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## Orinda Police Blotter

D.U.I., 12/12/09 Police noticed a car weaving between three lanes on eastbound Highway 24 prior to St. Stephens at 2:50 in the morning. Once the officer flashed his lights, the driver veered into the center divide slightly, striking the median before eventually pulling off the highway. Driver had a blood alcohol level of .163 and was taking hydrocodone for an injury. Label on the hydrocodone prescription bottle noted: do not take this with alcohol. Bad combination that could have killed someone.

Senior robbery, 12/08/09 Around lunchtime a 74-year-old suspect walked into BevMo and swiped two bottles of whiskey and two cans of Sapporo beer. Apparently his beverage of choice is a Boilermaker. As a store clerk attempted to stop him, the elderly gentleman ran into the clerk's chest almost knocking him to the ground. Suspect was eventually apprehended at Orinda BART.

Residential burglary, 12/03/09 An unknown suspect opened an unlocked car parked in front of a Via Hermosa residence and took several undisclosed items. The unknown suspect then opened an unlocked sliding glass door to the living room of the home and took several more items. The homeowner discovered the missing items in the morning as he was getting ready for work. Estimated loss \$1648. Two for two.

Although the "Avoid the 25" drunk driving crackdown started Friday, December 18, five drunk driving arrests were made on the weekend of December 5 - 6. One of the drivers happened to be four months pregnant, had an open container in the vehicle and was driving on a suspended license. The goal of the "Avoid the 25" crackdown, which runs through January 3, is to reduce or hopefully eliminate D.U.I. fatalities. Extra patrols will be on duty looking specifically for drunk drivers. At D.U.I. checkpoints all passing cars will be checked to verify that the driver is licensed and sober.

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