

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On 07/06/2016 at about 3:00 pm, Lemoore Police Officers were dispatched to an address in the City of Lemoore for a report of a sexual assault to a minor. The 8 year old victim reported to officers that 29 year old Ricardo Cervantes was sexually abusing the victim. The case was turned over to the Lemoore Detectives. The victim was taken by Lemoore Detectives to be examined by a Sexual Assault Response Team nurse. With the assistance of the Kings County District Attorney's Office, the victim was interviewed by a professional forensic interviewer with the Multi Disciplinary Interview Center.

During their investigation, Lemoore Detectives determined Cervantes had committed numerous sexual acts on the 8 year old victim. Cervantes was threatening, and physically restraining the victim preventing him from getting away during the sexual attacks.

At the conclusion of the investigation it was determined the victim was being sexually abused by Cervantes for over a year. Cervantes was arrested and later transported and booked at the Kings County Jail for several sexual assault charges. Total bail was set was at \$550,000.00.