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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 1-2

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Darrell Smith, Chief of Police 
Date: May 11, 2015 **Meeting Date:** May 19, 2015
Subject: Lemoore Police Department Citizen Commendation

Discussion:

Lemoore Police Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East Hanford Armona Road around 3 p.m. on April 16th for a report of a man seated at a bus stop claiming he was wanted on felony rape charges. Sergeant Jim Chaney found Harvey Scott, 51, who matched the description given to police.

Sergeant Chaney asked Scott if he had any warrants for his arrest. Scott confirmed that he had warrants but had to get on the KART bus that had just arrived. Scott began to walk away to board the bus, prompting Sergeant Chaney to grab his shirt. Scott then turned around and began punching Sergeant Chaney in the head and neck forcing him to fall to the ground between the curb and bus. Scott continued to punch Sergeant Chaney and kicked him at least once in the head.

Surveillance video from the bus includes audio of the driver shouting for someone to help. Two West Hills College soccer players, Pedro Barbosa and Jose Yuri, got off the bus to try to help Sergeant Chaney. In the video you can see both Barbosa and Yuri rushing off the bus with one of them physically pushing Scott away from Sergeant Chaney. They intervened until another officer arrived on the scene and ordered Scott to the ground. When he began to run, police chased Scott into the roadway where he was finally subdued and taken into custody.

Thankfully, Sergeant Chaney only suffered several minor cuts and bruises to his face and head. He was treated and released from the hospital that same day. Without the swift intervention from these two brave young men, the outcome could have been much worse. The Lemoore Police Department would like to recognize Pedro Barbosa and Jose Yuri for their swift actions and demonstrated bravery in the defense of Sergeant Chaney.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That the Chief of Police presents the Citizen Commendations.