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On Friday, 05/29/09, at 02:50 a.m., a speeding motorcycle was observed by a Redding Police Officer. The Officer activated his emergency lights and siren and attempted to stop the motorcyclist.

Instead of stopping, the rider accelerated east on Old Alturas Road and went through the intersection of Shasta View Drive without yielding to posted stop signs.

Continuing on Old Alturas at approximately 50 miles per hour, the motorcyclist lost control and left the roadway about 500 yards east of Shasta View Drive. The collision ejected the rider and the passenger. Both were wearing helmets but suffered major injuries. The incident covered a half mile distance and lasted only 30 seconds.

The motorcycle rider was identified as Edward Eli Huffman, 50 years old, of Redding, California. He was transported to Mercy Medical Center with internal injuries and is listed in critical condition. He was arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was released due to his medical needs.

Huffman is on probation for a previous DUI and his license is suspended for DUI related restrictions. The motorcycle is owned by Huffman but has not been registered since 2004.

The passenger was identified as James Wayne Murphy, 43 years old, of Ripon, California. He was transported to Mercy Medical with internal injuries and a broken leg. No criminal charges are pending with him. The California Highway Patrol investigated this collision.

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