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On Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 12:59 AM, officers from the Redding Police Department were dispatched to a report of a traffic collision near the intersection of West St. and 9th St.

Witnesses reported three people from the responsible vehicle were leaving the scene. The responsible vehicle, a red 2007 Ford Mustang, was left at the scene of the collision where it had struck a parked vehicle.

A short time after the collision, Colt R. Loe, 18 years, of Redding attempted to report the Ford Mustang as stolen. During the investigation, witnesses were contacted and identified the driver as a 15 year old male. Two passengers in the vehicle were also identified. The 16 year old female passenger received facial injuries and swelling. The 16 year old male passenger received abrasions to his neck from the seatbelt. The driver also received an abrasion to his shoulder from the seatbelt. The passengers were released to their parents and declined medical treatment.

The investigation revealed that the 15 year old male driver was traveling northeast on 9th St. and attempted to turn left onto northwest West St. Due to traveling at an unsafe speed, the vehicle was unable to negotiate the turn and struck a parked vehicle. The report of the vehicle being stolen was unfounded.

The 15 year old male driver was located at a residence in the area and arrested for felony hit and run and for driving without a license. He did not require medical attention for his injuries and was booked into the Shasta County Juvenile Hall.

Alcohol may have been a factor in the collision and the investigation is continuing.

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