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Suspicious fellow offers kid a ride, 9/19/12 A 12-year-old was walking home after school from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School when a man who appeared to be college-age asked him if he wanted a ride home. Smart kid said, "no." The subject drove away in a brown pickup truck with a camper shell. The student reported seeing the vehicle near the school again 9/20. He now describes the vehicle as a dirty brown, or gold SUV. The student said the rear window of the SUV was down, or broken. The same individual was seen about two weeks earlier asking another student if he wanted a ride home. If you see the vehicle, notify the Moraga Police Department (925) 284-5010.

Drunk driving, 9/20/12 Driving in the half-dark. Police pulled over a 20-year-old driving on Moraga Road at 10:00 p. m. with a headlight out. Is that your cologne or perhaps the "strong odor of alcoholic beverage" as the police report suggests? After flunking a number of field sobriety tests, the underage female was arrested, and later released to a sober driver.

Hardware theft, 9/17/12 The assistant manager of Orchard Supply Hardware told police that someone left the business with three items valued at approximately \$500 and somehow forgot to pay. Surveillance footage was retrieved and cops are carefully looking it over.

Graffiti times two, 9/16/12 and 9/17/12 Three city signs on St. Mary's Road near Bollinger Canyon Road had graffiti, estimated damage \$500 - very similar to the markings found at the Skate Park. A Public Works employee told police he discovered graffiti that must have happened overnight at the Moraga Commons Skate Park - estimated damage \$1,000.

Phone Fraud, 9/14/12 A Fernwood Drive resident got a phone call from an unknown person in Canada pretending to be his grandson. The alleged grandson stated that he had been arrested and needed bail money in order to return to the states. The victim sent two money orders totaling \$5,100.

Unauthorized shopping spree, started on 7/06/12 and recently ended. A Lynwood Place resident heard from the administration of Bank of America that there had been fraudulent activity on her credit card - about \$15,000 worth via six transactions. Thankfully the bank did not hold her responsible for the charges. B of A has a fraud investigator on the case, initial reports indicate the shopper lives in Antioch.

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