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On April 25, 2009, at 12:16 AM, Redding Police officers responded to a traffic collision on Placer Road near the intersection of Buenaventura Boulevard.

Officers determined that Helen Joseph, 51 years, of Redding, was driving her 1998 Mazda Millenia, westbound on Placer Road approximately 1/10th of a mile east of Buenaventura Boulevard. Joseph had just completed a call on her cellular phone when she drifted off the right side of the roadway, drove through a drainage ditch and subsequently struck a power pole. The impact sheared the power pole off at the base.

Joseph was the sole occupant in her vehicle. She suffered minor abrasions to her face, caused by the deployment of the airbag. Joseph was wearing her seatbelt.

Joseph was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was treated at Shasta Regional Medical Center then booked at the Shasta County Jail.

City of Redding Electric, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), and AT&T utility crews responded to replace the power pole. It is expected to take several hours to replace the power pole. Some residents may experience power outages as crews transfer power lines from the damaged pole to the new pole.

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