

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Friday August 22, 2014 Lemoore Police Officers were dispatched to 555 College Drive (West Hills College) for a report of two children left unattended inside a vehicle near the child care center. When officers arrived they contacted 20 year old Jasmine Valdez next to her vehicle.

Inside of her vehicle were a three year old child and a one year old child. Upon questioning, Valdez stated that the children were hers and admitted that she had left them in the vehicle while she went to the book store on campus to purchase items for class. She told the officer that when she arrived the three year old was playing with her phone and was throwing a fit because he did not want to get out of the car and the one year old was sleeping so she left both of them in the vehicle while she went to the bookstore. It was determined through the interviewing of independent witnesses that Valdez left the children alone in the vehicle for at least 15-20 minutes. Valdez had partially rolled down the windows. The outside temperature at the time was about 90 degrees.

Valdez was placed under arrest for two counts of felony child endangerment and booked into the Kings County jail. Her bail was set at \$100,000.00. The children were turned over to Child Protective Services.