

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On 9/24/16 at about 2:12 PM, a Lemoore police officer was checking the alley south of the 100 block of W. Bush St. The officer noticed that there were two males seated in a white Honda Civic parked in the alley. The males appeared to be working on the vehicle. The officer ran the license plate and discovered that the Honda was reported stolen out of the Bakersfield area. The front passenger of the vehicle fled, running northbound. The officer detained the male that was seen in the driver's seat of the vehicle and waited for additional units. He was identified as 23 year old Christian Lopez of Lemoore. He was arrested for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and for providing a false ID to a police officer. Lemoore police officers had been looking for Lopez prior to this incident due to him having two no bail warrants for his arrest. Lopez was booked at the Kings County Jail and his bail was set at \$15,000, but he was also booked for the two no bail warrants.

A perimeter was established around the 100 block of W. Bush St., with the assistance of the Kings County Sheriff's department, in an attempt to locate the second suspect. At about 3:27 PM, the second suspect was seen running northbound out of an apartment in the 100 block W. Bush St. LPD officers in the area gave chase and caught up to the suspect in the area of Follett St. and B St. The second suspect was arrested at this time with out further incident. He was identified as 33 year old Daniel Deleon of Corcoran, who is on parole for assault with a deadly weapon. He was arrested for being in possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked at the Kings County Jail and his bail was set at \$10,000 and a parole hold was requested.

Lemoore officers located a white Toyota Corolla next to the stolen Honda. The Toyota had also been reported stolen to the Hanford office of the California Highway Patrol days before.