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On July 13, 2008 at 3:33 A.M., officers from the Redding Police Department were dispatched to the area of 1691 Hilltop Drive on a report of a major injury auto collision involving a pick-up truck and a pedestrian. The collision involved a 1970 Chevrolet C-10 pick-up truck, which was traveling northbound on Hilltop Drive; and a pedestrian, who was lying in the roadway.

The investigation revealed that the collision actually occurred in the intersection of Hilltop Drive at the off-ramp of northbound Interstate 5. The driver of the Chevrolet pick-up truck was identified as, Gilford Brown, 50 years old of Redding. The Chevrolet truck was traveling northbound on Hilltop Drive prior to the collision. The pedestrian involved was identified as, Justin Wigham, 26 years old of Redding. The pedestrian was reportedly laying in the roadway prior to being struck by the vehicle.

The pedestrian, Justin Wigham, sustained major head trauma and was transported to Mercy Medical Center where he later died from his injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet pick-up, Gilford Brown, did not sustain any injuries.

Northbound Hilltop Drive north of Presidio Drive was closed for approximately 3 hours during the investigation.

It appears that alcohol may have been a factor in the collision. The cause of the collision is still under investigation at this time.

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