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On Thursday June 4, 2009 at 7:50 pm, Officers from the Redding Police Department were dispatched to Mark's Place, located at 18449 Clear Creek Road, regarding the theft of a vehicle that had just occurred. The victim was identified as Andrea Wilson, 33 years, of Anderson. The suspect was identified as Travis Byrd, 23 years, of Redding. Byrd was identified as being on parole with an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest.

Wilson was providing Byrd with a ride from Anderson to his girlfriend's residence in Redding. Wilson stopped at Mark's Place and left Byrd alone in her vehicle. When Wilson returned to the parking lot, she discovered her vehicle was gone.

Officers responded to a possible address for Byrd and began to search the area for Wilson's vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle fled east on Eureka Way and then north on West Street. The driver exited the vehicle while it was still in motion, and attempted to flee from the officers on foot. Officers pursued the driver on foot a short distance, and he was taken into custody without further incident. The driver was identified as Byrd.

After Byrd exited the vehicle while it was still in motion, the vehicle continued and collided with a utility pole on West Street near Eighth Street. There was minor damage to the front end of the vehicle and no damage to the utility pole. The vehicle was returned to Wilson at the scene.

Byrd was booked into the Shasta County Jail on numerous charges, including: theft of a vehicle, felony evading, violation of parole, and various drug and weapon charges.

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