

Sexual and Domestic Violence: How Telehealth is Improving Survivor Care

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Define Forensic
Nurse Examiner

02

Articulate the role
of the FNE

03

Understand the
prevalence of
sexual and
domestic violence
in SC

04

Describe how
asynchronous
telehealth is used
in forensic nursing

Objectives

Warning

Due to the nature of today's discussion, graphic language and photos will be used that may be disturbing to some participants.

What is a Forensic Nurse Examiner?

“A forensic nurse is a ***Registered or Advanced Practice Nurse who has received specific education and training.*** Forensic nurses provide specialized care for patients who are experiencing acute and long-term health consequences associated with victimization or violence, and/or have unmet evidentiary needs relative to having been victimized or accused of victimization. In addition, forensic nurses provide consultation and testimony for civil and criminal proceedings relative to nursing practice, care given, and opinions rendered regarding findings. ***Forensic nursing care is not separate and distinct from other forms of medical care, but rather integrated into the overall care needs of individual patients.***”

-International Association of Forensic Nurses



McLeod
Forensic Nurse Examiner Team

Who Are We?

Established in 2022

8 FNEs (4FT and 4PRN)

3 medical directors

24/7/365 coverage

Pee Dee Region

- 9 Counties
- 7 McCleod medical facilities
- Multiple non-McLeod medical facilities
- 34+ law enforcement agencies
- 2 SA/DV shelters
- 3 CACs

SANE Training Program-State-wide

What Do We Do?

The McLeod Health Forensic Nurse Examiner Team delivers compassionate, expert care to victims of violence and neglect by utilizing the most up-to-date, evidence-based, trauma-informed, and patient centered forensic nursing practices.

Benefits



Higher quality
medical-forensic
documentation
& evidence
collection



FNE programs
firmly rooted in
strong forensic
nursing focused
philosophy



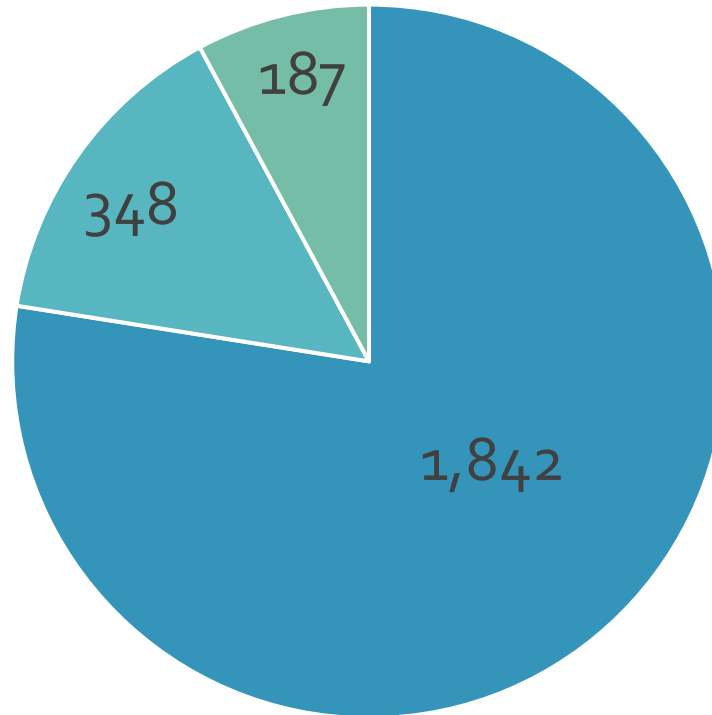
Leads to more
positive criminal
justice outcomes



South Carolina Crime Rates 2022

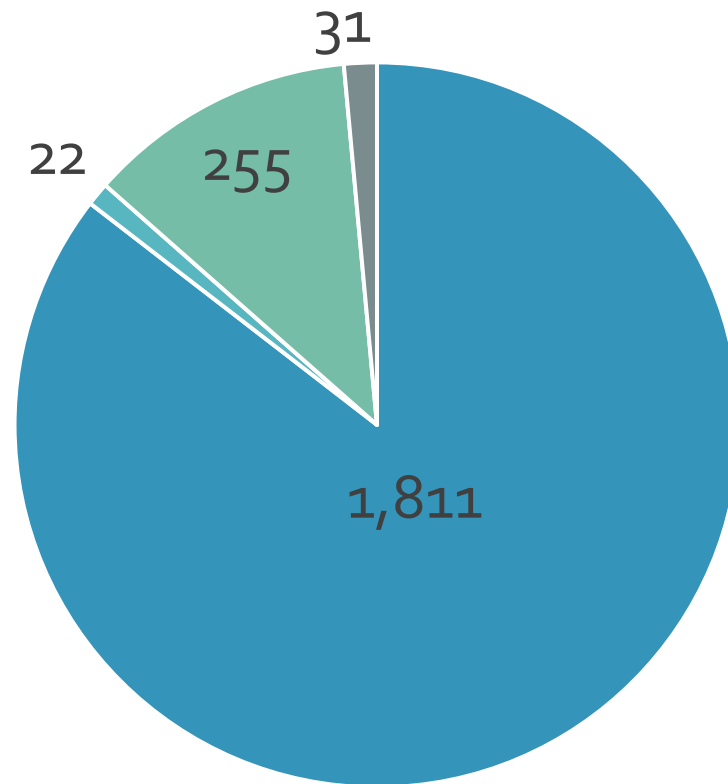
Annual Report
SLED

Sexual Battery - 2,374



■ Forcible rape ■ Sodomy ■ Sexual assault with an object

Other Sexual Violence Crimes Against Persons



■ Forcible fondling ■ Incest ■ Statutory rape ■ HT commercial sex acts

About
1 in 3 and **1 in 4**
women men



report having experienced
severe physical violence
from an intimate partner
in their lifetime.

(CDC, 2022)

About **1 in 5**

women 

and **1 in 13** men



have experienced contact
sexual violence by an
intimate partner.

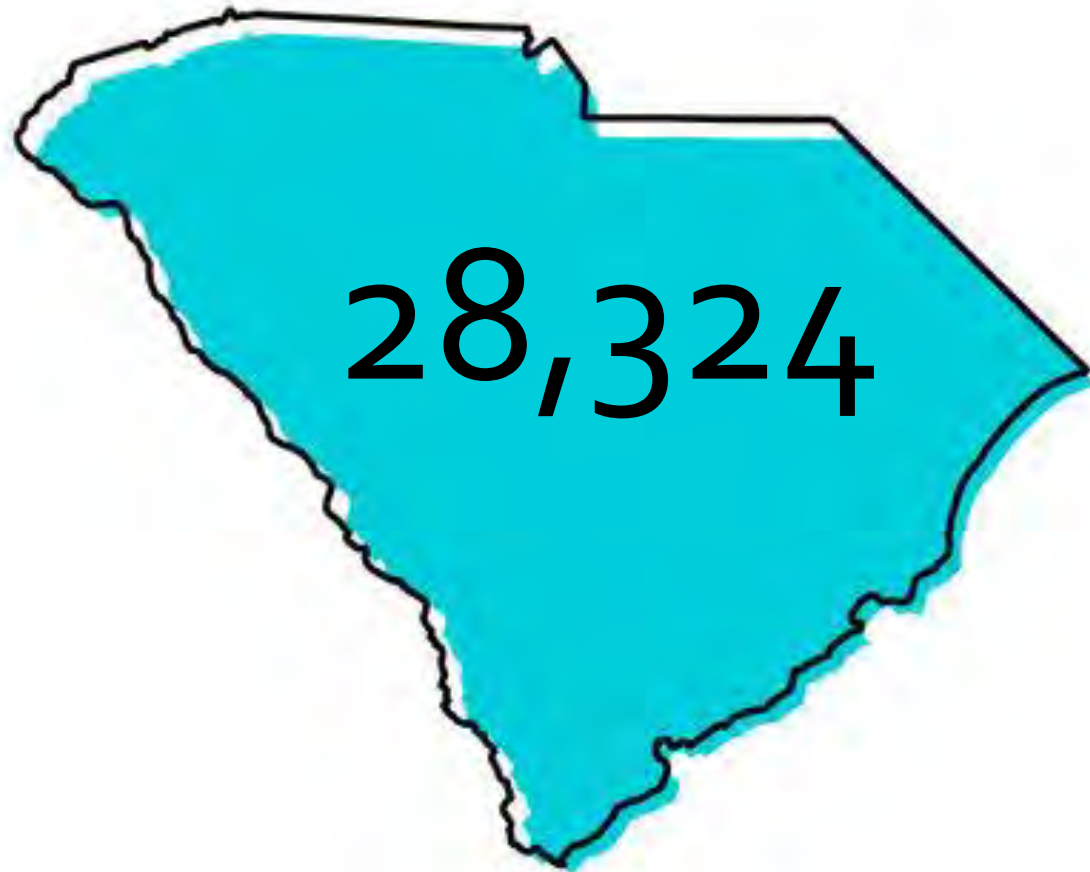
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14% of women
and
5% of men
report having been
stalked by an
intimate partner.



(CDC, 2022)

2022
Intimate
Partner
Assaults



A Forensic Patient Presents to the ED...



Medical care always
takes precedence
over a forensic exam

The Forensic Exam



Interview, collection of evidence, photographic documentation



Prophylactic treatment for STIs, emergency contraception, and ID and treat patients at risk for HIV



Provide referrals, as indicated



Educate patient through conversation and written discharge instructions



Complete forensic report



Complete photographic documentation report



Notify any referral agencies needed



Perform follow-up exams, if warranted



Court testimony

After the exam

Report Sensitivity

Description of Contact Between Victim and Reported Assailant

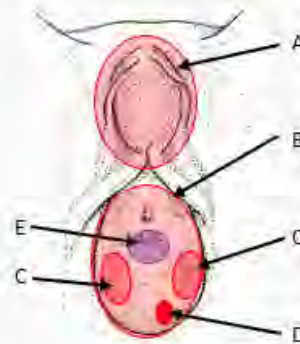
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| Of reported assailant | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
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| #3 | | | | |
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| Kissing | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| Suction injury | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
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Female Genitalia

☐ Not applicable

☐ No acute findings noted

All anal findings documented on "Anus" diagram



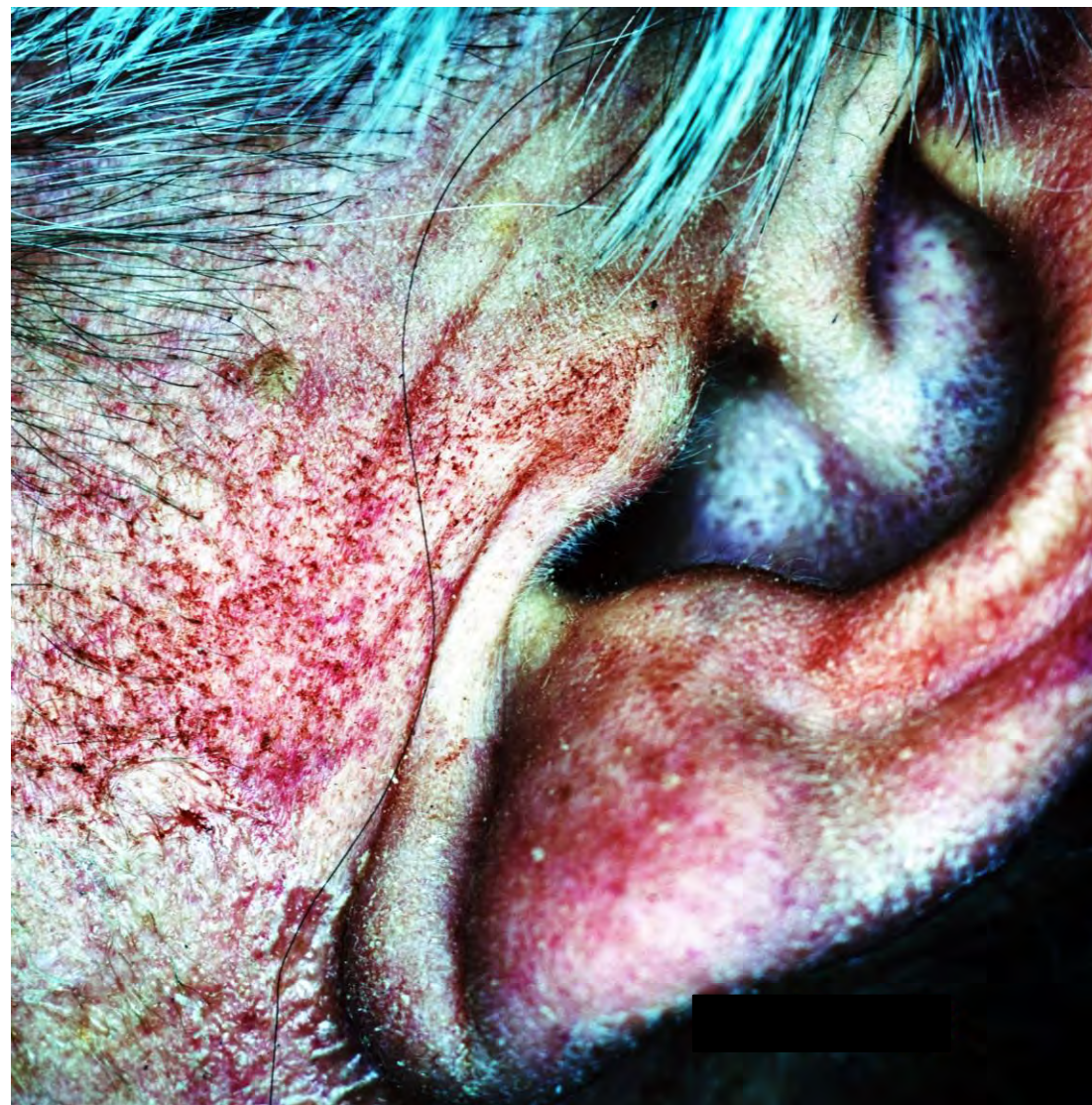
| PHOTO | MAP | LOCATION | FINDING/DESCRIPTION | SIZE* | ORIGIN** | REFLECTIVE OF*** |
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| | A | Clitoral hood and clitoris | Generalized swelling and bruising noted to the area. Consistent with blunt force trauma. | N/A | Unknown | PEF, AT |
| | B | Vulva | Circumferential generalized redness. Bright red in color with areas of beefy redness noted between 2-3 and 9-10 o'clock. | N/A | Unknown | PEF, AT |
| | C | Bi-lateral labia majora sulci | Open wound beds. One to each lateral side of the hymen. Both circular/oval in shape and bright red in color. No active bleeding noted. | N/A | Unknown | PEF, AT |
| | D | Left posterior commissure | Area of discoloration. Beefy red in color, circular in shape, and with a defined edge. | N/A | Unknown | PEF, AT |
| | E | Hymen between 10-2 o'clock | Swelling and bruising noted. Area is red and purple in color. Consistent with blunt force trauma. | N/A | Unknown | PEF, AT |

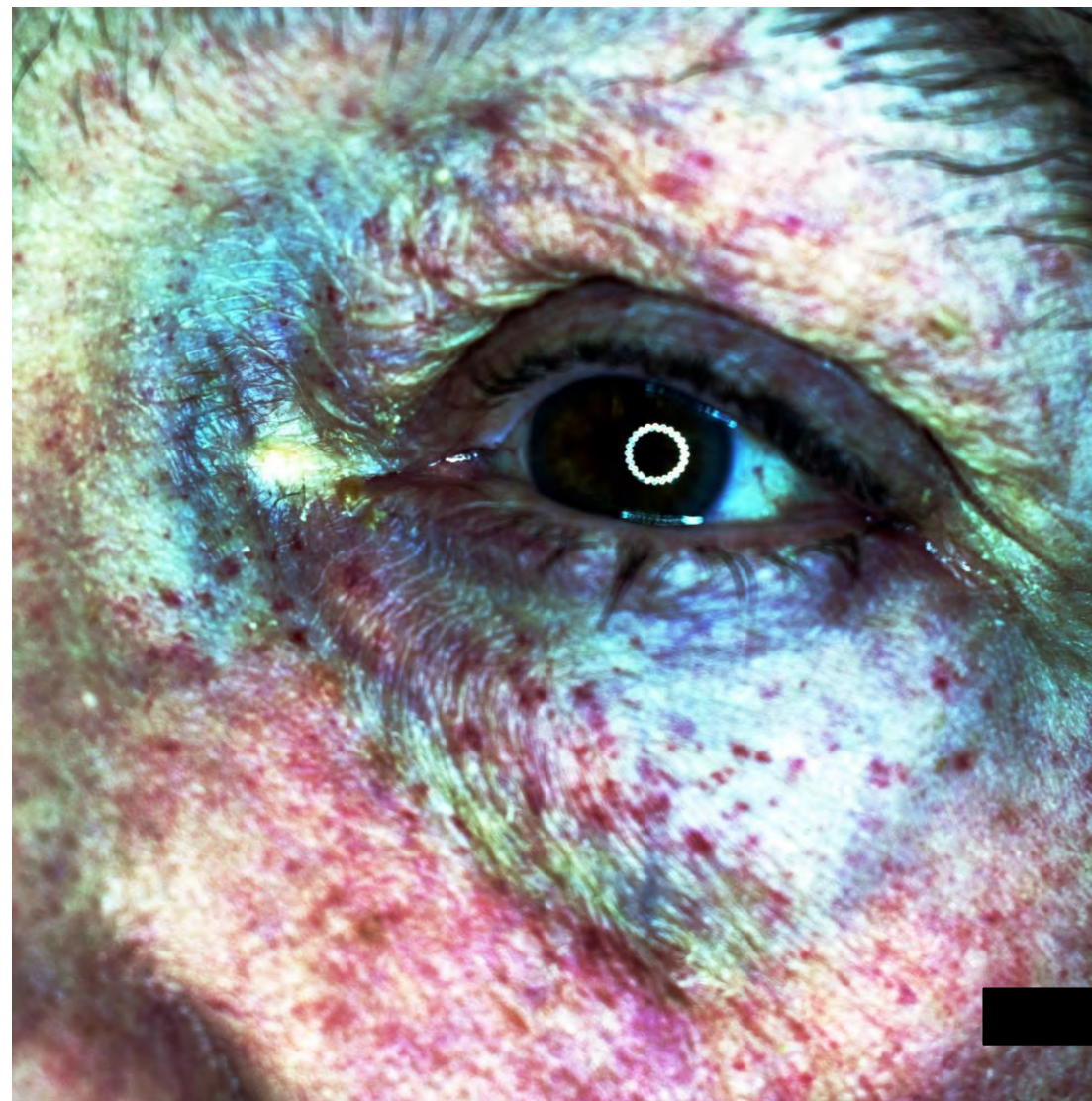
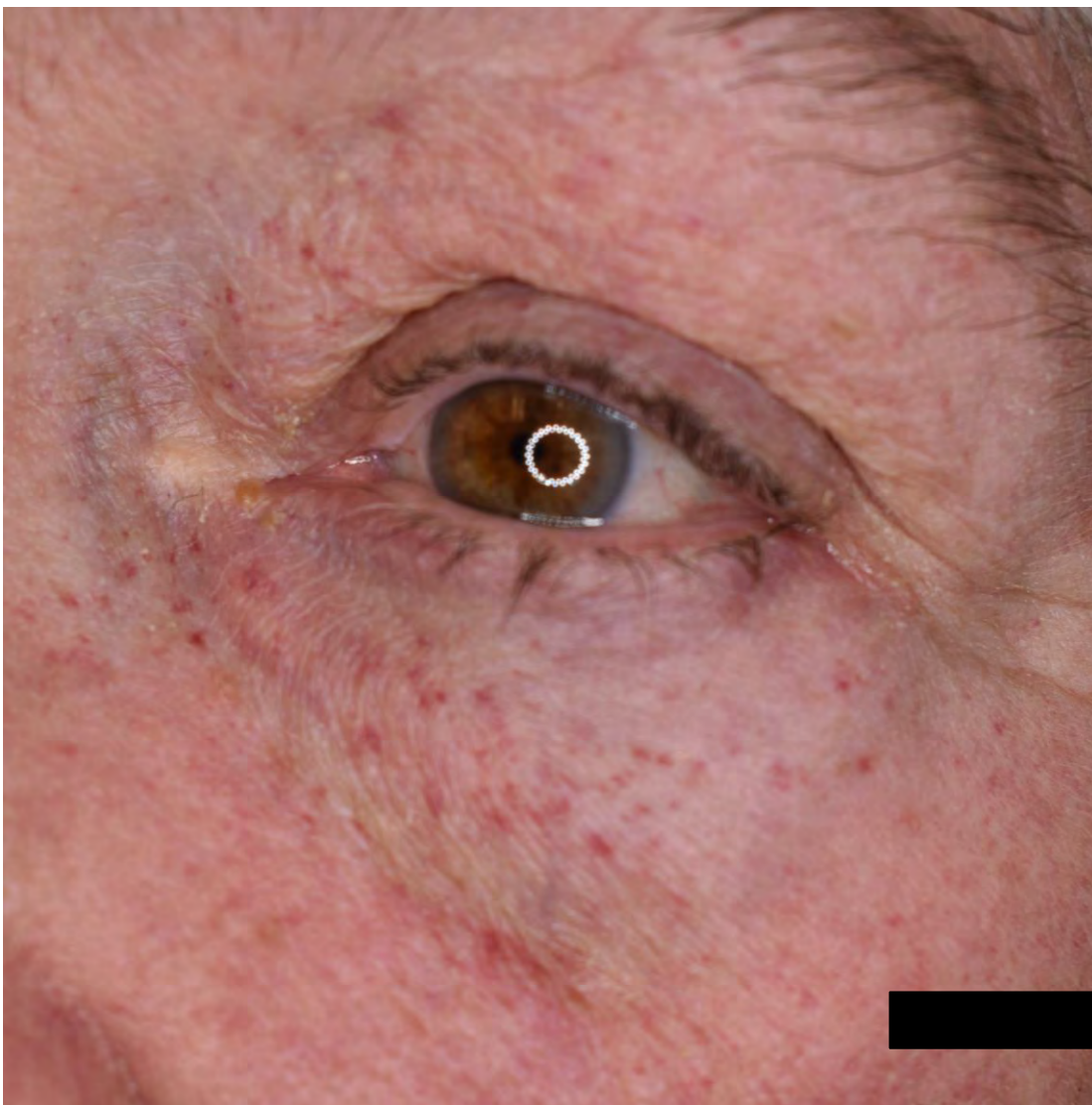
Secure Digital Forensic Imaging

SDFI











All preliminary reports will go through a 2-nurse peer review prior to a final report being generated



Once complete, the investigating agency/detective will be notified the report is ready. A passphrase is given verbally for them to access report



Identification photos only will be included in the final report. All other photos will require a search warrant for release

Final Report

Passphrase System

Patient's last name

- cities

Patient's first name

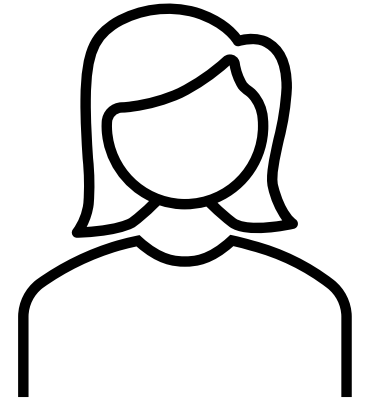
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FNE's first name

- colors

Last four digits of the patient's CSN

Dallas Jelly Saffron 6789





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