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530 225 4200 FAX 530 225 4553**PRESS RELEASE****March 9, 2009 11:20A.M.****09-15161**

On March 9, 2009 at approximately 11:20A.M. SHASCOM received a call of a collision occurring in the area of South Market Street (S.R. 273) and Grange Street. Upon arrival, officers located a 2005 Ford Taurus and a 1988 Jeep Cherokee that had collided. Further investigation revealed that the Jeep Cherokee was traveling southbound on South Market Street (S.R. 273) in the number two lane. The Ford Taurus was found to have made a left turn from northbound South Market Street (S.R. 273) to westbound Grange Street in front of the Jeep Cherokee.

The driver of the Jeep Cherokee, Kyle Lee Martin 22 years of Douglas City, did not see the Ford Taurus as it was crossing into his path until just prior to the moment of impact. The Jeep Cherokee collided with the right side of the Ford Taurus. The Ford Taurus, driven by Donald Leroy Newcomb 86 years of Redding had a passenger in the right front passenger seat. The passenger was identified as Vivian Lee Lewis 77 years of Redding.

Vivian Lee Lewis sustained major injuries as a result of the collision and was subsequently transported to Mercy Hospital for further care and evaluation. Vivian Lee Lewis died as a result of her injuries at 11:44 A.M.

All involved parties were wearing their safety belts. This collision is still under investigation and anyone having witnessed this collision is strongly encouraged to contact the Redding Police Department Traffic Unit at 225-4230

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