

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On October 15, 2014 at about 1:30 p.m., Lemoore police officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Brooks Drive regarding a theft. The reporting party reported that two subjects had stolen recycling and a trash can from a residence. The reporting party found the suspect vehicle driving in the area and followed it to a gas station/convenience store on East D Street and updated the responding officer.

An officer arrived and contacted a male, 27 year old Scott Garrett of Lemoore, standing next to the suspect vehicle. A second subject, 24 year old Damon Bennett of Lemoore, exited the store and was immediately recognized by the officer as being a parolee at large. Bennett was ordered to stop but fled on foot and a chase ensued. A perimeter was set up with responding officers and Bennett was located hiding in the back yard of a home in the 100 block of East D Street and was taken into custody.

While Bennett was being chased by the first officer on scene, Garrett attempted to flee in the vehicle used in the theft. He was stopped by another responding officer and detained. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted and it was discovered that the vehicle had been stolen earlier in the day but had not yet been reported to the police department. There were numerous items in the bed of the truck, including empty plastic tubs and approximately 100 pounds of almonds, and officers are trying to determine if those items are stolen.

Bennett, who has a history of running from officers, was booked for a no bail probation warrant, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest. He is being held without bail.

Garrett was booked for motor vehicle theft and is being held on \$20,000.00 bail.