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Berkeley Police Prepare For New Year's Day DUI Checkpoint

Berkeley, California (Thursday, December 31, 2009) - The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) will be conducting a Driving Under the Influence/Drivers License checkpoint on Friday, January 1, 2010. The checkpoint will occur during the evening hours on San Pablo Avenue at Camelia Street in West Berkeley.

A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method for taking alcohol impaired drivers off the roadways. By publicizing these enforcement and education efforts, BPD believes motorists can be deterred from drinking and driving.

Depending on traffic volume and weather, all vehicles may be checked and drivers who are found to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be arrested. BPD's objective is to send a clear message to those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol and/or drugs. That message is, "*Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest.*" The public is encouraged to help keep roadways safe by calling 911 if they see a suspected impaired driver.

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