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LINCOLN, CA, July 6, 2007 – At approximately 9:03 p.m. on July 5, 2007, officers from the Lincoln Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a parolee at large, 36-year-old Sacramento resident William Blatell.

Blatell failed to yield at a street intersection and a pursuit ensued. Blatell drove his vehicle into a ravine adjacent to Joiner Park in Lincoln where he and his passenger, 34-year-old Robert Stocker of Sacramento, also a parolee at large, fled on foot. Stocker was caught shortly after fleeing and taken into custody without incident. Lincoln Police Officers later apprehended Blatell, who was hiding behind bushes at a nearby apartment complex. Blatell briefly resisted arrest while being taken into custody. A loaded firearm was recovered in the area near the vehicle, a large quantity of methamphetamine and cash were also recovered during the incident.

Blatell was booked at the Placer County Jail for felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a firearm with methamphetamine for sale, possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine for sale, transportation of methamphetamine for sale, evading arrest, resisting arrest, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and parole violation.

Stocker was booked at the Placer County Jail for possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine for sale, transportation of methamphetamine for sale, resisting arrest, possession of a hypodermic syringe, and parole violation.

This case has been sent to the Placer County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

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