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PRESS RELEASE

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On February 28, 2009 at 12:31AM, Redding Police officers responded to a hit and run traffic collision in the area of Hartnell Avenue and Becheffi Lane. Witnesses reported a U-Haul truck had driven off the roadway and struck an unknown object. The U-Haul fled in a northbound direction towards Cypress Avenue.

While officers were checking the area, another witness reported seeing a U-Haul traveling southbound on Freebridge with a disabled right front wheel. Officers found the U-Haul parked in front of 351 Weldon. The vehicle had significant damage to the right front and passenger side.

Zechariah Ortiz, 20 years, of French Gulch, was contacted in the street near the vehicle. The passenger and an independent witness identified him as the driver of the U-Haul. He was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, hit and run, and resisting arrest. He was booked in the Shasta County Jail.

Officers returned to the area of the traffic collision and located a City of Redding light pole on the ground at the northwest corner of Hartnell Avenue and Shotwick Trail. The light pole had been sheered off at the base.

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