

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at about 12:36 AM, Lemoore police officers responded to the area of E. Deodar Ln. and Ashland Dr. for a report of a suspicious person leaving a recently burned house. When officers arrived, they were told that a female was seen outside of the house. The female then got into a red pickup truck and left the area.

Another officer responding to the area located a pickup truck matching the description a few blocks away. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, at which time the driver pulled over. When the vehicle came to a stop the female driver immediately got out of the pickup and fled on foot. A short foot chase ensued, and the female was caught about 1/2 a block away.

A check of the pickup's VIN revealed that it was stolen out of Visalia. The license plate attached to the pickup was also found to be stolen from another vehicle. When officers searched the pickup they located methamphetamine and several prescription pills. The female, identified as 25 year old Valarie Garrett of Lemoore, was arrested and booked into the Kings County Jail for possession and transportation of methamphetamine, possession of prescription medication without a prescription, possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, and driving without a license. Her bail was set at \$70,000.