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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 27, 2025

Renée Wunderlich
Director of Public Information

SLED CHARGES TWO RICHLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Justin Alexander Griffin, 29, and Tyhisha Centrell Lyles, 30, with a total of six counts of Vehicle Fraud on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Griffin was charged with Altering, Forging or Counterfeiting a Certificate of Title, and two counts of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle with a Value of \$10,000 or more. Lyles was charged with three counts of Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses.

SLED was requested to assist with the investigation by the Carrollton Police Department in Georgia.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Griffin and Lyles were booked into the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County.

The case will be prosecuted by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010700001

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Upper Township Magistrate

THE STATE

2024-01644-R2

against

Justin Alexander Griffin

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-7024

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 250

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Bridgette L Lott - S01229

Offense: Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert.
of title, reg. card, or license plate

Offense Code: 0535

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-21-0010(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Justin Alexander Griffin
on 2-13-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Upper Township Magistrate
7615 A Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29203

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Upper Township Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant Bridgette L Lott who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Justin Alexander Griffin

did within this county and state on or about 8/20/2024 violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Upper Township Magistrate)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert. of title, reg. card, or license plate

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:The defendant, Justin Griffin, did on August 20, 2024, at the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV), 228 O'Neil
Court, Suite A, Columbia, SC, 29223, in Richland County, apply for and receive South Carolina title number [REDACTED] on
a 2011 Chevrolet Camaro (VIN [REDACTED]). The defendant knowingly concealed material facts on SCDMV Form 400
(Application for Title) while titling the vehicle in the name of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated she never filled out the Form 400. This
warrant is based on SLED Investigation 2024-01644. Affiant and others are witness to prove same.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Upper Township

Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 8/20/2024 defendant Justin Alexander Griffin

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Richland / Upper Township Magistrate) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Vehicle / Altering, forging, or counterfeiting cert. of title, reg. card, or license plate

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me
on 1/27/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Tomothy Clinton Edmond

Judge Code: 7154

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 7615 A Wilson Boulevard

Columbia, SC 29203-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2570

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500032

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

2024-02658

against

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 174

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S04256

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3474

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0260

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Tyhisha Centrell Lyles on 2-13-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Shawn M Ludwig

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

did within this county and state on or about

9/ 3/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about 09/03/2024 in the County of Richland, one Tyhisha Centrell Lyles did commit the crime of obtaining money under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more, in that she knowingly used a counterfeit lien release letter to obtain a clear title at the SCDMV on a 2021 Honda Accord VIN # Lyles then used that title to sell the vehicle to an individual. The lienholder never released the lien on the vehicle. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02658

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 9/ 3/2024

defendant Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 2/ 6/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500030

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

2024-02658

against

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 174

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S04256

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3474

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0260

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant

on

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles
2-13-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Shawn M Ludwig

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

did within this county and state on or about

1/14/2025

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about 1/14/2025 in the County of Richland, one Tyhisha Centrell Lyles did commit the crime of obtaining money under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more, in that she knowingly used a counterfeit lien release letter to obtain a clear title at the SCDMV on a 2021 Honda Accord VIN # [REDACTED] Lyles then used that title to register the vehicle in her name. The lienholder [REDACTED] never released the lien on the vehicle. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02658.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address

P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 1/14/2025

defendant Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 2/ 6/2025

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

(L.S.)

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code:

7397

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500031

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE

2024-02658

against

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 7 Weight: 174

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1994 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S04256

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3474

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0260

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant: Tyhisha Centrell Lyles
on 2-13-25

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Shawn M Ludwig

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

did within this county and state on or about

3/1/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about 03/01/2024 in the County of Richland, one Tyhisha Centrell Lyles did commit the crime of obtaining money under false pretenses, value \$10,000 or more, in that she knowingly used a counterfeit lien release letter to obtain a clear title at the SCDMV on a 2017 Honda Accord VIN # [REDACTED] Lyles then used that title to register the vehicle in her name. The lienholder [REDACTED] never released the lien on the vehicle. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation 2024-02658

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 3/1/2024

defendant Tyhisha Centrell Lyles

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Breach / Breach of trust, obtaining property under false tokens, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 2/6/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500020

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE
against

2024-02658

Justin Alexander Griffin

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 250

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S04256

Offense: Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen
vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3468

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-21-0080

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Shawn M Ludwig

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Justin Alexander Griffin

did within this county and state on or about

10/16/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about 10/16/2024, in the County of Richland, one Justin Alexander Griffin did commit the crime of possession of a
stolen vehicle, in that he did knowingly possess a 2023 Toyota Tacoma, VIN The vehicle was reported
stolen from Carrollton, GA using stolen identity. The vehicle was valued at \$40,000.00. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED
investigation 2024-02658.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/16/2024

defendant Justin Alexander Griffin

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 1/15/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

Judge's Address

Dutch Fork District

Judge's Telephone

(803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 518

ARREST WARRANT

2025A4010500022

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

THE STATE
against

2024-02658.

Justin Alexander Griffin

Address:

Columbia, SC 29223-

Phone: SSN

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 2 Weight: 250

DL State: DL #:

DOB: 1995 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Shawn M Ludwig - S04256

Offense: Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen
vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3468

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-21-0080

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Richland County General Sessions
1701 Main Street
P O Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Shawn M Ludwig

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Justin Alexander Griffin

did within this county and state on or about

10/16/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about 10/16/2024, in the County of Richland, one Justin Alexander Griffin did commit the crime of possession of a stolen
vehicle, in that he did knowingly possess a 2021 Nissan Maxima, VIN The vehicle was reported stolen
from Charlotte, NC using stolen identity. The vehicle was valued at \$20,000.00. Affiant's belief is based upon SLED investigation
2024-02658.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/16/2024

defendant Justin Alexander Griffin

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Richland / Dutch Fork Magistrate

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Vehicle / Poss., conceal, sell., or dispose of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 1/15/2025

Signature of Issuing Judge

Michael David Scott

Judge Code: 7397

(L.S.)

Judge's Address Dutch Fork District

Columbia, SC 29210-

Judge's Telephone (803)576-2540

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

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April 21, 2003
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