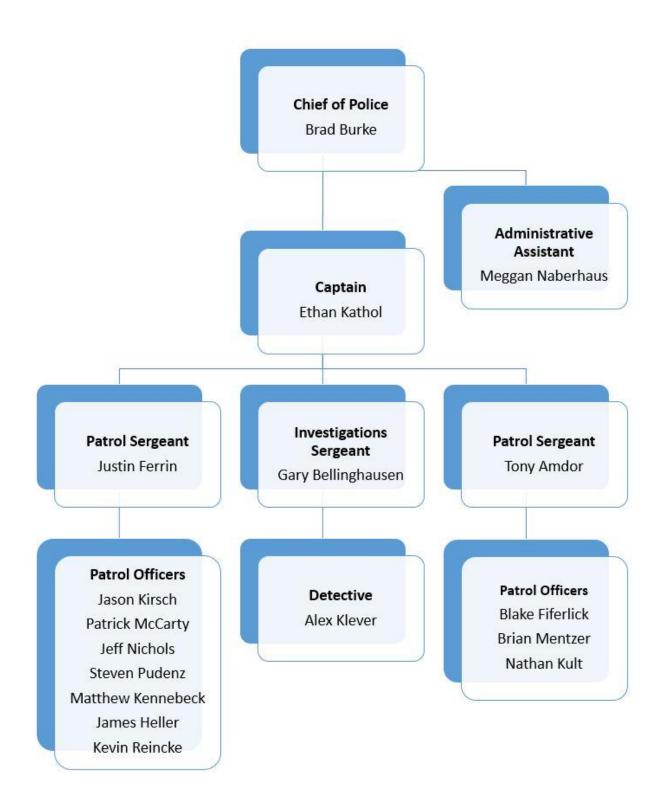
Our staffing level at the police department has remained steady for three years now. This is not the norm for departments around the state or nation. I credit this to having officers that are fairly local to the area and have become invested in the community either through their kids or neighborhoods. We thankfully have been having minimal turnover. I began employment with the police department in 2006 and the first few years of my career, we would have officers retire, leave for other departments, or move closer to family causing us to continually hire and train new officers, which was a strain on the schedule and budget.

A school shooting at the Perry Community School last year reminded us to review our active shooter response. When something so close to home happens with many responders that we know, we are able to quickly find out what worked and didn't work in first responder response. After this event, we ramped up our effort to have officers complete a refresher course to ensure that we are still prepared. It is my belief that we can quickly respond and neutralize a threat based off our training and equipment.

I invite you to review our statistics, which will give you a numerical look at the activity for the police department, along with the narratives which will provide more information on the intangible services provided by the police department. This report will fulfill the purpose of measuring the performance from year to year, as well as providing information on any changes within the department.

Brad Burke

Chief of Police



There was no change in our full time staffing during fiscal year 23/24. Our last hire was in 2021 and there are no expectations of anyone leaving this coming fiscal year. This is a rarity for smaller departments across the state. I credit this to having officers who were raised in this area and wanting to stay close to family and the small town. Our union contract has also kept us competitive to other departments around the state and with the sheriff's department. The contract is valid through June 30, 2028, but will open for wage negotiations after June 30, 2026.

Last fiscal year we increased our part-time staff to three to help cover abscenses and vacations. Due to those officers' demands with their full-time positions with other departments, we are back to one part-time officer. We are currently at one part-time position. We have 15 total certified full-time officers and one civilian administrative assistant. With our call volume, this number is sufficient to handle the daily workload while always providing two officers minimum on duty at any given time of the day. Officers are assigned to one of three watches, which are dayshift, afternoon shift, and night shift. Each shift has one sergeant assigned and three patrol officers. Officers work rotating nine-hour days, but do not rotate shifts.

Below is the current seniority list showing rank and hire date for each officer on the department. The average tenure of the current officers is just over nine years with the average age just over 39.

NAME	RANK	EMPLOYMENT DATE
BURKE, BRADLEY	CHIEF OF POLICE	12/26/06
KATHOL, ETHAN	CAPTAIN	07/28/14
BELLINGHAUSEN, GARY	SERGEANT	07/26/99
AMDOR, ANTHONY	SERGEANT	10/05/15
FERRIN, JUSTIN	SERGEANT	01/12/15
KLEVER, ALEX	DETECTIVE	01/23/12
KIRSCH, JASON	PATROL OFFICER	03/26/12
MCCARTY, PATRICK	PATROL OFFICER	01/03/17
NICHOLS, JEFFERY	PATROL OFFICER	11/13/17
FIFERLICK, BLAKE	PATROL OFFICER	12/16/18
PUDENZ, STEVEN	PATROL OFFICER	12/17/18
MENTZER, BRIAN	PATROL OFFICER	07/01/19
KENNEBECK, MATTHEW	PATROL OFFICER	08/09/19
HELLER, JAMES	PATROL OFFICER	07/26/21
KULT, NATHAN	PATROL OFFICER	08/23/21
REINCKE, KEVIN	PATROL OFFICER – PT	10/20/17
NABERHAUS, MEGGAN	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	10/25/99

PATROL CARS



One patrol car was budgeted for purchase in fiscal year 23/24 and a second patrol car was pushed back from the 22/23 budget year. Those orders were placed in October of 2023. In January of 2024, we were notified that again our order was cancelled by the manufacturer. In February, New Way Ford indicated that our order would be honored with the 2025 production, and that we will have priority due to being canceled for a second straight year. Those vehicles are anticipated to arrive in late fall 2024. Due to these constraints, other options were sought to help with our rotation of vehicles.

In February I was informed that Karl Chevrolet in Ankeny had Chevrolet Silverado police vehicles available for sale. I reached out and was able to get a quote for the purchase of one of these vehicles. After discussion with the council, it was approved to order one of these trucks, and we received delivery of the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado on February 19, 2024. The truck was outfitted with police equipment and ready for patrol in early March. We did not anticipate the addition of a truck, but found beneficial as we occasionally haul and tow items we had struggled doing with SUVs.

For fiscal year 24/25, we will be ordering one police vehicle in addition to the receipt of the carryover orders from the past two years. I continue working with the local dealerships in order to

get orders in as quickly as possible when the ordering bank opens. They believe this will get us higher on the manufacturing list and help with receiving orders instead of being cancelled.

Six of our vehicles are all-wheel-drive Ford SUVs, which have allowed for the officers to safely and quickly respond to calls during the winter months. The seventh vehicle is a four-wheel drive Chevrolet truck. All vehicles are equipped with mobile data terminals, along with other equipment, which is used for report writing and traffic enforcement activities.

Two of the current patrol vehicles are hybrid. The average cost for fuel in the hybrid patrol units is \$2,352.62 per year at the current fuel cost of \$2.664 per gallon. If we continue to purchase hybrid vehicles, the expected cost savings per year would be over \$12,000 if all patrol vehicles are hybrids. The cost difference to purchase a hybrid vehicle is about \$4,000. Vehicles are typically traded after five or six years, so the cost benefit to purchase the hybrid is about \$3,000 per vehicle. The performance of the hybrid is similar to the Eco Boost patrol unit, and I plan on continuing the purchase of hybrids for patrol vehicles.

EQUIPMENT

The Carroll Police Department prides itself on having up-to-date and technologically advanced equipment for our officers to use daily. To keep up to date with the changes in society, we need to have proper tools to combat issues. The police department completes many hours of research before making purchasing decisions on new equipment and evaluates all options before making purchases.

All officers are issued equipment needed to complete their daily activities when they are hired. Officers are supplied uniforms including duty belts, handguns, radios and many other items which are carried on their duty belt or vest. Officers are trained in the use of all equipment and are required to complete maintenance, as necessary, for the equipment to continue to function as designed and to prolong the life of the equipment.

Officers are assigned and carry Glock 17 9-mm handguns with Trijicon red dot sights. Each patrol car is equipped with a .223 caliber Rock River rifle and Remington 12-gauge shotgun. The rifle is

also equipped with red dot sights and have been for many years. Officers spend many hours training to be proficient with their firearms and qualify multiple times a year on the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy mandated qualification courses.



This fiscal year, we purchased a DART Training Simulator. This training simulator allows for



portable critical decision-making training. The system puts officers through situations in which they must make quick life or death decisions to navigate through the training. The portability of the system allows us to set it up in real life locations such as schools or office buildings, stairwells, or outdoors.

We continue to upgrade software used for report writing and traffic enforcement. This software enables the officers to be more efficient with these tasks and allows for information to quickly be shared with other agencies, such as the court system. The software is accessed from the patrol vehicles using the mobile data terminals and also in the office at desktop workstations. Most of the software used by the officers is provided at no cost from the Iowa Department of Transportation and reports are stored on an internal server within the department. This software also makes our mandated reporting to the FBI for National Incident-Based Reporting System much easier.

TRAINING

The state of Iowa requires that officers receive a minimum amount of ongoing training over the course of the year. The police department has taken the initiative to provide the officers more than the required amount. This gives our officers the tools needed to be effective and provide the best service to our community. Many of our officers are instructors in different areas including firearms, taser, defensive tactics, bloodborne pathogens, chemical munitions, radar, field sobriety testing and DARE. Others have received training, which allows them to be proficient or classified

as an expert in domestic abuse and sexual assault investigation, fingerprints, accident investigation and evidence collection and storage. By completing the training, we can better handle any issue that arises.

We utilize many sources for training including internal training, as well as the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) and Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, both located at Camp



Dodge in Johnston, IA. Officers also complete monthly on-line training through an Iowa-based company called Police Legal Science. The training ranges from legal updates to state mandated training of bias prevention and de-escalation. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) has



partnered with former US Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, Kevin Techau, to provide quarterly training to officers. This training is provided online and covers many different topics that officers may deal with on a daily basis. Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA) also provides an online training software. We utilize the software for CPD policy training and review. A policy is uploaded into the software to create the training/review while also requiring proof of proficiency by mandating officers to pass a quiz after the review. This allows each officer to stay current with City of Carroll Police Department policies.

This past year we sent any officer who has not been trained through Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training through a Level I course. This training is an active shooter response course, and we ensured that all officers are trained especially after the school shooting incident that occurred in Perry. This training was a good refresher along with providing some new techniques to officers who are the first to respond and stop an active shooter. This will continue to be a priority training to keep officers up to date and prepared for an active shooter event.

Other ongoing training during the year included De-Escalation, report writing, interview and interrogation, and critical incident review to name a few. Officers who are also certified instructors through the ILEA were also recertified if their certifications were expiring, including firearms and TASER instruction. Continued monthly training on law updates, as well as quarterly fitness and firearms training, continues to be a priority for all officers.

BUDGET

The budget for the police department during F.Y. 23/24, including pension contributions and medical insurance premiums, was \$2,109,579. This was an increase of \$171,434 from F.Y. 22/23, with most of that coming in the form of regular salaries and wages. Line items were overspent during the year; however, the overall budget expenditures for the police department were under the budgeted amount by \$142,871. Although, that money was utilized by other departments within the public safety area of the budget due to unexpected maintenance costs. The remainder of the unspent budget is attributed to having no training and equipment costs associated with a new hire and getting a patrol car order cancelled. Our budget, compared to other departments our size, is below average. This can be contributed to low overtime costs due to an efficient schedule which accommodates time off requests with little requirement to pay overtime to cover hours. F.Y. 24/25 has a budget total in the amount of \$2,157,185.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Attached to this narrative are statistical reports documenting our calls for service, arrest information, citations issued, and cases documented. We analyze the times, dates and locations of various crime and traffic information to better perform our duties. The statistics are used to focus efforts on trouble areas and work with community members in those areas to reduce crime and provide safe neighborhoods throughout the community. By utilizing the crime trends, we are able to use selective enforcement and determine manpower and equipment requirements for the basis of department budgeting.

The previous four fiscal years are listed with the statistics to give a better understanding of the trends or changes in crimes throughout the city. The Carroll Police Department recorded 9,014 total calls for service in fiscal year 23/24. These include any call requiring officer assistance, such as medical calls, and calls initiated by officers. Over this fiscal year, there was a major increase in total calls for service. We increased our foot patrol count by 1,430 calls this year. This was due to having the officers more visible in the downtown area, as well as an increase in foot patrol, at high call volume locations and local businesses. Our animal calls increased again this year too. This is anything from wild to domestic animals running at large in neighborhoods or caught by the

reporting party. There was a decrease in nuisance calls. This is due to the change in the code for long grass. The code allows the city to remedy the issue much quicker and without having to go through the similar nuisance process as junk or junk vehicles on properties.

Motor vehicle accidents continued to remain low compared to years past, but did see an increase of 41 this fiscal year to 272, and we had one fatal motor vehicle accident.

Almost all officers have undergone additional impaired driving recognition. Removing intoxicated drivers from streets is of high importance to the police department. The average breath alcohol content (BAC) in Carroll County for fiscal year 23/24 was 0.149%. The legal operating level is less than 0.08%. The highest BAC recorded during an OWI arrest by our department was 0.236%. Alcohol is not the only intoxicant that officers are making arrests for OWI. Other drugs include marijuana, methamphetamine, and opioids. OWI arrests are again low this fiscal year, and some of that can be contributed to many of the bars and restaurants closing earlier in the evening due to low attendance. Patrons are also utilizing an after-hours cab company.

This year clearance rates increased, and we are well above the national average. A clearance consists of either a clearance by arrest or clearance by exceptional means. Clearance by exceptional means is defined as the offender was identified and enough evidence was gathered to support an arrest or make a charge, but by means outside the control of law enforcement, the arrest is prohibited. In Carroll, this means that the County Attorney declines prosecution, death of the offender, victim refusal to cooperate, or the denial of extradition of a suspect from another jurisdiction. The overall clearance rates for all cases within the department is 66.7%. Our detective and officers work together to clear cases as quickly and efficiently as possible while collecting as much evidence as possible before closing a case. CPD clearance rates for theft was 38.4% (37% in 22/23) well above the 2022 (most recent data available) national average of 13%. We continue to look for ways to improve this and find that theft cases are some of the most challenging to close. The national average clearance rate for aggravated assault is 32.2%. There have only been six reported aggravated assault cases. Of those six cases, we have arrested offenders in four of the cases. The two cases that have not been cleared there was insufficient evidence to file charges. Our overall assault clearance rate is 60%, which is a decrease from last fiscal year. Our goal is to

continue to increase assault clearance rates, but officers sometimes find that evidence will not support the claim among other issues. Officers quickly respond to assault reports but find that parties have separated and that most witnesses are not willing to cooperate with an investigation. Luckily, we are finding more and more residences and businesses utilizing surveillance systems, which aid in making arrests in assault cases among all reported crimes. Aggravated assault is in the category of violent crime, along with murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, and robbery. We have had nine reported incidents of violent crimes other than aggravated assaults. Those cases are all being investigated as sex offenses. There were six reports of violent crime in FY 22/23. The national clearance rate for violent crime is 32% which we are at 26%. All property crimes include theft, burglary and arson, according to the FBI, who records crime statistics and comprises National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Our clearance rate in property crime is 38.4% (34% in 22/23) and the national average is 10.3%. While we are above the national average, we are making strides to increase this percentage even more. These offenses can be large annoyances to victims and leave them feeling violated as offenders have entered their property to take or damage items. The full-time detective has worked tirelessly with officers, victims, and witnesses to work on increasing our clearance of property crimes. Patrol officers who are the first to respond to a report of crime have stepped up in assisting the detective, learning some skills to work cases quicker and without as much assistance from the detective. We have established relationships with property owners and local businesses to gain access to surveillance cameras to allow for quick and efficient search of that evidence and continue to look for new ways to work with victims and witnesses.

Attached at the end of this report are the statistics for traffic offenses, criminal cases, and a list for traditional problem areas within the city.

CONCLUSION

I feel that 23/24 fiscal year was a successful year. We have stayed at full staff, kept our crime numbers low with a high clearance rate, and meet the demands of the community. Increasing foot patrols throughout the community has allowed the public to meet some of the officers and get to know them on a different level than when being summoned to a call for service. We strive to be more proactive than the year before and having officers visible in the community is one way to drive crime away.

The frustration with replacing vehicles is still present, but I am hopeful that we can get back to a normal vehicle rotation within the next couple of fiscal years. In an effort to reduce maintenance costs, I like to trade cars before they get to the 100,000-mile mark. This has been a struggle the last few years and we have traded cars that are closer to 120,000 miles. I continue to work with local dealers to get information on ordering blocks so we can get orders placed as quickly as possible in an effort to keep from getting an order cancelled from the manufacturer.

This upcoming fiscal year we will be completing a major overhaul of the in-car and body-worn camera system. We are staying with Motorola as the company providing the cameras and software, but will be updating both, along with adding some additional options to improve our system. These videos are used for everything from report writing to prosecution and having an updated and functional system with high quality video as expected by officers, courts, and the public. The new software also utilizes artificial intelligence to recognize people, vehicles, and license plates to allow for quick searching of video and informing officers of critical information while in the vehicle.

We will continue to upgrade the in-car computer systems that officers use throughout their patrol shift. These Panasonic computers are no longer supported and have expired warranties leading to high maintenance costs during a malfunction. The rugged computers have been in patrol anywhere from 5-10 years but have a high replacement expense, so we have begun to rotate replacement to spread the cost of the total replacement over many years.

I hope you have found this report insightful and helpful. If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at 712-792-3536 or email bburke@cityofcarroll.com.

CITATIONS

CITATION TYPE	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Animal	7	10	6	9	5
Tobacco	5	11	11	22	14
Dark Windows	9	42	28	14	24
License Violation	167	268	197	198	167
Other	40	50	32	50	38
Registration	115	159	162	196	179
Seatbelt	83	47	71	69	45
Traffic	678	612	415	361	455
Violation (Parking)	154	82	85	136	83
Warning Notices	2575	2678	2186	2591	2626
Loud Stereo	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CITATIONS	3833	3959	3196	3697	3664

SUMMARY OF OFFENSE – CASES JULY 1-JUNE 30

OFFENSE	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Murder/Non-neg. Man	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	6	3	1	3	2
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Assault w/Object	0	0	2	3	0
Forcible Fondling	13	6	11	8	7
Statutory Rape	1	2	0	0	3
Porno/Obscene Material	0	1	2	1	2
Incest	0	0	0	0	0
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	2	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	4	6	3	6	6
Domestic Violence	0	1	2	1	0
Simple Assault	29	28	22	40	19
Intimidation	2	1	3	0	2
Domestic Abuse	32	21	27	21	23
Burglary/B&E	20	21	11	16	15
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	66	33	35	52	47
Theft from Vehicle	14	14	15	16	14
Theft Vehicle Part	1	6	0	3	3
Theft of Bike	3	3	5	4	4
Theft from Building	60	34	43	51	33
Theft from Vending	1	0	0	0	0
Other Larceny	5	4	5	4	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	4	9	8	6
Arson	0	1	1	1	0
Counterfeit/Forgery	10	15	16	10	6
Swindle/Confidence	0	3	5	1	13
Credit/ATM Fraud	11	15	9	14	5
Identify Theft	1	9	3	4	1
Impersonation Fraud	0	0	2	0	2
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	1
Wire Fraud	1	3	1	4	5
Bad Checks	7	1	6	3	10
Embezzlement	0	1	2	0	1
Stolen Property	1	1	0	0	2
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism/Business	1	5	6	2	7
Vandalism/Residence	14	19	7	8	9
Vandalism/Vehicle	25	28	25	17	26
Vandalism/School	1	2	0	0	1
Vandalism/Other	9	4	3	2	7
Weapon Law Violation	3	4	2	6	2

CARROLL POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Human Trafficking/Sex	Acts 0	0	1	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narc Violations	31	38	26	22	19
Drug Equipment Viol	3	19	20	29	14
Nonviol Family Off	0	1	0	0	0
Drive Under Influence	32	37	18	13	9
OWI 2 nd	8	10	4	0	2
OWI 3 rd	1	0	2	1	1
Liquor Law Violation	12	9	8	8	3
Under 21 BAC .02	1	0	2	1	1
Drunkenness	26	24	25	13	35
Disorderly Conduct	13	3	4	16	12
Harassment	7	5	11	4	14
Curf/Loiter/Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	45	41	24	29	23
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	0	1	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
False Information	4	4	3	1	5
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	18	21	14	16	27
Runaway	3	2	0	8	4
Missing Person	3	3	1	0	2
Cruelty to Animal	0	0	0	1	0
Lost Property	0	2	0	0	0
Found Person	0	0	0	1	1
Found Animal	0	3	0	0	0
Found Property	15	14	19	20	20
Unattended Death	8	3	5	5	2
Suicide	1	4	0	3	3
Attempted Suicide	1	1	0	0	0
Sick Cared For	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Case	1	1	1	3	0
Firearms Accident	0	2	0	0	0
Fire Investigation	0	0	0	1	4
Home Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Work Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Public Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Bite	16	1	7	14	13
Dispose of Animal	0	0	0	1	0

OFFENSE	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Warrant Outside	52	41	55	41	47
Restraining Order	10	7	5	8	21
10-50 Fatal	0	1	0	1	1
10-50 Car-Train Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PI Personal Injury	8	4	6	4	5
10-50 PI MV Pedestrian	2	1	0	2	2
10-50 PI Car & Bike	0	1	1	2	0
10-50 PI Hit/Run w/Injury	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PD Prop.	127	122	137	107	150
MV Pedestrian	0	1	0	1	1
10-50 Car & Deer	0	2	0	0	22
10-50 PD: Hit & Run	18	21	16	15	0
10-50 PD: City Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PD Police Vehicle	1	1	1	1	0
10-50 PD Under 1500	29	34	31	24	23
Assist Other Agency	6	4	3	3	4
Parking Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Moving Violations	1	1	2	1	1
Op After Revoked/Barred	31	28	25	18	18
Operate After Suspension	65	93	81	73	51
Misc. Public	39	46	43	40	29
Misc. Officer	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES	986	956	885	861	878

${\bf SUMMARY-TRADITIONAL\ PROBLEM\ AREAS}$

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Assault	33	34	25	46	25
Burglary	20	21	11	16	15
Criminal Mischief	50	58	41	29	50
OWI	41	47	24	14	12
Personal Injury Accidents	10	7	7	9	8
Property Damage Accidents	157	158	169	132	174
Hit & Run Accidents	18	21	16	15	22
Thefts	154	98	112	138	110



Front row, L to R: Sergeant Gary Bellinghausen, Captain Ethan Kathol, Chief Brad Burke, Sergeants Justin Ferrin and Tony Amdor

Middle row, L to R: Officers Kevin Reincke, Nathan Kult, Administrative Assistant Meggan Naberhaus, Officers Blake Fiferlick, Jeff Nichols, Steven Pudenz.

Back row, L to R: Detective Alex Klever, Officers James Heller, Patrick McCarty, Jason Kirsch, Matt Kennebeck, Brian Mentzer.

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