

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, September 29, 2016 at about 0050 hours, a Lemoore Police patrol officer was patrolling in the area of the 100 block of W. Cinnamon Dr. when he observed a white four-door vehicle failing to use its turn signal while turning into a gas station. The Officer was preparing to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle when he suddenly lost visual of the vehicle as it began driving recklessly through the parking lot. The Officer located the vehicle again which was now traveling westbound on W. Cinnamon Dr. away from the gas station. The Officer followed the vehicle activating the patrol vehicle's overhead emergency lights. The vehicle came to a sudden stop in the middle of the W. Cinnamon Dr. and Basil Ct. intersection.

Three occupants of the vehicle exited and fled on foot away from the traffic stop, running into a nearby residence. The driver of the vehicle was seen running southbound away from the traffic stop. The two passengers ran westbound into a nearby residence and jumped the fence into the backyard. The Officer gave chase on foot and observed one male subject tossing what appeared to be a firearm on the ground. Both subjects were located in the back of the residence and taken into custody. A search of the neighborhood was conducted for the third subject but the Lemoore Police Department, with assistance from the Kings County Sheriff's Office, were unable to locate the third subject.

During the investigation, the firearm located at scene was a 9mm reported stolen out of Tulare, CA. The first subject was identified as Adrian Gaytan, 22 from Lemoore, and booked at the Kings County Jail for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded stolen firearm in a public place, unlawful possession of a controlled substance while armed with a firearm, possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and violation of parole. His bail was set at \$85,000.

The additional subject, Edgar Lopez, 22 from Hanford, was arrested and booked at the Kings County Jail for violation of parole and being in possession of a controlled substance. He is being held without bail.