

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, November 4, 2016, at about 3:46 am, Lemoore police officers were conducting a premise check at local gas stations due to recent identity theft incidents. Officers were checking fuel pumps for skimming devices used in these cases. While checking the gas pumps at the Lemoore Fastrip, an officer noticed occupants of a vehicle in the parking lot who appeared to be avoiding her. The occupants reclined their seat backs as if they were trying to avoid being seen by the officer. Officers contacted the occupants, who were later identified as 42 year old Dimas Perez of Hanford and 36 year old Brenda Mojica of Lemoore. The vehicle they were in was reported stolen out of Tulare.

Officers arrested Perez, who had given them a false name, and Mojica for vehicle theft. Upon searching Perez, officers located several shaved keys and methamphetamine. A search of Mojica revealed methamphetamine as well.

Perez was arrested and booked into the Kings County Jail for vehicle theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, providing false ID to a peace officer, possession of burglary tools, and possession of a controlled substance. It was later learned Perez had an active warrant out of Fresno County for misdemeanor hit and run and driving without a license. His bail was set at \$115,000.

Mojica was arrested and booked into the Kings County Jail for vehicle theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, and possession of a controlled substance. Her bail was set at \$105,000.