

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **PRESS RELEASE**

On January 17th, 2015 a female in her 30s was walking home at about 2:00 a.m. While she was walking on S. Olive Street she noticed a suspect, described as a slim, average height black adult male in his mid twenties, following her. She continued to walk at a faster rate of speed and noticed the suspect had continued to follow her. She then confronted the suspect about following her and again turned away from him to continue walking. While still behind her, the suspect then hit the female's face with his arm. The suspect then twisted the victim's head to the side as he grabbed her neck and she began screaming. The suspect then told the victim that he would snap her neck if she continued to scream.

The suspect asked the victim for her money and she told him she did not have any. The suspect was then able to drag the victim on her back and into the driveway/side yard of a nearby home, where he raped her. Prior to leaving, the suspect again threatened the victim and told her not to report the crime to police.

The victim was able to get home after the suspect fled and she was able to tell family members about the incident. The victim was taken to the hospital, where she received treatment for injuries to her face, mouth and body. DNA evidence was collected from the victim's body. The DNA was later analyzed by the Department of Justice and was determined to be that of Dejarrine Joedin Smith. Smith was then contacted by Lemoore police detectives but he denied the allegations. An evidentiary DNA sample was collected from Smith and also analyzed by the Department of Justice. On October 5, 2015 Lemoore detectives received information from the Department of Justice that the evidentiary DNA sample and the DNA sample located on the victim were a positive match.

28 year old Dejarrine Joedin Smith of Lemoore was arrested today for numerous charges relating to the January incident including rape, kidnapping, assault, attempted robbery and terrorist threats. He was booked into the Kings County Jail and his bail was set at \$370,000.

Anyone with further information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Avelar at (559) 925-6859.