

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2021-01513 CFANO
2021-01099 CFANO

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

CORNELIUS TREVON WHITFIELD

Defendant.

TAKEN BY: Defendant
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DEPOSITION OF
SERGEANT BRIAN E BURTON

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P R O C E E D I N G S

WHEREUPON,

SERGEANT BRIAN E BURTON

the deponent herein, being first duly sworn, was
examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. SEIFER-SMITH:

Q Can you please state your name for the
record?

A Brian Burton.

Q We're here in the matters of Cornelius
Whitfield. We have two court case numbers. They're
21-01099 CF and 21-01513 CF. We have a St. Petersburg
police case number of 2021-6023, which is probably on
the report in front of you.

A Correct.

Q Does that sound familiar?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Can you tell me what, if anything, you
reviewed in connection with this case before being
sworn in by our court reporter?

A My supplement.

Q Was there anything else that you looked at,
any conversations you had with colleagues?

1 A I glanced at -- there's an associated report
2 for an incident. I think it happened around Emerald
3 Point Apartments. I saw that I did not have a
4 supplement to that one.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Because I got two subpoenas with two
7 different case numbers on them. And I did have
8 involvement, I don't have a police report on it, in
9 the first one, which is 21-4037, our case number. And
10 that was just surveillance on the same house where the
11 later occurred incident occurred trying to pick up
12 Whitfield.

13 Q So it sounds like once you received the
14 subpoenas you looked up the case numbers and they kind
15 of jogged your memory in terms of what your
16 involvement was in both cases?

17 A That's fair.

18 Q Okay. My name is Julia Seifer-Smith. I'm an
19 assistant public defender, together with Margaret
20 Russell and Lamark McGreen we represent Mr. Cornelius
21 Whitfield. Present from the state are Tony Bradlow
22 and Tom Koskinas.

23 I don't think we've spoken before. Do you
24 mind giving me kind of a brief rundown of your
25 professional history?

1 A I've been with St. Pete police since
2 September of 2005. I served in patrol, as a field
3 training officer. Street Crimes Unit from 2008 to
4 2016. S.W.A.T. from 2008 until present. I'm still a
5 member of that. I was promoted to sergeant in 2016.
6 Served as patrol sergeant. Filed training sergeant.
7 I was the High Liability Training Unit sergeant for a
8 period of three years. Downtown deployment. Special
9 Investigations Unit, which is where I was assigned
10 during this incident. Collaterally S.W.A.T. at the
11 same time. And I'm currently in the Auto Theft Unit.

12 Q When did you join auto theft?

13 A I've been in auto theft since March of this
14 year.

15 Q How's that going?

16 A It's busy.

17 Q I imagine. So in this case it sounds like
18 you had some involvement at the beginning, or from the
19 beginning of February, and then it really culminated
20 on February 16th with S.W.A.T., does that sound about
21 right?

22 A That's fair.

23 Q With regards to Mr. Whitfield I mean under
24 kind of both case numbers.

25 A That's fair.

1 Q Okay. Can you tell me how you initially got
2 involved in the cases involving Mr. Whitfield?

3 A So, first of all, I was assigned to SIU,
4 which is essentially a surveillance unit.

5 Q Right.

6 A Homicide reached out to us through our chain
7 of command about trying to locate Whitfield believing
8 he was at this house at 2068 Emerson Avenue South.
9 They had charges on him for murder and attempted
10 murder. We were on that for a period of days without
11 locating him and, you know, eventually just moved on.

12 Q Can you tell me what you remember receiving
13 from homicide regarding Mr. Whitfield, like what kind
14 of information?

15 A Just a very brief summary of the case and
16 like the circumstances surrounding it.

17 Q You obviously were given a name and
18 potentially an address, or do you do your own
19 research?

20 A Name, address that they believed, the
21 detectives believed he was at, photographs. We do
22 some of our own research too to see if we can find
23 more photographs. That's all typical. I don't
24 remember if we found anything additional that we
25 hadn't already been given in this case.

1 Q The address that you were given or that you I
2 guess associated with him, was that the 2968 Emerson?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. Any other addresses that you either
5 were given or that you discovered through your own
6 research?

7 A Probably, but I don't remember. It's very
8 typical to have a laundry list of prior addresses when
9 you're trying to go find somebody.

10 Q And do you know if you received any other
11 kind of information like cellphone, location data,
12 cell numbers, like associates?

13 A I don't remember if any of that came into
14 play in this case.

15 Q Okay. And in terms of like your recollection
16 of the surveillance, and I understand that we're like
17 four years out here and you didn't write a report
18 associated with that work, but do you recall if it was
19 just that particular Emerson Avenue address that you
20 were kind of posted up at or if you went to other
21 locations?

22 A The only one I remember is that location and
23 we were on it on shifts around the clock for a period
24 of days. So that's the only address that I remember
25 spending time at.

1 Q That's fair. Do you remember what kind of
2 observations you made at that location, like if you
3 saw anybody going in and out and who those people
4 might have been?

5 A There was some activity of a handful of
6 people coming and going. It was fairly quiet from the
7 house itself as I recall. It was pretty standard
8 practice for us when somebody leaves we would get eyes
9 on them, and if it's not the person we're looking for
10 we're done with it. So there was some of that.

11 Q Any kind of contact with any neighbors or
12 anybody who was seen like coming or going from the
13 home?

14 A I had no contact with any neighbors or I
15 didn't speak to anybody, just surveillance.

16 Q Would that have been something that was done
17 by SIU or not necessarily?

18 A No, that's not something they typically do.

19 Q And do you recall if you were on the dayshift
20 or nightshift?

21 A I was assigned to dayshift, yeah.

22 Q And you said it was like around the clock so
23 like 24 hours a day --

24 A Yeah. I don't remember how the shift split
25 started, but when we go to twelves sometimes it's just

1 reactive to-- we might be dayshift, but depending on
2 how it started that shift change might be four in the
3 morning, so you're working a combination of day and
4 night when that happens.

5 Q But your recollection in terms of the
6 surveillance was that somebody from your unit was
7 looking at the house for 24 hours a day?

8 A Yes.

9 Q For a period of time?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And do you know why you stopped watching the
12 house?

13 A No. I mean, I don't know exactly why they
14 decided we're not gonna continue this around the clock
15 thing on this house. I don't know if it was based on
16 information or just we had spent enough time and not
17 seen him. Not my call.

18 Q Okay. That was my question. Not your call?

19 A Right.

20 Q Okay. Do you know whose call it was?

21 A I don't.

22 Q You were just told like you can stand down,
23 no need to watch the house anymore?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Do you remember when that decision was made?

1 A No.

2 Q Do you remember when you were notified about
3 that decision?

4 A No.

5 Q Do you recall if it was like close in time to
6 February 16th?

7 A I would say within a week. I think most of
8 the surveillance took place a week prior to this.

9 Q And so any other involvement with like
10 generally like the Cornelius Whitfield investigation
11 between like when you were told you don't need to look
12 at 2968 Emerson and then when you got this call on
13 February 16th regarding S.W.A.T.?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. So how did you become kind of re
16 involved on the 16th, how did that happen?

17 A There was a S.W.A.T. activation on the 16th
18 at 4:11 p.m.

19 Q What is that?

20 A That is an alert sent from our communication
21 center. It's generally triggered by the watch
22 commander, which is patrol, highest ranking patrol
23 member on a given shift. And if whatever they're
24 dealing with they feel like it's a high risk incident,
25 they activate the S.W.A.T. team. They tell comm

1 center. Comm center pushes out an alert to all of our
2 work phones, tells us where to respond to.

3 Q What time was it that you received this --

4 A 4:11 p.m.

5 Q And do you recall getting any kind of
6 information about what the high risk situation was?

7 A I was on duty at the time so I recall
8 getting -- we were actually in the middle of S.W.A.T.
9 training, or just finished S.W.A.T. training as it
10 turns out. I remember getting very brief information
11 just based on like CAD notes and what chatter I could
12 hear on the effected radio channel that there were
13 multiple people shot. I recognized the address
14 immediately and kind a assumed that it was gonna be
15 related to Whitfield just because I had been sitting
16 on surveillance there for the whole week prior.

17 I'm sorry, what's the question that you were
18 driving at in the first place here?

19 Q That's a great question. I don't remember.
20 I was just wondering what the information was that you
21 had received. It sounds like you just told me.

22 And so once you get that kind of high risk
23 call out what, I guess not generally, but specifically
24 in this case what did you do?

25 A So the location that we were directed to

1 respond to was a field command post, which often times
2 is just an intersection. It was in this case. I
3 don't remember exactly what street we formed up on and
4 met with the S.W.A.T. commander, which is Lieutenant
5 Haemmelmann, but it was west of the house by about a
6 block.

7 So basically as soon as I got on scene there
8 I got assigned to you're taking these three guys and
9 plan on going up and entering the house because
10 there's people supposedly shot and potentially a child
11 still inside.

12 Q And those three people are the ones listed in
13 your report?

14 A Correct.

15 Q You can just -- I'm not certain of
16 pronunciations for all of them. Can you tell me who
17 those people are?

18 A Yeah. So J Heer. That's Joseph Heer. And
19 then Michael Bauer. And then Michael Geil who just
20 walked out. I think he must have been here, the
21 previous witness.

22 Q Yeah. So that means that the four of you
23 were on a team, like you were gonna be doing the same
24 kind of thing together; is that right?

25 A Yeah, the four of us were together as one

1 group. And initially we were the ones being sent to
2 the house with the plan of making entry.

3 Q And did you receive -- I'm sorry. You told
4 me that Lieutenant Haemmelmann had explained that
5 there were some gunshot victims, not sure about their
6 situation.

7 Did you know from him where that information
8 had come from?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. And so what did you decide do at that
11 point?

12 A What I was told to do is move up to the house
13 with the armored vehicle called the Rook.

14 Q Is this what Haemmelmann told you to do?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. So tell me about that, like what
17 you're seeing and what you're hearing?

18 A Well we rode, we actually rode on the Rook,
19 which is like a tractor, down an alley up to the west
20 side of the house.

21 Q Were you able to see into the house at this
22 point?

23 A No.

24 Q Could you hear anything coming from the
25 house?

1 A No.

2 Q What happened next?

3 A So we positioned, got off the thing, and
4 positioned kind of at the north west side of the
5 house, or at least I personally did. So myself and
6 Geil were at that kind of north west corner of the
7 property, and Bauer and Heer were off a little bit
8 further to our east also on the north side of the
9 property.

10 And then the operator of the Rook vehicle
11 went up and started raking the front of the house and
12 sides of the house.

13 Q What does that mean, raking?

14 A Tearing out building material to expose
15 openings so that we can see inside without walking
16 through a doorway and getting shot.

17 Q So is that what happened, the Rook started to
18 tear apart the house?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Were you able to see in the home at that
21 point?

22 A From my perspective, yes. I had a view of
23 the front I guess would be north side of the house. I
24 mean, just like basically the whole wall raked out and
25 torn out.

1 Q What could you see in the home?

2 A Just real messy. I didn't see any people
3 moving for a period of time.

4 Q When you say real messy, was that debris from
5 the wall or just debris in the home or could you not
6 really--

7 A Probably a combination. I don't know what it
8 looks like on a normal basis. I've never been in that
9 place before. I've only seen the outside during
10 surveillance.

11 Q But your impression at that point was that it
12 was messy?

13 A Yes. I was thinking this is gonna be
14 challenging to move about if we do have to--

15 Q Go in.

16 A -- go in there.

17 Q And you said no people viewable at that
18 point; is that right?

19 A No.

20 Q What happened next?

21 A There was some PA announcements given over
22 our armored truck, which pulled up after the Rook.
23 This is a scramble. Stuff's arriving on scene as
24 quick as it can. So shortly after we got there with
25 the tractor vehicle, another vehicle, which is a big

1 armored truck, pulled up and we took cover behind that
2 because it was better than where we were. Somebody in
3 that started giving verbal commands over the PA system
4 to the house, you know, naming the suspect Whitfield
5 to come out of the house. And, you know, after a
6 short period of time he did present himself through
7 that big open front area on the side of the house that
8 had been torn open.

9 Q Can you describe what you saw? You said he
10 presented himself. Tell me what you saw.

11 A He just walked out and he was generally
12 compliant.

13 Q Generally compliant. What do you mean?

14 A I mean, like he was following the
15 instructions probably as best as he could. Again, it
16 was very difficult to move through that space. No
17 weapons seen, hands presented.

18 Q It sounds like he was kind of immediately
19 identifiable to you as Cornelius Whitfield?

20 A Yeah, I recognized him just from all the
21 photos I looked at of him and the tattoos and stuff.
22 He was shirtless at the time. He was wearing like a
23 Covid mask thing so I couldn't see his face entirely
24 but I certainly knew that was him.

25 Q And I should have asked this earlier, but

1 when you were initially given that kind of packet from
2 homicide to do surveillance, was his name or his face
3 familiar to you from any other kind of investigations
4 that you had done with the department?

5 A Not that I recall.

6 Q So when you say he was recognizable to you,
7 it's just from like the week or so prior that you had
8 received this info?

9 A Right. I spent like a whole week on 12 hour
10 shifts just looking for this one person.

11 Q So he makes his way out. It appears as
12 those he's following the instructions. His hands are
13 up. He's cooperating. Do you hear anything coming
14 from Whitfield, like any words, any noises?

15 A No.

16 Q And you said I think he was wearing like a
17 Covid style mask at that point; is that right?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q So part of his face was covered?

20 A Right.

21 Q The part of his face that you could see,
22 anything remarkable about it, like were you able to
23 see any expressions?

24 A He looked real calm to me for the
25 circumstances.

1 Q What do you mean?

2 A Very calm. As calm as you and I are right
3 now.

4 Q So like not crying, not tearful?

5 A No, not a bit.

6 Q Just seems like no emotion; is that right?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And you didn't hear him say; is that right?

9 A No.

10 Q You described him like coming out of the
11 home. About how far out of the home did he come?

12 A Almost to the street. There was a treeline,
13 a car parked in the treeline just like adjacent to the
14 curb of the roadway. He was directed all the way out
15 to basically the back of that car and proned out.

16 Q So him coming all the way out there was still
17 like pursuant to directions that he had been given?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. At the point that he makes it to that
20 car, what happened next?

21 A He was placed in handcuffs.

22 Q By whom?

23 A Bauer.

24 Q So you saw this happen?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And handcuffs in front, handcuffs behind?

2 A Back.

3 Q Standing up or --

4 A Prone. He was proned out before we even
5 approached him. So he's laying face down, his arms
6 out to this sides like this.

7 Q Was that pursuant to a direction that was
8 given to him?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Who gave that direction?

11 A I gave some. The BearCat operator, whoever
12 is talking on the PA prior to that, got him close
13 enough to us to give like direct verbal commands. I
14 can't remember if anybody else was yelling. That's
15 pretty typical too.

16 Q Okay. And you said it was Detective Bauer
17 who put the handcuffs on him while he was proned; is
18 that right?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q And at the point, or up until the point that
21 the handcuffs are put on Mr. Whitfield, it sounds as
22 though he was cooperative throughout, like responding
23 to directions; is that right?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And you had not heard anything come from him

1 mouth at that time?

2 A Nope.

3 Q Once Detective Bauer put him in handcuffs
4 were you still able to observe what was happening with
5 him?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So you were still like right up there like
8 watching them?

9 A I was touching him, yes.

10 Q Where were you touching him?

11 A Initially on his left arm.

12 Q With what part of your body?

13 A My foot initially and then my knee until he
14 was totally in the handcuffs and we stood him up.

15 Q Did he like move around under you at all?

16 A Not really.

17 Q Okay. And was there anybody else who was
18 touching him at that time?

19 A Bauer.

20 Q Bauer. Okay. And then who stood him up?

21 A The two of us together.

22 Q And what happened next?

23 A We did a cursory search of him for weapons.

24 Q Can you tell me how you did that?

25 A I'm not trying to be smart about it, but with

1 my hands going through his pockets, patting him down
2 feeling for weapons, removing items from his pockets.

3 Q Did you find any weapons?

4 A A pocket knife.

5 Q Do you remember where that was?

6 A His right side pants pocket. He was wearing
7 like black pants or dark color pants.

8 Q Was anything else removed from his pockets?

9 A Some rings, some money. I made notes of what
10 I took off of him in the report. He had some jewelry
11 rings, some cash, pocket knife, his socks.

12 Q Okay.

13 A His shoes.

14 Q And what was done with those things?

15 A They were placed on the back of that car I
16 referenced a moment ago, at least at that moment in
17 time just right on the trunk of it.

18 Q And was the intention for you to take custody
19 of those items or for somebody else?

20 A Initially Bauer said that he would bag them.
21 None of us-- I mean, so just as a matter of routine
22 when we're out there with the S.W.A.T. team, we are
23 not gonna take custody of anybody and transport them.
24 So what happened was some uniform officers were called
25 up to where we were and they took custody of him.

1 Q Your report says several jewelry rings. Was
2 it just rings or was it several items of jewelry; what
3 do you remember?

4 A Just rings.

5 Q Do you remember how many?

6 A No.

7 Q And everything was in the front right pocket?

8 A Everything that I touched, yes.

9 Q And was there anything that you recall being
10 taken out of any other pockets by anybody else?

11 A I couldn't tell you exactly what, but Bauer
12 was on the other side of his body. I was on his right
13 side and Bauer was standing on his left side doing the
14 same thing I am on his left side of his body.

15 Q So Bauer's the person to ask about that?

16 A Correct. I'm not aware of anybody else being
17 involved in any searches at that moment in time.
18 Whoever took custody of him should do a more thorough
19 search again. But I wasn't there for that.

20 Q And you said the cursory search was just kind
21 of preliminary to make sure that he didn't have any
22 weapons on him; is that right?

23 A Correct. We are not gonna pass custody of a
24 prisoner to somebody with a weapon on them. It's a
25 matter of routine. So that's our man focus.

1 Q During the course of that like physical
2 search, did he say anything, make any noise?

3 A Nothing.

4 Q His mask was removed by you.

5 A Yes.

6 Q So you were able to see his full face?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Can you tell me anything more about his face,
9 like any change in expression or still just the
10 calmness that you described earlier?

11 A Very calm. And obviously seeing his face
12 just confirmed his identity to me.

13 Q And what happened next?

14 A He was left with Bauer and the patrol
15 officers that came up to take custody of him.
16 Rodriguez was one of them. There's multiple Rodriguez
17 but it's Marceline Rodriguez. I don't think he works
18 for us anymore.

19 I went in the house to check on the rest of
20 the group and we were directed to leave.

21 Q Any other observations in the home that you
22 think are notable?

23 A I mean, there were dead people inside.

24 Q You saw them?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Where did you see them?

2 A That messy living room area that I referenced
3 before.

4 Q Everybody was in the living room?

5 A As I can recall. I didn't spend much time in
6 there. The people that were already in there before
7 me told me that there's nobody that needs any medical
8 treatment. We're not moving anybody. So a brief
9 moment, then we left.

10 Q Did you observe during your like short time
11 in the house, did you observe anything that you
12 thought might have evidentiary value to the case?

13 A No.

14 Q And during this time I know that some patrol
15 officers already had body worn cameras. Did S.W.A.T.
16 have body worn cameras?

17 A I really don't remember. This is about the
18 time that -- this is about the time that we were
19 transitioning to body cams. If I had one at this
20 point I haven't reviewed it, or at least not recently.
21 I don't even remember if I have body cams submitted
22 for this.

23 Q And candidly--

24 A We put it in the report when we do it.

25 Q I didn't see anything in your report, and I

1 went on to evidence.com and I didn't see anything for
2 you. So it sounds like that's not an error, it was
3 just that you all didn't have those at that time?

4 A We didn't them or didn't have them worn.
5 Again, we were finishing up a training day when this
6 kicked off, and it was a pretty chaotic scramble. So
7 there's probably pieces of gear missing. If we did
8 have body cameras it wouldn't surprise me that mine
9 just didn't make it out of where ever it was being
10 stored on my kit.

11 Q Okay.

12 A That's as much as I remember.

13 Q Besides your contact with Mr. Whitfield, any
14 contact with any other civilians?

15 A Not that I remember. Are you talking about
16 people in the neighborhood?

17 Q Yeah, people in the neighborhood, family,
18 anything like that?

19 A No, I don't remember having any conversations
20 out there aside from police.

21 Q Was there a debrief associated with this
22 case?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Were you a part of that?

25 A I'm sure I was. I don't remember much about

1 it.

2 Q Do you remember where it was?

3 A No.

4 Q And would it have been a S.W.A.T. debrief or
5 an SIU debrief or both?

6 A This would have been a S.W.A.T.. This is
7 just a matter of routine when we -- like before we
8 leave our shift after one of these we get together and
9 see if there's anything we need to discuss. Frankly,
10 argue with each other about stuff people did that was
11 mishandled or could have been done better. It's
12 basically a training debrief usually. And a report
13 number is usually given at that time if we have one so
14 people know where to park their documents.

15 Q Got it. Do you recall anything being
16 discussed in terms of what could have been done
17 differently or better?

18 A Nothing that noteworthy, no.

19 Q And I understand in addition to like the
20 Rook, the BearCat, that you all have access to some
21 special equipment like drones and things.

22 Do you know if any of those were used?

23 A Yeah, I know there's drone video of this.
24 I've seen it since in various training events and
25 whatnot.

1 Q Okay. How many drones?

2 A That I don't know. I know for sure there's
3 one because I've seen video from it that captures most
4 of what I described.

5 Q And obviously you weren't the drone operator?

6 A No, but there's at least one positioned at
7 least somewhat north of the house over top of myself
8 and Bauer and Geil and Heer.

9 Q And do you recall any kind of debrief or
10 conversation about like what could have been done
11 differently in terms of like SIU's involvement since
12 there was surveillance at the house?

13 A No. That's -- we're not talking about SIU
14 stuff from a week prior related to the S.W.A.T.
15 debrief. Most of the people on the S.W.A.T. team
16 wouldn't have been aware that there was any
17 surveillance prior to this.

18 Q And there wasn't a separate SIU debrief that
19 you're aware of?

20 A Not that I recall, no. We do the same type
21 of things, training debriefs. I just don't remember
22 talking about this one. We didn't end up catching the
23 guy on surveillance, so...

24 Q I don't think I have any further questions.

25 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Ms. Russell.

1 MS. RUSSELL: No.

2 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: Mr. McGreen.

3 MR. MCGREEN: No.

4 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: State.

5 MR. KOSKINAS: That's it. Thank you, sir.

6 MS. SEIFER-SMITH: We'll reserve your right
7 to read, unless you want to waive. It's up to you.

8 SERGEANT BURTON: No. I'll read.

9 (DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 10:29 A.M.)

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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

I, the undersigned authority, certify that SGT.
BRIAN BURTON; personally appeared before me and was
duly sworn.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 14
day of JUNE, 2025.

Sharon Allbritton

Sharon K. Allbritton

Notary Public
State of Florida
Commission# HH307873
Expires: January 1, 2027

1 STATE OF FLORIDA)

2 COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

3 I, SHARON K. ALLBRITTON certify that I was
4 authorized to and did stenographically report the
5 deposition of SGT. BRIAN BURTON; and that the
6 transcript is a true record of the testimony given by
7 the deponent.

8 I further certify that I am not a relative,
9 employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties,
10 nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'
11 attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am
12 I financially interested in the action.

13 Dated this 14 day of JUNE, 2025.

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