

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On November 2, 2015 at about 4:42 pm, Lemoore police officers were advised that Hanford police officers were responding to a call where multiple shots were fired from a vehicle and people were seen running away. The vehicle was described as an older white Chevy Impala with 4-5 occupants who were wearing dark clothing. Lemoore officers responded to various parts of Lemoore in case the vehicle entered their jurisdiction.

Within minutes, a Lemoore officer saw a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description travelling westbound on State Route 198 at Houston Avenue. The officer followed the vehicle and saw that it had several occupants. The officer called for additional police units and followed the vehicle as it continued westbound on SR 198 and then northbound on SR 41. The driver exited at W. Bush Street, where another officer got behind them. The Lemoore officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the driver fled.

The driver led officers on a pursuit through Lemoore while items, including two guns, were thrown from the vehicle. The two passengers fled from the vehicle at different locations during the pursuit. The driver, 20 year old Raymundo Nava of Coalinga, stopped and was taken into custody in the 200 block of W. Bush Street. 19 year old Adrien Gutierrez was taken into custody in the 600 block of Hill Street. The two firearms were also recovered by Lemoore officers.

The third suspect had fled in the 600 block of E. Bush Street. Officers from the California Highway Patrol, Kings County Sheriff's Office, Kings County Narcotics Task Force, and Lemoore Police Department set up a perimeter in that area. Lemoore Police Department's K-9, Ares, located the third suspect, 19 year old Cecil Love of Hanford, hiding in heavy brush in a field. Love gave up when he saw the K-9, telling the officer he did not want to get bitten.

The pursuit lasted approximately 6 minutes and nobody was injured. The three suspects were arrested numerous charges, including firearms charges. Nava was also arrested for a felony charge of evading officers. The three suspects and the two firearms were turned over to Hanford police detectives.