

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, 02/17/16 at about 0049 hours, the Lemoore Police Department's Problem Orientated Policing Team conducted a pedestrian check with two subjects in the area of Follett Street and F Street in Lemoore. The officers contacted 26 year old Valarie Garrett and 23 year old Nicholas Lyons, both residents of Lemoore and, after an investigation, arrested Lyons for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Lyons was subsequently transported to the Kings County Jail for booking. Garrett was released at the scene.

At about 0149 hours, a Lemoore officer received information about the location of a possibly stolen vehicle. The vehicle was reported to be a brown Ford van that was in the area of Club Drive and Blake Street in Lemoore. Lemoore officers went to that area and located the brown Ford van. They confirmed that the van had been stolen on February 14, 2016 in an area outside the city limits of Lemoore.

While approaching the vehicle, officers located Valarie Garrett sitting in the driver's seat. Valarie was taken into custody and subsequently arrested for being in possession of a stolen vehicle. During a search of the Ford, several items belonging to Garrett were located, along with illegal narcotic pills.

While booking Lyons at the Kings County Jail, the P.O.P. team learned that he lied about his name during their initial contact with him. After obtaining his true identity, it was determined that he had a felony arrest warrant in Kings County Warrant. Lyons also had one felony arrest warrant out of Monterey County. He also had the ignition key for the stolen Ford van. Marijuana was also found in his possession inside the jail.

Lyons was arrested and booked for false impersonation), possession of a controlled substance in a jail, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and two felony warrants. His bail was set at \$175,000.

Valarie Garrett was arrested and booked for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Her bail was set at \$20,000.