

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PRESS RELEASE

On April 9, 2015, at approximately 4:36 p.m., Lemoore police officers responded to a business on West D Street at Lemoore Avenue in Lemoore for a report of a male who was attempting to fraudulently use a credit account. The person then left the business after attempting the fraud and prior to officers arriving. Witnesses said the person was last seen leaving the area on foot, leaving behind a white pickup that he had possibly arrived in. A description of the person was given to the responding Lemoore officers as well as the direction the person was last seen leaving in.

When officers arrived on scene they located a white 2001 Chevrolet pickup parked in the alleyway next to the business. A check of the vehicle's VIN revealed that the pickup had been stolen from the Bakersfield area. Assisting officers located a person matching the description given by witnesses approximately two blocks away. That person, 33 year old Leopoldo Marquez of Corcoran, was detained and, after further investigation, was arrested and taken into custody regarding the vehicle theft.

Marquez was found to be in possession of nearly 100 different types of keys for several different makes and models of vehicles, as well as a key that had been shaved down to allow the key to fit, and be used in, the locks and ignitions of multiple vehicles. Officers also found several electronic items and are trying to determine if they have been reported stolen.

Marquez was booked into the Kings County Jail on the charges of motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, and possession of altered keys/tools for the purpose of theft. His bail was set at \$35,000.00.