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On May 20, 2009, at 6:12 PM, officers of the Redding Police Department responded to a vehicle vs. bicycle traffic collision at the intersection of Hartnell Avenue and Churn Creek Road. Additional reports said that the involved vehicle was leaving the scene. Witnesses provided officers with a vehicle description.

Upon arrival at the scene, officers found the bicyclist, James Holloway, 49 years, of Redding suffering from numerous abrasions on his back, and complaint of pain to his back and neck.

Acting on witness information, officers began searching the area for the suspect vehicle. Thirty-five minutes after the collision, officers located the suspect, Ronald Farnum, 42 years, of Redding driving the suspect vehicle southbound in the 3600 block of Churn Creek Road. Farnum admitted to driving the vehicle at the time of the collision and leaving the scene.

Farnum was subsequently arrested for felony hit and run, driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury, and parole violation.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Farnum was traveling southbound on Churn Creek Road and ran the red signal light at the intersection of Hartnell Avenue. Holloway was riding his bicycle eastbound on Hartnell Avenue traveling through the intersection on a green light when he broadsided Farnum's vehicle.

Holloway was transported to Mercy Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Llamas", is written over the contact information.