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C.A. NO.: 2024-CP-13-1093

CRAIG HANNA,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

BRADLEY HANNA AND WILKIE DEVELOPMENT, LLC,

DEFENDANT(S).

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2 THE COURT: All right. Now we are back to the 16 and 17
3 on the docket that I'm looking at. 2024-CP-13-1093 Craig
4 Hanna versus Bradley J. Hanna, Defendant at all. There are
5 two motions here, both Defendants' motions. I'm going to try
6 to get everybody in now. All right. Can you move him in for
7 everybody please? Looks like McTier -- getting some feedback
8 from somebody. All right. I need to -- we've got -- I've
9 got Crystal here as well. Got a -- a (indiscernible) in
10 there. I don't know if that's Bradley Hanna or not.

11 MR. BARTH: It's not, Your Honor. Mr. Bradley Hanna is
12 -- is here with me.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. BARTH: In our office.

15 THE COURT: All right. Let's see what we've got here.
16 Okay. And do we have Paul?

17 MR. HOEFER: Yes, Your Honor. I'm here.

18 THE COURT: Okay. There you are. Okay, I got you. All
19 right. So I've got Barth, Hoefer, Crystal, McTier, Craig
20 Hanna here. I think everybody's present. So what we're just
21 gonna -- what we're gonna do is we're gonna go through and
22 have everybody identify themselves and who they represent,
23 and we can hopefully take care of both these at the same
24 time. I believe everybody is present. Okay. So we'll start
25 with Plaintiff's council in both these -- in both these

1 actions. Yes, sir, if you'll identify yourself and then who
2 you represent.

3 MR. MCTIER: Good morning, Your Honor. Ty McTier, and I
4 represent the Plaintiff, Craig Hanna.

5 THE COURT: All right. And next parties.

6 MR. BARTH: May it please The Court. Your Honor this is
7 Kevin Barth. I represent the Defendant, Bradley Hanna.

8 THE COURT: Hold on one second. Someone's talking in
9 the background. I'm not sure who that is. Okay. I'm sorry,
10 sir, could you repeat that one more time?

11 MR. BARTH: Yes, Your Honor. I'm Kevin Barth, here in
12 Florence. I represent Bradley J. Hanna, the first named
13 Defendant.

14 THE COURT: All right. And yes, sir. Next, Mr. Hoefler.

15 MR. HOEFER: Yes, Your Honor, may it please The Court.
16 I'm Paul Hoefler. I represent the Defendant, Wilkie
17 Development, LLC. And just for housekeeping purposes, I
18 think Mr. Barth filed his motion to dismiss first. I filed
19 mine -- filed mine second, but they're on similar grounds.
20 Just so you're -- you're aware.

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir. And Crystal, who do we have as
22 Crystal here? I've got -- do you see in the chat who we've
23 got? Trying to figure out who that is. And Elizabeth
24 Langley?

25 MR. BARTH: Your Honor, would you ask -- mind inquiring

1 who Crystal and Elizabeth Langley are? They're not part of
2 this.

3 THE COURT: I am. Elizabeth Langley, are you part of
4 this case?

5 MS. LANGLEY: I'm a friend of the Hanna's, Craig Hanna
6 and (indiscernible) Hanna.

7 THE COURT: Okay. You're a friend? Okay. Well, we'll
8 put you in as an attendee. Hold on one second. Okay. All
9 right. I've got you in the attendee. How about Crystal?
10 I've got Crystal. You're muted. You need to unmute.
11 Crystal? Is Crystal -- I'm sorry folks. I don't know what
12 the problem is here. Crystal is muted. You move and see --
13 it seems like we can't unmute her. All right. Not sure who
14 Crystal is. Mr. McTier, you know anything about Crystal?
15 Crystal's gone now. Okay. We got Craig Hanna. We know who
16 that is. All right. I think we've got it. Let's see. All
17 right.

18 This is the Defense's motion. Mr. -- Mr. Barth, yours
19 was -- is listed first, so I'll let you go ahead and start.
20 And Mr. McTier, do you have an issue responding to both
21 motions that both Defense counsels made their presentation
22 and then you just respond, sir, one time? Is that -- is that
23 adequate for you?

24 MR. MCTIER: Your Honor, I think that's adequate.
25 They're pretty much on the same ground, so I think that makes

1 sense.

2 THE COURT: All right. Let's do that. All right.

3 Mr. Barth, ready to hear from you.

4 MR. BARTH: Thank you, Your Honor, and may it please The
5 Court. This case involves a parcel of property that was sold
6 in Chesterfield County to Wilkie Development a few years ago.
7 At the time it was sold, Ms. Georgia Jo Hanna and her
8 siblings were the owners of the parcel of property. Georgia
9 Jo Hanna, Your Honor, is the mother of Bradley Hanna and
10 Craig Hanna. This is a piece of property that the siblings
11 decided they wanted to sell. Wilkie Development was willing
12 to buy it, and a lawyer in Chesterfield County closed the
13 loan.

14 If Your Honor, please, our position is and I'm sure
15 you've read the complaint and everything. Craig Hanna, Your
16 Honor, has no standing to bring this lawsuit. He has no
17 interest in the parcel of property. He is not a party to the
18 transaction. He has nothing to do with the transaction.
19 What -- what happened was Ms. Hanna's interest was sold with
20 the other siblings. The money was taken from there and
21 placed in Ms. Hanna's brokerage account where the funds have
22 been available to her from the outset.

23 Craig is not an appointed guardian. He is not an
24 appointed conservator. He still has no interest in it. And
25 if Your Honor looks at the complaint itself, it says that the

1 wrong-doing alleged by him against my client interferes with
2 or defrauds him out of any interest, "that may flow to him in
3 the future". And what that refers to, Your Honor, is in the
4 event the mom dies, he may be an heir. I don't know what her
5 will says, but as it sits right now with this lawsuit
6 pending, Craig Hanna has no legal standing.

7 Your Honor, we presented to Your Honor a memo outlining
8 the requirements for someone to have legal and factual
9 standing to bring an action. And if Your Honor please, it's
10 as it says, it must be the real party in interest and
11 prospective or potential for future harm falls short of the
12 standard required for a party to have standing. Your Honor,
13 we allege, in general, as to all of the causes of action that
14 Craig Hanna has no standing and that this matter should be
15 dismissed. And on another note, he has alleged -- he has
16 alleged a cause of action to set the -- set the property deed
17 aside again.

18 He has no interest in it. He didn't have an interest in
19 it when it was sold. He has no interest in it now. And he
20 filed it under the South Carolina Declaratory Judgment Act,
21 Your Honor, which says you have to have a real controversy
22 between the parties, and there isn't one between the
23 Plaintiff in this action and anybody else. And certainly
24 none of the other siblings who owned their piece of that same
25 parcel of property are not named as they would have to be for

1 a proper declaratory judgment action to be filed. And two of
2 the causes of action against my client in particular allege
3 some type of breach of fiduciary duty or fraud.

4 And if Your Honor looks at the complaint, there are no
5 factual allegations or even inferences of factual basis for
6 which there is a fiduciary relationship between Bradley Hanna
7 and Craig Hanna. At one point, Craig Hanna was the guardian
8 for his mother. Bradley Hanna was the conservator for his
9 mother. They have both since been removed and there is no
10 conservator, because Ms. Hanna is being taken care of, and
11 there is no guardian because apparently The Court doesn't
12 believe she needs one. And Mr. McTier's filed a motion to
13 stay.

14 It sounds like a motion to stay so that maybe they can
15 talk somebody into appointing a conservator who may or may
16 not want to file this action on behalf of Ms. Hanna. We
17 absolutely oppose that. If and when a guardian is ever
18 appointed, and that guardian believes that misconduct is
19 taking place, that guardian can file an action, a new one.
20 But as it sits right now, at the 12(b) -- the 12(b) stage,
21 Your Honor, we do not believe that Craig Hanna has any
22 standing under the law, constitutional standing, to bring
23 this action for any of the relief he's requested. And that's
24 the basis for our motion to dismiss and our opposition, Your
25 Honor, to the motion for stay by the Plaintiff.

1 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Hoefer, be happy to hear
2 from you now.

3 MR. HOEFER: Thank you, Your Honor. Effectively, we
4 agree with Mr. Barth's argument, and I don't see the need to
5 repeat too much of it. I'll speak briefly from my client's
6 perspective. I represent the Defendant, Wilkie Development,
7 LLC, which is the current owner of the property, has no
8 relationship to this family, to the Hanna's, to really any of
9 the factual allegations underlying the dispute. We're just
10 an innocent third party, good faith purchaser that now has a
11 suit that's trying to set aside the title to the property
12 that we own. The deed that we received was in February of
13 2022, there were five different grantors. I understand this
14 is a -- this was a family sale. Brad Hanna was -- was one of
15 the grantors as the conservator for his mother, Georgia
16 Hanna.

17 There are four other grantors. Again, despite this
18 being a property case to set aside a deed, none of these
19 parties, none of the five grantors are named in this case.
20 And significantly, the Plaintiff is not a party -- was not a
21 party to this deed transaction. So, you know, from a big
22 picture here, you have a legitimate, good faith transaction
23 closed by a South Carolina licensed lawyer. There's really
24 no legal basis to set aside this deed based on the
25 allegations of the complaint and -- but -- but obviously

1 we're at the 12(b) stage, so the focus is on a lack of
2 standing. And I think that is correct. I don't think the
3 Plaintiff can assert this case in his individual capacity
4 when he has no interest whatsoever in the property.

5 The mother is still alive. There's no evidence or
6 allegation in the complaint that he's a beneficiary, that
7 there's not even an estate because the mother is still alive.
8 And there's no evidence or allegation relating to a will. So
9 Mr. -- the Plaintiff in this case just simply does not have
10 interest in the property. The law on standing in this state
11 is that the plaintiff has to have suffered an injury. In
12 fact, it's got to be concrete, particularized. There's got
13 to be a connection between the injury and the conduct, and
14 it's got to be likely that a favorable decision will -- will
15 redress whatever the injury might be.

16 And here, even if you set aside the deed, the Plaintiff
17 is not -- he doesn't have a personal stake in the property.
18 And the complaint says, like Mr. Barth says, that he
19 speculates that some interest in the future could flow to
20 him. Well, that's -- that's not good enough under our case
21 law. There's got to be the mere expectancy or possibility of
22 a future interest does not satisfy the standards required
23 here. I believe the -- to get ahead a little bit into
24 Mr. McTier's likely arguments from his opposition brief, is
25 something about the protected person statute has been raised

1 and the probate court rules.

2 Well, those different statutes reference filing an
3 application with the probate court, the appointing court for
4 a guardian to respond to concerns of a protected person, or
5 -- or someone who has interest in that person's welfare.
6 Here, obviously, this is not an application to the probate
7 court concerned about a protected person. Instead, this is a
8 complaint to set aside a deed in circuit court, and I believe
9 that's a very big stretch to try to rely on that statute to
10 assert standing. So for those reasons, Your Honor, I'd
11 respectfully ask or urge The Court to dismiss the matter at
12 this point for lack of standing. Thank you, Judge.

13 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. We'll switch now to
14 Mr. McTier. Be happy to hear from you, sir.

15 MR. MCTIER: Yes, Your Honor. The elephant in the room
16 and the topic that was not discussed was that in December of
17 2018, Judge Mumford Scott, Jr. issued an order similar to the
18 order that you issued today at the start with -- with
19 Mr. Suggs warning him about being a conservator. And in that
20 order, if you look at the complaint in the order, it says,
21 I'm quoting straight from the order, "further the
22 conservator, Mr. Hanna, Bradley Hanna, may not change the
23 character of the estate without court approval, and shall
24 expend assets of the protected person other than normal and
25 routine living expenses of the protected person, only

1 pursuant to court order." And what happened here, what they
2 didn't bring up is that this property was sold while my
3 client was the guardian of Ms. Jo, and they did not get a
4 court order to do this. And I don't even say -- I believe
5 discoveries will show they didn't even try to get a court
6 order to do that. And Craig has injury, in fact, on two
7 levels. One, at the time he was the guardian for Ms. Jo, and
8 it was never relayed to him.

9 He never received notification of this transfer, and so
10 he's got standing from there, and he is also a beneficiary of
11 Ms. Jo's estate. And this is a huge piece of property. It's
12 over 700 acres. It had marketable timber on it. We believe
13 that that timber has been since cut or at least a lot of it
14 has. We think discovery is going to show that. And my
15 client is listed in -- in her will, and we believe discovery
16 is going to show that. And also Bradley Hanna, because he
17 had two sons, Craig Hanna, which is my client, and Bradley
18 Hanna.

19 Now, as far as the duties owed, there's two separate
20 duties. There's one where Craig was the guardian at the time
21 of the transfer. That's very important because at the time
22 there was a fiduciary duty owed. And not only that but also
23 to comply with the court order. And that did not happen in
24 this case. What should have happened is the -- they should
25 have petitioned the probate court to approve of this sale.

1 And also on the back end of that, you know, where this --
2 this money went into, you know, we're going to look into that
3 as well through discovery and see how that's actually going
4 to be apportioned to Ms. Jo and also to the estate.

5 But there was no accounting for that filed that I'm
6 aware of. And that's a separate violation, not just the
7 order, but if you look at the code of 62-5-423, and it's got
8 the distributive duties of powers of the conservator. And it
9 says the expenditures must be consistent with a prior court
10 approved financial plan. So both in the statute and in the
11 order signed by Judge Scott, they had to get permission
12 before this is a direct violation of that order. And Craig
13 has standing both at the time he was the guardian and also
14 the estate of Ms. Jo was diminished greatly from that because
15 that property had a lot of marketable timber and other
16 resources that are now not a part of the estate.

17 So that injury happened when this property was sold. It
18 is a concrete injury that Craig now has redress for. But the
19 overarching goal of this lawsuit is to make sure that Ms. Jo
20 is protected and all the procedures are followed that they
21 did -- that just did not happen in this case. Craig has --
22 has standing on multiple levels, and you know, he has no
23 other brothers and sisters. It's -- it's Bradley and -- and
24 Craig that are the beneficiaries of Ms. Jo's, you know,
25 estate. And when she passes, then all of the property

1 interests here are not going to be able to be distributed for
2 that.

3 So there's -- there's an injury there as well that
4 happened at the time of the transfer. And the reason this is
5 not in, you know, filed in the probate is because we had to
6 -- this is interim action about the -- the land. We had to
7 file here in Chesterfield County. And at a minimum, if This
8 Court says that my client does not have standing, which I
9 contend is opposite to -- to the law, because the judge
10 appointed a guardian and a conservator for Ms. Jo, then this
11 matter should be stayed at least until one is appointed and
12 the appropriate process goes through with the -- with the
13 probate court, which did not happen here.

14 And Your Honor, it was hard to find a case where someone
15 had such nerve to convey property outside of the court order,
16 other than family law cases. But there is one case, it's
17 unpublished opinion. But *Gladden v. Stewart*, where they're
18 two sisters sued the power of attorney for violating a court
19 order when selling property. And the court found that that
20 was a breach of the fiduciary duty. And you know it's,
21 again, it's unpublished opinion, but that's a good take on
22 how the Court of Appeals is going to look at this, and that,
23 yes, there is a -- a duty. And in that case, they brought up
24 jurisdiction as well, and the plaintiffs won on the
25 jurisdiction level.

1 So Your Honor, for those reasons, we'd ask you deny
2 their -- their motion to dismiss. My client has standing.
3 And we believe that discovery is going to also show that not
4 only the loss of the property interest, but also of the
5 marketability of that property in the timber in relation to
6 Ms. Jo's interest that was conveyed in violation of the court
7 order. So for those reasons, Your Honor, we'd ask that you
8 deny these motions.

9 THE COURT: All right. I was looking at your brief on
10 the in opposition. And when was your client removed as the
11 guardian? It says, has since been removed. When was that?

12 MR. MCTIER: I don't know the exact date on that, Your
13 Honor, but it was ---

14 MR. BARTH: December of '22, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: December of '22. Okay. And the property
16 was sold February of '22 is that ---

17 MR. MCTIER: Yes, that's correct. Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: So he was the guardian at that time. Okay.

19 MR. MCTIER: That's correct.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. MCTIER: And Mr. Hanna was the conservator.
22 Mr. -- Bradley was a conservator at that time.

23 THE COURT: Was he -- was Mr. Bradley Hanna -- where he
24 was appointed as conservator, was that -- was he removed
25 there roughly at the same time?

1 MR. BARTH: Same day, Your Honor. Same order that
2 removed -- one brother removed the other. But I would like
3 to respond.

4 THE COURT: I'm gonna let you have a chance to reply.
5 I'm just making sure I got all the information down. Now the
6 beneficiary part, I mean, you'd agree, Mr. McTier, she can
7 change her -- who the beneficiaries are at any time. You'd
8 agree with that. I mean, she's not -- hadn't passed away. I
9 know he's the only -- he's a brother, and Bradley Hanna's a
10 brother -- brother, but that's speculative at best. She
11 could change that the day -- the day before she passed away
12 technically. You'd agree with that; wouldn't you?

13 MR. MCTIER: Well, Your Honor, typically, yes. But not
14 for an incapacitated person because it has to go through the
15 probate. She can't make these decisions on her own without
16 actual help, so that would have to go through the probate
17 process. And so I do disagree with that because she is an
18 incapacitated person. And in that order, 2018, order, it
19 designates her as an incapacitated person. And plus, you
20 know, there's extra standing, too that if something funny
21 happened from -- from now till when she passes, he also has
22 standing with that to dispute it.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. MCTIER: And -- and we believe that discovery is
25 going to show that a lot of these assets that should have

1 been on the -- the accounting, which did not take place. We
2 believe -- it didn't go to Craig. And to dismiss it at this
3 stage would be improper, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: All right. All right. I'll let the Defense
5 (indiscernible). You have your chance to reply. Mr. Barth,
6 we'll start with you, sir.

7 MR. BARTH: Yes, sir. Thank you, Your Honor. A few
8 things I would like to mention and reply. We've -- we
9 acknowledge that the lawyer who closed this loan did not get
10 court approval to transfer the -- Ms. Hanna's interest.
11 However, even though that may be the case, Craig Hanna has
12 still no standing to bring an action in 2024, on behalf of
13 his mother. They have petitioned all the way to the Supreme
14 Court to have a guardian appointed, and that's denied.

15 A note for Your Honor, Craig Hanna has filed a similar
16 lawsuit against Bradley Hanna and a number of other
17 defendants alleging -- alleging personal claims for loss,
18 sort of like what would flow to him in the future. And all
19 of his individual claims have been dismissed by the Court of
20 Common Pleas in Florence County because he has no standing.
21 The fact that discovery may show X, Y, and Z, still does not
22 solve the problem that Mr. Craig Hanna, at the time he filed
23 this seat, he doesn't allege he's filing it in a
24 representative capacity -- if Your Honor, when you look at
25 the complaint, he does not allege any of these claims as

1 Ms. Jo Hanna's guardian.

2 He makes these claims on behalf of him, personally and
3 individually, solely because some of it, at some time in the
4 future might be his. And that is exactly what standing is
5 all about. And he can file it all he wants to, but until
6 somebody is authorized to file an action on behalf of
7 Ms. Hanna, Craig doesn't have any standing or authority or
8 power of attorney to file anything that would be on her
9 behalf. And you know, as I said, with the property they --
10 they can think whatever they want about it. The complaint
11 itself alleges personal, individual interest at some future
12 date, possibly. And as Mr. Hoefer said, really clearly, Your
13 Honor, something that may or may not happen in the future.
14 And as Your Honor noted, anything can be changed between now
15 and the passing if, you know, if a guardian is appointed,
16 they can still change whatever -- whatever they want.

17 They can transfer anything to anybody. But at the time
18 this action was filed and today, Your Honor, he doesn't
19 allege any authority to file this action for relief, which
20 clearly is on behalf of someone else. His is speculative at
21 best, as Your Honor correctly noted. If something happens
22 down the line and she passes away, and he believes he's an
23 heir, he can file it on his own behalf at that point. But
24 Ms. Jo Hanna may live until all her money is gone and then
25 all of this is moot. Craig can't preemptively try to -- try

1 to stop that. And I think Mr. Hoefer may tell you, I'm not
2 exactly positive, but I believe Wilkie bought the property
3 for the appraised value.

4 So there -- number one, there's going to be no damages
5 ever because she received her portion of the appraised value
6 and purchase price. And number two, Bradley Hanna had no
7 authority then or now, to bring any kind of action against
8 against Bradley Hanna or Wilkie for relief that is not done
9 in -- in a representative capacity. And he has no authority
10 to do that. I appreciate -- I appreciate, Your Honor, and I
11 can get a copy of the Common Pleas order to you in Florence
12 County, if Your Honor wishes to see that.

13 The only claim that survived was it's long and
14 complicated, but he, Mr. Craig Hanna, contends he is now the
15 personal representative of his father's estate, who died in
16 2011 and the estate was closed in '14. And they let that one
17 stand to have the probate court determine whether he was
18 appropriately named PR of his father's estate, not the
19 mother's. And that's the only one that survived anything
20 related to Ms. Jo Hanna. Ms. Georgia Jo Hanna, that Craig
21 claimed individually, was dismissed for lack of standing, a
22 lack of personal interest in the dispute.

23 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Hoefer, be happy to hear
24 from you sir in reply.

25 MR. HOEFER: Thank you, Your Honor. I'll be brief.

1 Respectfully to the Plaintiff's arguments, I think that we've
2 -- we've stepped a little bit into the merits of the factual
3 allegations and the claims. And you know, we're here arguing
4 standing, and but -- but even -- even if this property,
5 hypothetically, if this property was somehow improperly
6 conveyed, Ms. Georgia Hanna is the damaged party. And either
7 she must bring that claim or somebody with legal authority on
8 her behalf. The complaint doesn't make any reference to a
9 will. Even if it did, Ms. Georgia Hanna's alive. And this
10 is her claim to make. That -- I -- I don't want to get too
11 much further from that point.

12 I think when you boil everything down today, that --
13 that is the primary position, and that the law in South
14 Carolina on standing, we've already covered it. But what's
15 important is a future expectancy is not enough. And again,
16 there's no will in the complaint, there's no reference.
17 There's not an estate. I don't think being the former
18 guardian gives authority to bring a claim on behalf of
19 Ms. Hanna today. It would have to be Ms. Hanna or somebody
20 with legal authority on today, so I will leave it at that.
21 Thank you, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: I'll give you the final word, Mr. McTier.

23 MR. MCTIER: All right. So it was pointed out regarding
24 the closing. Mr. Barth mentioned that the lawyer did not get
25 the order, but at the time, Bradley Hanna was a conservator.

1 Under the order he was supposed to do that, and did not do
2 so. And so I completely disagree with how that's -- that's
3 characterized. And also, I'm not sure about these -- these
4 other claims that Mr. Barth talked about properly before The
5 Court this morning on that. But the property, again, was
6 conveyed while he was the -- the guardian, and the injury
7 happened then. I mean, that -- that property interest is --
8 is gone.

9 We're not talking about some future, oh, it might be
10 gone. But it was -- it was gone at the time of that -- that
11 transfer. And as the guardian he was never notified. That
12 is wholly improper.

13 THE COURT: Why did he not bring this action as the
14 guardian then?

15 MR. MCTIER: Your Honor, at that time -- so he was -- if
16 he was notified while he was the guardian, he absolutely
17 would have. But he was not notified. He found out years
18 later that the property was -- was conveyed and at that point
19 he had been removed.

20 THE COURT: Oh, I thought it was conveyed in 2022, and
21 he wasn't removed until December of 2022.

22 MR. MCTIER: He found out after.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. BARTH: Dates are correct, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. All right. All right.

1 Anything further from any party? All right. Thank you.
2 I'll take it under advisement. Probably be in the next week
3 before I can get to it. I'm going to be out of circuit next
4 week. But I'm going to go back through your briefs again.
5 And I will review all the information, and we'll -- and
6 should have a ruling hopefully in the next week or so. Thank
7 you all, appreciate it.

8 MR. HOEFER: Thank you.

9 MR. MCTIER: Thank you.

10 MR. BARTH: Thank you for your time, Your Honor. You
11 have a good morning. We appreciate it. Thank you.

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