

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday August 17th, 2016, at about 7:00 a.m. a Lemoore Police Department traffic officer stopped a vehicle for speeding in the area of 19th Ave. and Plum Circle in Lemoore. The driver was identified as 39 year old Jerry Jacob Medina Sr. of Lemoore. It was determined that Medina was driving on a suspended license. Prior to the vehicle being impounded, officers conducted an inventory search and discovered a wallet and drivers license that did not belong to Medina. Further investigation determined that the wallet and drivers license were stolen from a Hanford resident a few days earlier. The officers also found numerous checks, mail, and identifying information for residents throughout the Hanford and Kings County areas. There was also evidence that Medina was attempting to make a false drivers license for himself. Credit cards were also located that did not belong to Medina. Lemoore officers and detectives then learned that the stolen credit cards were recently used in local stores to purchase over \$2000.00 worth of merchandise. A search warrant was written and served on Medina's residence in Lemoore, where more stolen checks and forgery equipment were recovered, as well as some of the items purchased with the stolen credit cards.

Medina was booked into the Kings County Jail for forgery, possession of stolen property, and using a forged access card and his bail was set at \$30,000.00. The Lemoore Police Department and Hanford Police Department are working together to identify other victims in this case and Medina could face additional charges.