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On Friday, July 10, 2009, at 10:23 p.m., a citizen reported seeing a backhoe construction tractor being driven on Oasis Road near Lake Boulevard.

The backhoe was operating without any lighting and was swerving recklessly. Responding police officers located the backhoe and tried to stop the driver. The driver ignored the emergency lights and sirens and continued driving erratically.

As the driver turned onto Santa Rosa Drive off Deodar Way, he intentionally drove into a parked police car where the officer was attempting to set up a spike strip. The driver next turned onto Dara Court which is a dead-end street. He stopped the backhoe and began resisting arrest efforts by the officers. After a short struggle, he was taken into custody.

The investigation revealed the backhoe was stolen from Pruett Construction at 4850 Caterpillar Road. The driver was identified as Trevor Traphagan, 18 years, of Redding. He was booked into the Shasta County Jail on charges of stealing a motor vehicle, assault on a police officer, driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting arrest, evading a police officer and reckless driving.

The pursuit lasted only five minutes and no injuries were sustained during the incident.

The Redding Police Department would like to thank the community for reporting suspected drunk drivers and working in partnership to remove these dangerous drivers from our roads.

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