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On 8/17/2009 at 6:47 pm officers from the Redding Police Department responded to Airport Road near Shasta View Drive on the report of a two vehicle traffic collision.

Upon arrival it was discovered that Charles Gresham, 46 years old of Redding, was driving with a revoked license. Gresham, who is on parole, had insurance that was apparently expired and he complained of faulty brakes that had been locking up his vehicle's wheels.

Gresham told officers on scene that he had attempted to apply the brakes to his vehicle when they locked up causing his vehicle to swerve out of control into the path of another vehicle.

Ursula Roberts, 60 years old of Redding, told officers she was driving on Airport Road when Gresham made a "u-turn" in front of her path. She attempted to steer clear of Gresham but was unable to avoid his vehicle, smashing into its side.

Roberts was transported to Mercy Medical Center for severe back and neck pain along with a broken wrist. Gresham was also transported to Mercy Medical Center where his medical condition was being evaluated. Gresham was accompanied by his wife, Sara Gresham, 38 years old of Redding. She was not injured.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor. Roberts was not wearing a seatbelt. Both Gresham and his wife stated they had their seatbelts on at the time.

The case will be sent to the Shasta County District Attorney's Office for review.

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