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HAZ-MAT Hazardous Material

MO Modus Operandi

PBJ Peanut Butter and Jelly

TBD To Be Determined

VIP Very Important Person

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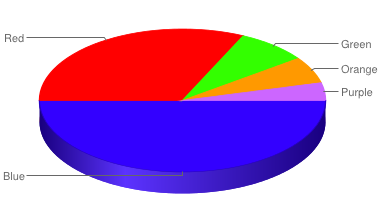
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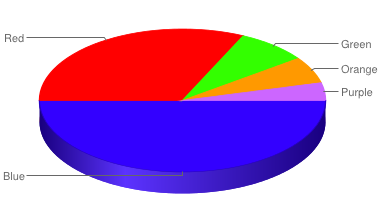
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