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Press Release

Traffic Collision

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On Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 12:06 P.M. officers from the Redding Police Department responded to a "roll over" traffic collision on N/B SR-273 South of Wyndham Lane. When officers arrived on scene they found a 1998 Ford Explorer blocking northbound lanes. The other involved vehicle, a 2001 Chrysler, was stopped near Wyndham Lane.

The driver of the Chrysler, Paige Meridith, 19 years of Redding, was northbound on SR-273 following the Ford Explorer. Meridith diverted her attention while trying to locate an item on the floor of her vehicle and collided with the rear of the Explorer. The impact caused the driver of the Explorer, Ronald Thorkelson 74 years of Redding, to swerve and collide with the center divider. The Explorer subsequently rolled over.

Thorkelson and his wife, Jacqueline Thorkelson 70 years of Redding, were transported by ambulance to Mercy Medical Center for evaluation. Paige Meridith was not injured in the collision. All of the involved parties were wearing seatbelts and alcohol was not a factor in the collision.

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