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2	Sandra Rippene	124 High St		
3	Alicia Michelle	104 High St		
4	Michele Michele	96 High St		
5	Matthew Matthew	96 High St		
6	Debra Debra	132 High St.		
7	Bob Bob	98 High St		
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4	Luella Maresca	172 High Street		
5	Kathleen [Signature]	156 High Street		
6	Nicole Davis	147 High Street		
7	Michael Sobol	147 High STREET		
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