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Assault Rifle Brandished at CHP Officer

Redding, California – Today on May 6, 2025, a California Highway Patrol officer conducted a traffic stop for speed on Interstate 5, north of Redding, CA. The officer stopped the vehicle on the Mountain Gate off-ramp from S/B I-5. The driver of the suspect vehicle quickly exited the vehicle and pointed an AR-15 style assault rifle at the officer conducting the traffic stop. The officer, recognizing the extreme and immediate threat, reversed his patrol vehicle to create distance from the armed suspect. The suspect then reentered his vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle continued S/B I-5 at varying speeds while additional CHP units engaged in the pursuit. The driver exited the freeway at Oasis and continued westbound for approximately 2 miles before coming to a stop in the middle of the roadway near Vigil Court. The driver was ordered out of the vehicle by officers and taken into custody without further incident. The driver of the vehicle was booked at Shasta County Jail.

This is an active, on-going incident. Additional details are forthcoming.

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