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President's Message

This issue features an article by L.A.S.D. Deputy Zenon Porche on some of the operational aspects of red light camera systems. Deputy Porche has had many years of practical experience relating to a red light enforcement program. He points out two important issues regarding the maintenance and management of a camera system. First, citations are not and should not be automatically issued. Second, a governmental agency must "operate" the system to insure its legality and credibility. This article follows two previous articles by Scott Widitor relating to the legal issues involving the use of evidence obtained from automated cameras in court. These three articles, I hope, give you a better understanding of the problems involved in this innovative method of "non physical presence" law enforcement.

As many of you already know this is my last year as President. It has been my pleasure to serve this past ten years as I watched this organization grow and flourish. Now is the time to turn over the reins to other "younger" members who will carry Shomrim into the future. Our November meeting is where we nominate and elect our officers for 2012. This is a very important meeting as the officers set the tone of our organization for this coming year, and years to come.

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Looking forward to seeing you all again soon, and my wishes to you and yours for a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marvin Goldsmith, President

SHOMRIMSOCAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 P.M.
In the Succah
229 South Clark Drive, B.H.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Membership

Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM
Elat Burger
9340 West Pico Blvd
(Just East of Beverly Drive)

Hanukkah Get Together

Tuesday, December 27th at 6:30 PM
Pizza World
365 South Fairfax Avenue, L.A.
(Just South of Third St.)

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Membership 2011

The By-Laws provide that the annual meetings take place in November of each year. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and the Membership therefore will take place on Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at Elat Burger, 9340 West Pico Blvd. (Just East of Beverly Drive.) The agenda will include the nomination and election of officers and members of the Board of Directors for 2011, and the selection of our Honoree(s) for 2012.

THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF A WELL MANAGED RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM

by **Deputy Zenon J. Porche**
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Photo Enforcement Coordinator
City of West Hollywood

Never have I ever witnessed more media coverage on a single event regarding red light cameras than the coverage surrounding the closure of the LA City program. The reaction is as if the LAPD is the industry's backbone or think-tank as many in the media subtly suggested that participating cities would lose confidence and discontinue their program. Being as it may for some, the fact is, Los Angeles is just another city amongst many who have decided to end the use of cameras for red light enforcement. This seems to be the trend in California as no City in this State has agreed to sign a contract for cameras in approximately three years. This inclination may accelerate pending the outcome of current cases under consideration in the California Court of Appeals.

This commentary will not focus on the many reasons why cities are either closing or refusing to deploy red light cameras. Rather, I will briefly discuss a couple of fundamentals that I feel are important factors in running a successful, credible program.

My experience had taken me through today's hot topic of admissibility of red light camera evidence involving a third party. As many are still attempting to solve the puzzle, I have already failed and succeeded. My approach is the direct result of having to deal with this issue on many occasions along with other legal issues that many have yet to contend with.

One important point that I would like to make is that it is important to realize that these citations are no different than any other citation with the exception of not having been committed in the presence of any officer. Accordingly, it is critical to understand that an officer's discretionary powers remain in full effect so long as the officer does not engage in a pattern of discrimination and acts within the constraints of the law. I am solely responsible for determining when, where and how a citation will be approved and mailed to defendants. My powers are free of interference from any supervisor, city council, police commission or contractual obligation. Interference with discretionary powers can lead to confusion that gives the appearance of careless management that can cast doubt on an agency's ability to effectively "operate" their program.

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In addition to understanding the importance of honoring discretionary powers, it is equally important to understand the legislative intent as it applies to the word “operate”. State law requires that red light camera programs are to be operated by a government entity. In other words, programs must be managed with a sufficient degree of oversight so as to advance the credibility of the evidence and dispel any concerns regarding potential evidence manipulation by the vendor.

The mandatory obligation of effective management oversight is not to be confused with the evidentiary requirement of admissibility issues. The standards of judgment are different. Even though both standards have a great deal to do with personal knowledge, one standard weighs the evidence against the Evidence Code whereas the other standard measures the amount of control exercised by a municipality. As agencies are facing admissibility issues today, I predict the elements of operations will be of major concern in the near future. And as I have already dealt with admissibility issues, I too have dealt with the issue of program operations/ management as described in the following paragraph.

Our program has been examined by the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Three, where program operations were in contention. The court decided in our favor and published its decision in the matter of *The City of West Hollywood vs. Leonte*. However, the Leonte Court only examined the contractual arrangement of our program and did not examine how oversight is actually achieved.

The fundamentals of officer discretion and operations are honored in our program and placed into the forefront of courtroom testimony. By understanding the fundamentals, I believe that I have developed sufficient foundational testimony that will withstand any degree of cross examination when weighed against the Evidence Code or a defendant's right to confrontation as described in the recent Supreme Court decision in *New Mexico v. Bullcomings*.

Because of pending litigation, I have had to testify in declaration format. My Declaration, set forth below, thoroughly demonstrates the above fundamentals; and can be used as an excellent avenue to convey the essentials of program management.

Direct Testimony of Deputy Zenon Porche

1. The City of West Hollywood has automated red light camera systems at various intersections throughout the City. The system captures drivers who enter an intersection while facing a red light. The intersections were selected by the City in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – West Hollywood Division (hereafter “Sheriff's Department”).

2. I, Deputy Zenon Porche of the Sheriff's Department have been assigned to the Photo Enforcement division since 1999. I have been a deputy of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department since September of 1983. My primary assignment at this time is the supervision and operation of the City of West Hollywood's automated enforcement red light camera program. I have reviewed, approved and issued tens of thousands citations. Throughout the City of West Hollywood there are 24 camera housings. I have personally tested each camera a minimum of two times per month since the inception of the program. My training consists of one 16 hour course at the ACS facility in San Diego where I was familiarized with the systems functions and the responsibilities of ACS employees. I have also had three twenty-four hour courses at the ACS technical facility in Arizona where more detailed information of the systems functions and components were learned. All aspects of the operation of the system are conducted by either me or by another sworn peace officer, and under my direct supervision. The Sheriff's Department is the ultimate authority and no other entity is allowed to interfere in the approval or disapproval determinations of any citation.

Vehicle Code Requirements

3. The City of West Hollywood had to comply with several Vehicle Code requirements before the system could go into full operation as follows: Public hearing - A City Council public hearing was held in or about March of 1999; Public Announcements - Announcements of the system were published in the Los Angeles Times, the Westside Weekly, and the Park La Brea News/Beverly Press.

4. A thirty-day warning period is also required by statute. During the warning periods, violations are

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recorded but only warnings, not citations, are issued. The warning period in West Hollywood was from May 25, 1999 to June 25, 1999 at the intersection of Crescent Heights and Fountain.

5. The City is also required to post signs to alert drivers to the system. In West Hollywood, the signs are posted at all four approaches to each intersection where a system is in operation. The signs are regularly inspected and maintained by a sworn officer.

(Note: Copies of certified documents to support the above Vehicle Code requirements are always submitted with declarations or presented at the time of trial)

Technology and Photographs

6. The City of West Hollywood's automated enforcement system is a computer based-system. A commercial grade 35 millimeter camera sits atop the computer unit and is retrofit for the proper electronic connections and mechanical functions. Each system is connected directly to the traffic signal that faces defendants. There are no electrical connections from any part of the red light camera system to any intersection controller. There are two separate electrical connections: One connection is directly to the electrical connection that illuminates the red light and the other to the electrical connection that illuminates the yellow light. Using this method, red times and yellow times can be independently measured and calculated by the system. The times are measured by a one megahertz processor that is continuously checked by an 8 megahertz crystal. The internal verifications are conducted to ensure that the processor repetitiously measures time accurately. The system is also comprised of induction loops imbedded in the pavement. This component is the trigger. There are two loops in each direction of travel. The loops stretch approximately 80" across a designated lane by approximately 40" in depth. From an approaching direction, both loops are placed prior to the limit line. The leading edge of the first loop will range anywhere from 15-20' prior to the limit line and the second is placed approximately 40" after the first. Loop distances vary depending upon intersection dimensions or other potential obstructions. Once the loops are laid, they are connected to the system where they receive an

electrical flow. Once the loops receive a flow of electricity, they form an electromagnetic field. As vehicles pass over the leading edge of the first loop, the steel on the vehicles disturbs the electromagnetic field. This disturbance is detected and alerts the system of oncoming vehicles. As vehicles pass over the second loop, a time, distance, speed, calculation is performed. If the system calculates that a vehicle is traveling at or above its programmed minimum speed, the first of two photographs is taken.

7. The second photograph is taken at a point within the intersection referred to as the interval distance. The interval distance is programmed into each system and varies from one intersection to the next depending upon the size of the intersection and the focal points of the camera. But based upon the time, distance, speed calculation, as measured for the first photograph, the system calculates the amount of time it will take a vehicle to reach the interval distance. Once the time has been calculated, the system will wait for that amount of time to elapse and automatically take a second photograph.

8. The system cannot photograph if its respective traffic signal is in the green or yellow phase. The system only receives a signal from the red light that will allow the initiation of a sequence of photographs. As mentioned, there are two separate connections to the traffic signal. One from the red light and the other from the yellow light. As the yellow light connection goes no further then the computer unit, the red light connection continues through the computer unit and is attached directly to the camera.

9. On the bottom of the camera that photographs vehicles there is a second shutter referred to as the databox shutter. Directly beneath the databox shutter is a feature of the computer unit called the databox. The databox displays information that is unique to each violation. As a violating vehicle is photographed, the databox shutter will simultaneously open, photograph the databox, and superimpose its image on the violators photograph as the violation occurs. The databox information includes the date, time, and location of the occurrence, as well as the vehicle's speed at the time of the violation, how long the light had been red at the time the photograph was taken, and the yellow phase time prior to each violation.

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Yellow Light Phasing

10. All yellow light times are set by the Traffic Engineer of the City of West Hollywood. The system does not determine the duration of the yellow phase; it repetitiously measures the yellow phase of each cycle as it does the red phase. All intersections monitored by a red light camera system are in compliance with Cal-Trans minimum time guidelines per 21455.7 CVC. The systems are placed in 30mph and 35mph speed zones. The only 30 mph speed zone is the E/W directions of travel along Santa Monica Blvd. All others are 35mph speed zones. In the 30mph speed zones, yellow light times are set to 3.5 seconds and in the 35mph speed zones the yellow lights are set to 3.6 seconds. It should be noted that many traffic controllers have a plus or minus 1/10 of a second per cycle and will display the yellow light accordingly. The system is capable of measuring this tolerance level and will exhibit the actual duration of the yellow phase on the evidence. To be more specific, even though a yellow light time may be set to 3.6 seconds, the actual time may be 3.7 seconds. It is the 3.7 second time that will be shown on the evidence.

Maintenance

11. ACS State and Local Solutions (formerly Lockheed Martin IMS), a vendor hired by the City of West Hollywood, performs certain clerical and technical functions under the direction of the Sheriff's Department as follows: They perform construction; they erect the polls that support the camera housings, lay the loops, and assemble all electrical connections. They are required to respond to each system three times per week for servicing and maintenance. They inspect the warning signs to ensure that the signs are visible and posted. They lower the camera housing which sits atop a 10' pole. Once lowered, the technicians are able to view a display panel. The technicians will depress the "Test" key to execute test photographs and confirms that the systems processors are functioning appropriately. The system is tested and inspected to ensure that it is properly communicating with the loops by examining the "Loop Detectors". Loop Detectors are lights that will flicker as vehicles pass over the loops. Technicians confirm that the system is properly synchronized with the traffic signal that it monitors by checking the "Signal Phase Indicator".

The signal phase indicator is composed of three lights: red, yellow and green. These lights correspond with its respective traffic signal. By depressing the "Function" key, they are able to verify information such as the time, date, and settings particular to each system. The information is displayed on an LCD screen. They are also able to adjust settings when appropriate or authorized by the Sheriff's Department. The film and memory card are removed and replaced. At the time the equipment testing and inspection is performed at the intersection, the technicians complete a written log of the procedures performed. The film and memory cards are transported to the ACS facility in downtown Los Angeles where they are stored in fire proof, secured cabinets and regularly inspected by a sworn officer assigned to the red light camera program. Currently, the original logs are transported to the ACS facility where the information is entered and stored into a secured web-based application. Through the Internet, I have access to, and exclusive control over, all maintenance logs generated in the City of West Hollywood. Once I access the application, I verify each log and confirm my approval with a digital signature. Formerly, the logs were delivered to my office in the City Of West Hollywood. Once personally delivered to me, I would verify them, approve them with a hand written signature, and store them in my office in the City of West Hollywood. The Sheriff's Department establishes the procedures and guidelines by which these functions are performed by ACS.

Citation Process

12. After the film is retrieved from the camera, it is transported to the ACS facility and digitized. The Sheriff's Department sets forth the criteria that ACS is to adhere to for screening purposes. After the photographs are screened, they are forward to the Sheriff's Department via the internet. At that time, either I or another sworn officer will personally review each photograph and make a determination as to whether or not a crime has occurred and whether or not ACS has met our screening standards. If the two conditions exist, we will approve a photograph to become a citation that will be mailed to a defendant within 15 days. If a citation is disapproved it will be subsequently destroyed.

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13. Audits of each system at each intersection are performed by a sworn officer two or three times per month. During the audits, warning signs are inspected, each system is tested, and the settings are verified in the same manner performed by ACS technicians. The audits are recorded by the Sheriff's Department on documents referred to as Officer Audits. In addition to the audits, a process is performed to ensure that only citations that have been approved by a sworn officer have been mailed to defendants: All approved citations are entered, stored and accounted for in a database that is under the absolute control of the Sheriff's Department. On a monthly basis, the vendor is required to send the Sheriff's Department a digitized list of all citations that were mailed to defendants. This list is then compared to citations that are stored in the Sheriff's database. If any citations are found to be in the vendors list as being mailed to defendants but is not accounted for in the Sheriff's database, these citations will be dismissed in the interest of justice.

14. ACS is required to provide a program manager to oversee the ACS employees whose daily responsibilities include attention to the red light camera program in the City of West Hollywood. On a monthly basis the ACS program manager is required to meet with the Sheriff's Department along with personnel from the City of West Hollywood. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss program issues.

In conclusion any advice, criticism or further discussion is welcomed. Please contact me at zjporche@lasd.org.

THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I Might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and Foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm Company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it Too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or Offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check Dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your Neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again.. If he doesn't

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hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy Alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, And for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk Through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to Pick my targets.

6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the Jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky ; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book Burglars on The Job

PROTECTION FOR YOU AND YOUR HOME:

If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you. (I guess I can get rid of the baseball bat.):

Thought this was interesting and might be of use. Maybe even save a life. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation Test it. It will go off from most everywhere

inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around.

After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime. This would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him.. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

HANUKKAH

By Rabbi Dr. Henry E. Kraus, z.l.

On the eve of Tuesday, December 20, 2011, Kislev 25, 5772, we shall light the first Hanukkah candle. What is Hanukkah? It is a festival rich in symbolism and ritual. It is the joyous holiday celebrated by Jews for a period of eight days. This holiday is known by many names. It was often called the "Feast of the Maccabees." Josephus Flavius, the historian, called it be a Greek word which means "Light" = "Festival of Lights." The word Hanukkah means dedication, so we may call it "Festival of Dedication" or "Rededication." The origin of this festival takes us back 22 centuries, when the then-known world (Middle East) had become Hellenized, that is Greek in language. This was not classic Greek culture, but idol-culture and the satisfaction of body, which was the desecration of the Judaic-Mosaic law. The Syrian Greek King Antiochus Epiphanes occupied Jerusalem and Zeus Olympus, their principal idol, was placed in the Holy Temple. The Jewish people were forced to worship the idols and denounce God. There was a priestly family by the name of Maccabees who organized the Jewish people to resist and rebel. They were determined not to perish and not to submit. They were small in numbers but they fought like lions for three years (165-163 BCE) and victoriously reoccupied Jerusalem. After cleansing the Temple, and removing all the idolatrous objects that had been used by the Syrian Greeks, one unpolluted cruse of oil was found in the Temple. There was just enough oil for burning for one day. Yet miraculously the oil burned for eight days. This miracle symbolizes the miracle of the Jewish people and Judaism throughout the ages. That is

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why we Jews for the past 2200 years have lit candles or oil every night for the eight days of Hanukkah. This is the traditional explanation of the Holiday.

Hanukkah has a deeper meaning for those who can see how Jewish belief transformed a military victory into a religious celebration. Hanukkah makes Judaism's triumph over paganism, the triumph of the spirit of all mankind. Between might and justice, power and faith – justice and faith triumphed! Without Hanukkah there would be no Monotheism, no Christianity, and no Mohamedism. This was the first time in history that our Maccabees fought for religious freedom and ultimately for idea of One God. Hanukkah marks the victory of Monotheism and we Jews converted that day of victory into a day of thanksgiving to God.

Happy joyous Hanukkah to all my friends! Let me greet you with the prophet's word, which is in the Haftorah for Shabbat Hanukkah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zehariah 4:6)

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Things I knew wouldn't be taught in hebrew school

1. The High Holidays have absolutely nothing to do with marijuana.
2. Where there's smoke, there may be salmon.
3. No meal is complete without leftovers.
4. According to Jewish dietary law, pork and shellfish may be eaten only in Chinese restaurants.
5. A schmata is a dress that your husband's ex is wearing.
6. You need 10 men for a minion, but only four in polyester pants and white shoes for pinochle.
7. One mitzvah can change the world; two will just make you tired.
8. After the destruction of the Second temple, God created Loehmann's.
9. Anything worth saying is worth repeating a thousand times.
10. Never take a front row seat at a bris.
11. Next year in Jerusalem. The year after that, how about a nice cruise?
12. Never leave a restaurant empty handed.
13. Spring ahead, fall back, winter in Boca.
14. WASPs leave and never say good-bye; Jews say good-bye and never leave.
15. Always whisper the names of diseases.
16. If it tastes good, it's probably not kosher.
17. The important Jewish holidays are the ones on which alternate-side-of-the-street parking is

suspended.

18. Without Jewish mothers, who would need therapy?

19. If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it. But if you can afford it, make sure to tell everybody what you paid.

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.' A few minutes later, the officer radios, 'Disregard.' He says. 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?' The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses. 'Was I going up the stairs or down? The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!!

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.' And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer.'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!!

A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say > 'Supersex.' She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair.. Flipping her gown at him, she said, 'Supersex.' He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, 'I'll take the soup.'

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TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!!

Now this one is just too precious:

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me ... I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought And thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is..'

Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes, just staring and glaring. Finally she said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!!

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!' 'Heck,' said Herman. 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!!

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself 'I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.'

After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, 'Mildred, did yo u know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You

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