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530-225-4200 FAX 530-225-4553**PRESS RELEASE****May 4, 2009****Redding Police Case # 09-28547**

At approximately 6:00 am today, Officer Doug Moore of the Redding Police Department saw a stolen car in the area of Smile Place, near Parkview Avenue in the City of Redding. The vehicle, occupied by three people, fled from Officer Moore.

A pursuit of the stolen car lasted several minutes and traveled to the area of Hartnell Avenue and Churn Creek Road. Because the pursuit was traveling on city streets and the school commute hour was approaching, Redding Police asked for assistance from a California Highway Patrol helicopter. This allowed officers to follow at a safe distance reducing the risk to the general public. Officers followed directions being provided by the helicopter crew and ultimately found the stolen vehicle behind Raley's SuperMarket on Hartnell Avenue.

With the assistance of the CHP helicopter, one female was located as well as a wanted parolee, Michael John Smith, 43 years of Redding. With the assistance of a concerned citizen, Smith was found hiding in the Sacramento River, under some shrubbery. The driver has not yet been identified, and the investigation is ongoing.

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