

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **PRESS RELEASE** **CASE L1703098**

On Friday, October 27th, 2017, at about 2:45 PM, a Lemoore Police Youth Development Officer was conducting after school traffic enforcement in the 500 blk of W. Bush St near a heavily traveled Lemoore Elementary school crosswalk. The traffic enforcement was a result of school and parent complaints of vehicle speeders and vehicles failing to yield for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

During the traffic enforcement, the Officer utilized a radar to record the speed of a White Cadillac sedan driving westbound on W Bush St approaching the crosswalk at 31 mph in a 25 mph marked school zone. The 25 mph speed limit was due to children being present and school just being dismissed. The Officer also noticed the vehicle didn't have a front license plate displayed which is another traffic violation. The Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle and the vehicle yielded in the area of W Bush and Vine St. The vehicle was solely occupied by the driver who was identified as 22 year old Eric Cline of Lemoore. During the traffic stop, the Officer smelled the odor of burnt marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle along with a marijuana joint in the center console's ash tray in plain sight. The Officer further noticed possible visible impairment symptoms displayed by Cline and had Cline step out of the vehicle for further investigation. Cline provided the Officer consent to search the vehicle and a loaded .40 caliber pistol was located in a zipper style bag behind the passenger seat on the floorboard. A records check of the firearm revealed it was reported as a stolen pistol out of Fresno. A criminal history search of Cline revealed he was a convicted felon and prohibited from owning a firearm and/or ammunition.

Cline was arrested and booked into the Kings County Jail for possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, Felon in possession of a loaded firearm, Felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a loaded firearm within 1000 feet of a school zone, and possession of a stolen firearm. Cline's bail was set at \$85,000 dollars.