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On August 4, 2009 at 9:06 PM, an anonymous citizen alerted officers from the Redding Police Department to a stolen vehicle. The citizen reported he last saw the stolen vehicle in the area of Loma Vista Drive and Traverse Street.

Upon arrival, officers found a red 2008 Dodge Ram pickup parked in the driveway of a home located in the 600 block of Loma Vista Drive. Officers were able to confirm the vehicle was stolen earlier in the day from Crown Motors. The stolen vehicle still had its lights on and its tires and hood were still warm. A check of the area revealed an unlocked front door to the home where the stolen vehicle was parked. Officers secured the perimeter of the residence and made repeated announcements in an attempt to have the suspect exit the residence. Officers did not receive a response from the suspect.

A trained police dog was deployed to search the home. Police canine Vermut was able to locate the suspect hiding in the southeast bedroom of the residence. The suspect was apprehended and positively identified as the driver of the stolen vehicle.

The suspect has been identified as Derek Alan Dias, 21 years, of Redding. Dias was treated at Shasta Regional Medical Center and later booked for the following charges; stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, resisting and delaying arrest along with a felony probation violation.

Dias is on active felony probation for auto theft.

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