

STATE OF VERMONT



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE
Special Operations Unit
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Department of Public Safety Report
House and Senate Judiciary
House and Senate Government Operations
On
2023 Vermont Law Enforcement Agency Drone Use

This document serves as the 2023 reporting requirement mandated by Section 4624 of Title 20. By statute, law enforcement agencies are required to send the Department of Public Safety (DPS) information related to any drone use within the previous 12 months. *See* 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a). Annually, DPS must forward the information collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this statute to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations. *See* 20 V.S.A. § 4624(b).

Vermont law enforcement agencies must report to DPS the following information:

- (1) The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.
- (2) The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.
- (3) The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.
- (4) The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

See 20 V.S.A. § 4624(a).

In accordance with statute, DPS submits the following 2023 law enforcement drone usage information received from the Vermont State Police, Burlington Police Department & Milton Police Department:

The Department of Public Safety is not knowingly in receipt of any reports or information documenting the use of drones from other municipal, county or state law enforcement agencies

- 1. The number of times the agency used a drone within the previous 12 months. For each use of a drone, the agency shall report the type of incident involved, the nature of the information collected, and the rationale for deployment of the drone.**
 - The Vermont State Police report deploying a drone 159 times in 2023. See Appendix (A)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment
 - The Burlington Police Department report deploying a drone 1 time in 2023. See Appendix (B)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.
 - The Milton Police Department reported one (1) deployment in the last 12 months. See Appendix (C)* for type of incident involved, nature of information collected and reason for deployment.

- 2. The number of criminal investigations aided and arrests made through use of information gained by the use of drones within the previous 12 months, including a description of how the drone aided each investigation or arrest.**
 - The State Police used drones to support investigations 134 times. 56 times drones were used to capture images of serious/fatal motor vehicle crashes, 25 times for documenting various crime scenes, 17 times to capture aerial images of fire/arson scenes, and 36 times to locate and observe the actions of subjects that were determined to possess a risk of harm to officers or the public.
 - State Police drones were used to aid investigations by capturing images, and/or video, and/or providing non-recorded real-time video feed.
 - The use of State Police drones and the information gained by this use was never the sole basis for an arrest.
 - Burlington Police used drones for 1 search and rescue mission for a person in Lake Champlain and in the heavily wooded area of Rock Point in Burlington, VT. The use of the Burlington Police Department drones and the information gained from their use was not the sole basis for any arrests.
 - The Milton Police Department reported that no incidents met the above reporting criteria.

3. The number of times a drone collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance within the previous 12 months and the type of data collected in each instance.

- The Vermont State Police is not aware of any collected data on any person, home, or area other than the target of the surveillance and in accordance with Title 20 V.S.A § 4622.
- Burlington Police Department is not aware of any data that was collected on any person, home other than the subject of a search and rescue mission on Lake Champlain.
- The Milton Police Department reported that no information on uninvolved third parties was collected.

4. The cost of the agency's drone program and the program's source of funding.

- The Vermont State Police's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program incurred \$66.00 propellers and guards and \$729.01 in the purchase of protective cases and guards. An additional \$4,866.25 was used to purchase Remote ID modules to stay in compliance with a new FAA Remote ID requirement going into effect on March 16, 2024. These purchases were made using Vermont State Police General Funds. The State Police UAS program also received its equipment from the 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Fund. This amount was reported in last year's report and totaled \$110,658.10.
- Burlington Police Department Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV/drone) program was created in 2023. Using equitable sharing funds the Burlington Police Department purchased (1) DJI Mavic 3 for \$3598.60 and (1) DJI Mavic 3T for \$5460.60, (4) DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise battery kits for \$2504.20, (1) DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise RTK Module for \$673.55, DJI propellers for \$36.10, 2 launch pads for \$139.98, and PIX4DMatic for crash reconstruction \$5990.00, (2) Mavic Series Equipment Set up for (\$310), Shipping fees for the equipment \$105 totaling: \$18,818.03. Burlington Police also purchased a Fast Charger system for \$809.50 using general funds. In 2023 the Burlington Police Department used \$19627.53 for the creation of their UAV/ Drone Program
- The Milton Police Department reported the following information regarding the cost of their agency's drone program. The following equipment was purchased using authorized forfeiture funds from the DEA asset forfeiture program. DJI Mavic 3 Thermal - \$5,604.30, DJI Mavic 3 Battery Kit - \$642.52, DJI Avata Public Safety Package - \$2,025.00. Additional items purchased with Milton Police Department General Funds: Spare Propellers for Avata - \$9.00, 4x Aurora A1 flashlights for Avata - \$111.80, DJI Avata Flymore Battery Kit - \$279.00. The total of all costs was \$8671.62.

***Attached:** Appendix (A) – Vermont State Police UAS Activations 2023

Appendix (B) – Burlington Police Department UAS Activations 2023

Appendix (C) – Milton Police Department UAS Activations 2023

Appendix A - Vermont State Police UAS Activations 2023

Number	Date	Location	Description of Incident	Assist Agency	Which Agency?	Classification
1	1/5/2023	Cambridge	Mapped two-vehicle head-on crash with injuries	N	N	CRT
2	1/4/2023	Irasburg	Fire scene photography	N	N/A	BCI
3	1/9/2023	Hardwick	TSU activation for barricaded suspect	Y	Hardwick PD	Tactical
4	1/13/2023	Westmore	TSU search warrant	N	Westmore	Tactical
5	1/17/2023	Castleton	Fire Scene photography	N	N/A	BCI
6	1/31/2023	N. Hyde Park	Mapped vehile crash	N	N/A	CRT
7	2/10/2023	Hartford	Missing person, Quechee George	Y	Hartford PD	SAR
8	2/13/2023	Cambridge	Fire scene photography, building fire	N	N/A	BCI
9	2/14/2023	Sheffield	Mapping fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
10	2/18/2023	E. Fairfield	Mapped fatal motor vehicle crash	N	N/A	CRT
11	2/24/2023	Hartland	Mapped fatal motor vehicle crash	N	N/A	CRT
12	2/27/2023	Hartford	Missing person, Quechee George	Y	Hartford PD	SAR
13	2/27/2023	Rochester	Fire scene photography	N	N/A	BCI
14	3/1/2023	Chester	Fire scene photography	N	N/A	BCI
15	3/8/2023	Richford	Fire Scene Photographs, fatal fire	N	N/A	BCI
16	3/13/2023	Waitsfield	Fire Scene Photographs, injury fire	N	N/A	BCI
17	3/27/2023	Milton	Fire scene photographs	N	N/A	BCI
18	3/28/2023	Fair Haven	Fire Scene Photographs, Fatal fire	N	N/A	BCI
19	3/29/2023	Marshfield	Mapped two vehicle crash	N	N/A	CRT
20	3/29/2023	Moretown	Search for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
21	3/30/2023	Moretown	Search for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
22	3/30/2023	Middlebury	Search For Missing Person in Middelbury	Y	Middlebury	SAR
23	4/2/2023	Berlin	Mapped crash scene	N	N/A	CRT
24	4/3/2023	Brattleboro	Overhead Photos of Homicide Scene	Y	Brattleboro	CSST
25	4/6/2023	Barre City	Fire scene photos	N	N/A	BCI
26	4/20/2023	Morrisville	Drone flights in support of TSU	Y	Morrisville PD	Tactical
27	4/21/2023	Morrisville	Mapping of crime scene	N	N/A	CSST
28	4/25/2023	Fairfax	Activated to search for missing person. Located before arrival.	N	N/A	SAR
29	4/26/2023	Windsor	Activated to search for missing male	Y	Windsor PD	SAR
30	4/29/2023	Burke	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
31	4/30/2023	Fletcher	Activated to search for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
32	5/4/2023	Albany	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
33	5/4/2023	Waterbury	Activated to search for missing persons, located before arrival	N	N/A	SAR
34	5/8/2023	Enosburg	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
35	5/12/2023	Sheldon	Mapped crash scene	N	N/A	CRT
36	5/12/2023	Sheldon	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
37	5/13/2023	Georgia	Mapped fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
38	5/13/2023	Georgia	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
39	5/16/2023	Saint Johnsbury	Mapped scene of crash	N	N/A	CRT
40	5/18/2023	Lowell	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
41	5/19/2023	Ferrisburg	Mapped fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
42	5/19/2023	Fair Haven	TSU Warrant	Y	Fair Haven	Tactical
43	5/22/2023	Belvidere	Mapped scene crash	N	N/A	CRT
44	5/24/2023	Middlesex	Deployed with SAR for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
45	5/25/2023	Swanton	Mapped scene of crash	N	N/A	CRT
46	5/25/2023	Fairlee	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
47	5/26/2023	Newark	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
48	5/27/2023	Brandon	Mapped Scene of Fatal Crash	Y	Brandon PD	CRT
49	6/5/2023	Leicester	Mapped homicide scene	N	N/A	CSST
50	6/13/2023	Dorset	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
51	6/15/2023	Lowell	Mapped scene of residence reference fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
52	6/18/2023	Huntington	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
53	6/30/2023	Middlebury	TSU activation for barricaded suspect	Y	Middlebury	Tactical
54	7/4/2023	Rutland City	Mapped crime scene	Y	Rutland City	CSST
55	7/7/2023	Rutland City	Mapped Scene of On-Duty Officer Fatal	Y	Rutland City	CRT
56	7/12/2023	Winhall	Mapped scene of Crash	Y	Winhall	CRT
57	7/19/2023	Hartland	Assist to HAZ Mat locating debris at Hartland Dam	Y	VT Haz-Mat	Tactical
58	7/20/2023	Rutland City	Follow-Up Photos For CRT RPD On Duty Officer Fatal	Y	Rutland City	CRT
59	7/24/2023	Colchester	Mapped scene of fatal crash	Y	Colchester	CRT
60	7/24/2023	Mendon	Mapped scene of Fatal Crash	N	N/A	CRT
61	7/29/2023	Royalton	SAR for missing person from Royalton	Y	Royalton	SAR
62	7/31/2023	East Montpelier	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
63	8/2/2023	Brattleboro	Overhead Photos of Homicide Scene	Y	Brattleboro	CSST
64	8/4/2023	Troy	Fire scene aerial photos	N	N/A	BCI
65	8/5/2023	St. Johnsbury	Overhead Photos of Double Shooting Scene	Y	St. J. PD	CSST
66	8/5/2023	Danville	Overhead Photos of Homicide Scene	N	N/A	CSST
67	8/8/2023	Jay	Overhead Photos for Major Crimes	N	N/A	CSST
68	8/8/2023	Lyndon	TSU activation for warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
69	8/8/2023	St. Johnsbury	TSU activation flight subject fled from car	N	N/A	Tactical
70	8/17/2023	Brattleboro	TSU activation for ATF warrant	Y	ATF	Tactical
71	8/21/2023	Montgomery	Activated to look for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
72	8/24/2023	Randolph	Mapped Fatal/Injury crash	N	N/A	CRT
73	8/24/2023	Newport City	Search for crimial suspect	Y	Newport PD	Tactical
74	8/28/2023	Jamaica	Mapped crash	N	N/A	CRT

75	9/2/2023	Whitingham	Overhead Photos of Homicide Scene	N	N/A	CSST
76	9/4/2023	Groton	UAS to assist dive in locating missing boater	N	N/A	SAR
77	9/4/2023	Groton	UAS flight to assist dive with locating missing boater	N	N/A	SAR
78	9/6/2023	St. Johnsbury	TSU search warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
79	9/6/2023	Hardwick	Mapped scene of Fatal pedestrian crash	Y	Hardwick PD	CRT
80	9/7/2023	Williamstown	Mapped scene of Crash	N	N/A	CRT
81	9/7/2023	Ferrisburgh	Mapped scene of crash	N	N/A	CRT
82	9/9/2023	Westmore	SAR for missing subject	N	N/A	SAR
83	9/11/2023	St. Johnsbury	TSU activation	N	N/A	Tactical
84	9/11/2023	Quechee	Mapped Scene of crash	Y	Hartford	CRT
85	9/12/2023	Clarendon	Fire scene aerial photos	N	N/A	BCI
86	9/15/2023	Derby Line	Bomb Squad activation for bomb threat at Port of Entry	Y	USCBP	Tactical
87	9/16/2023	Waltham	Overhead Photos of Homicide Scene	N	N/A	CSST
88	9/19/2023	Charlotte	UAS assist to locate suspected Burglary Suspect	Y	Vergennes PD	Tactical
89	9/23/2023	Morristown	Mapped fatal motorcycle crash	Y	Morrisville PD	CRT
90	10/1/2023	Clarendon	Mapped fatal motorcycle crash	N	N/A	CRT
91	10/2/2023	Highgate	Fire scene aerial photos	N	N/A	BCI
92	10/5/2023	Castleton	Overhead Photographs of Homicide Scene	Y	Castleton PD	CSST
93	10/5/2023	Castleton	UAS assist to locate Homicide suspect	Y	Castleton PD	Tactical
94	10/6/2023	Castleton	UAS standby for MCU	Y	Castleton PD	Tactical
95	10/7/2023	Milton	Serious Bodily Injury Crash / Mapped scene	Y	Milton PD	CRT
96	10/8/2023	Baltimore	Search for Lost Person	N	N/A	SAR
97	10/10/2023	Hartford	Crash scene mapping	N	N/A	CRT
98	10/12/2023	Mendon	Mapped fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
99	10/13/2023	Plymouth	Fire Scene mapping/photos	N	N/A	BCI
100	10/14/2023	Newport Town	UAS search for homicide suspect	N	N/A	Tactical
101	10/15/2023	Clarendon	Search for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
102	10/18/2023	Hartland	SAR missing person	N	N/A	SAR
103	10/18/2023	Cambridge	Mapped scene of crash	N	N/A	CRT
104	10/23/2023	Rutland Town	Bomb Squad disposal of dynamite	Y	Rutland	Tactical
105	10/24/2023	Barton	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
106	10/27/2023	Athens	SAR missing person	N	N/A	SAR
107	10/27/2023	Marshfield	Mapped Scene of serious bodily crash	N	N/A	CRT
108	10/28/2023	Castleton	Mapped Scene of serious bodily injury crash	Y	Castleton PD	CRT
109	10/28/2023	Killington	Mapped Scene of Fatal crash	Y	Killington PD	CRT
110	10/27/2023	Brookfield	Mapped Scene of serious bodily injury crash	N	N/A	CRT
111	10/28/2023	Plainfield	Overhead Photographs of Homicide Scene	N	N/A	CSST
112	10/30/2023	Berlin	TSU MCU Homicide Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
113	10/25/2023	Sandgate	TSU assist to NYSF for shooting suspect	Y	NYSF	Tactical
114	10/27/2023	Brownington	TSU MCU Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
115	10/19/2023	Plattsburgh, NY	Bomb Squad assist to NYSF for incident	Y	NYSF	Tactical
116	11/1/2023	Richford	Mapped crash with Serious bodily injury	N	N/A	CRT
117	10/24/2023	Hartford	TSU assist to HPD for barricaded subject with warrant	Y	Hartford	Tactical
118	10/25/2023	Albany	Searched for homicide victims and then mapped dump sites	N	N/A	CSST
119	10/31/2023	Westfield	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
120	11/7/2023	Morrisville	TSU search warrant for MCU	N	N/A	Tactical
121	11/7/2023	Morrisville	Assisted CSST with mapping house during search warrant	N	N/A	CSST
122	4/28/2023	Washington	Overhead Flight During Warrant Execution For Missing Person	N	N/A	CSST
123	11/8/2023	Hardwick	Assist with apprehansion of attempted murder suspect	Y	N/A	Tactical
124	11/2/2023	Montpelier	Fire Scene Mapping	N	N/A	BCI
125	11/16/2023	Woodstock	Mapped scene of serious injury crash	Y	Woodstock PD	CRT
126	11/14/2023	Readsboro	TSU call for search/arrest warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
127	11/19/2023	Highgate	Reported Crash with severe injuries, operator in the woods	N	N/A	SAR
128	11/30/2023	Pittsford	Mapped Scene of SBI Crash in Pittsford For CRT	N	N/A	CRT
129	12/1/2023	Highgate	Mapped Crash scene / reckless endangerment	N	N/A	CSST
130	12/1/2023	Saint Albans	Assist to TSU during search warrant	Y	Saint Albans City	Tactical
131	12/4/2023	New Haven	TSU Search Warrant	N	N/A	Tactical
132	12/7/2023	Rutland Town	Mapped Scene of crash	Y	Rutland Town PD	CRT
133	12/12/2023	Barton	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
134	12/17/2023	Washington	Overhead Photographs of a crime scene	N	N/A	CSST
135	12/15/2023	St. Albans City	Assist to TSU during search warrant	Y	Franklin County Sheriffs	Tactical
136	12/21/2023	St. Johnsbury	TSU search warrant for BCI	N	N/A	Tactical
137	12/8/2023	Brattleboro	TSU search warrant for NIU	N	N/A	Tactical
138	12/20/2023	Montpelier	UAS assist to FD for missing person in river	Y	Montpelier FD	SAR
139	11/8/2023	Whitingham	TSU activation for shooting	N	N/A	Tactical
140	11/25/2023	Killington	UAS standby for World Cup	Y	Killington PD	Tactical
141	11/26/2023	Killington	UAS standby for World Cup	Y	Killington PD	Tactical
142	12/14/2023	Fairfield	SAR for missing subject in woods	N	N/A	SAR
143	12/15/2023	Randolph	Wreaths Accross America	Y	Veterens Cemetary	Media
144	12/20/2023	Tunbridge	Non-fatal shooting for BCI (warrant)	N	N/A	CSST
145	11/26/2023	Bethel, VT	Search residence for suspect believed to be inside	Y	Windsor CSD	Tactical
146	12/25/2023	Bridport, VT	Mapped scene of fatal crash	N	N/A	CRT
147	3/30/2023	Middlebury, VT	Search for missing person	Y	MPD	SAR
148	4/21/2023	Morrisville, VT	Assist TSU	Y	Morrisville PD	Tactical
149	12/25/2023	Swanton	Search for missing person	N	N/A	SAR
150	7/5/2023	Granby	mapped scene of fatal motorcycle crash	N	N/A	CRT

151	11/3/2023	Stannard	Fatal Fire Scene	N	N/A	BCI
152	12/10/2023	Morrisville, VT	Fire Investigation	Y	Morrisville PD	BCI
153	10/15/2023	Newport, VT	photos for homicide	N	N/A	CSST
154	10/16/2023	Wheelock, VT	Mapping for homicide	N	N/A	CSST
155	10/27/2023	Brownington, VT	photos for homicide	N	N/A	CSST
156	10/25/2023	Washington, VT	Overhead flight for body recovery scene	N	N/A	CSST
157	10/31/2023	Berlin, VT	Overhead flight for homicide scene	N	N/A	CSST
158	11/17/2023	Hartford, VT	Overhead flight for shooting incident	Y	Hartford PD	CSST
159	11/20/2023	Colchester, VT	Overhead flight and mapping for shooting incident	Y	Colchester PD	CSST

Appendix (B)

Burlington Police Department UAS Activations - 2023

Case Number	Date	Location	UAS Pilot	Type of Operation	Collected Data	Photos	Video	Warrant
23BU019653	8/30/2023	Rockpoint/Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT	Yeh, Kratochvil	Search/rescue	Yes	20	29	No



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****Complete the following for each use of the sUAS. Briefly describe the nature and extent of 3rd party data which may have been collected during the course of any investigations. A full reading of the statute pertaining to reporting is included on the final page of this document. Record all required information for each incident under the call description section. A full report is not required for this document and can be referenced in the full incident report.****

1. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 11-28-23 23MT006270 Search and Rescue Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No N/A

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

Complainant called to report having been assaulted. Complainant was extremely intoxicated, advised he was lost in the woods and was having seizures. Complainant was unable to self-ambulate out of the woods and kept having seizures while on the phone with Ofc. Raymond. The UAS was used to locate the subject in approximately 1 minute from time of launch due to medical and exposure concerns. Ground units were able to exfiltrate the complainant, who continued to have seizures while being carried out of the woods. Complainant was transported to UVMMC for medical treatment.

2. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

3. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

4. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

5. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

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 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

8. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

9. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

10. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

11. Date Incident # Call Type Warrant Obtained? Arrest? 3rd Party Data?
 _____ _____ _____ Yes No Yes No Yes No
 Assist Agency? Which Agency?
 Yes No

Brief Call Description and Outcome:

• **Chapter 205 : Drones**

(Cite as: 20 V.S.A. § 4624)

• **§ 4624. Reports**

(a) On or before September 1 of each year, any law enforcement agency that has used a drone within the previous 12 months shall report the following information to the Department of Public Safety:



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