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On Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 7:29 A.M. Redding Police Officer Derrek Ross observed a 1984 Toyota sedan on SR- 273 near South Bonnyview Road. A records check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen earlier in the morning from the 600 block of Hartnell Avenue. As Officer Ross initiated a traffic stop, the driver sped up and drove north on SR-273 and then west on Branstetter Lane. The driver steered the vehicle off of the roadway in the 1000 block of Branstetter Lane and fled on foot. A passenger in the vehicle was arrested at the scene of the collision. The subject was identified as Justin Martin Crossman, 21 years of Redding.

Officers searched the area with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol helicopter, Deputies from the Shasta County Sheriffs Department and a Redding Police K-9. Officers located the driver, who was identified as Robert Lee Baker, 19 years of Anderson, hiding in some brush approximately two hundred yards from the vehicle. Baker did not comply with officers and the K-9 was deployed to aid in his arrest.

Crossman was booked at the Shasta County jail on a misdemeanor arrest warrant. Baker was transported to Shasta Regional Medical Center for a medical clearance. He was later booked at the jail for auto theft, evading arrest, resisting arrest and a felony warrant for a probation violation.

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