



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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MICHAEL D. AVERY, Chief of Police

## Press Release

**DATE OF INCIDENT: March 14, 2007**

**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Vehicle Pursuit/Evading Peace Officer CVC 2800.1, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. CVC 23152(a).**

**LOCATION OCCURRED: 400 block N. China Lake Blvd.**

**SUSPECT: HAYES, Theodore – 34 year old male – Los Angeles County Resident**

**VICTIM: State of California**

On March 14, 2007 at approximately 2346 hrs, Ridgecrest Police Officer Agostinacci initiated a traffic stop in the 400 block N. China Lake blvd. on a silver mini van for traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle failed to yield to Officer Agostinacci's patrol vehicle's emergency lights and siren.

Officer Agostinacci radioed the dispatcher that he was in pursuit of the mini van that had continued S/B on N. China Lake blvd. passing Ridgecrest Blvd. Even though the vehicle was traveling faster than the posted speed limit, the vehicle stopped at the posted stop signs at Church Ave. and Upjohn Ave. The vehicle eventually yielded in the "Motel 6" parking lot. Officers Armogida and Kinslow arrived on scene to assist.

A felony car stop was conducted on the driver who was identified as Theodore Roosevelt Hayes. Hayes was taken into custody without further incident. As Officer Agostinacci conducted his investigation, he smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Hayes' vehicle and person. A short time later, Hayes was arrested for DUI. Hayes was taken to RRH to test his blood for alcohol content and then to KCJ- Ridgecrest Substation where he was booked pending release.

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**PREPARED BY: Sgt. T. Brown**

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