

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **PRESS RELEASE**

On Monday, 03/20/17 at about 4:27 pm, a Lemoore police officer initiated a traffic enforcement stop in the 400 block of N. 19th Ave. The traffic stop was conducted on a red four-door vehicle with expired registration. As the primary officer began approaching the driver's side of the vehicle, the vehicle quickly sped away from the traffic stop. The primary officer began pursuing the vehicle.

The vehicle sped northbound on N. 19th Ave. at approximately 60 MPH. The vehicle made an eastbound turn onto W. Hanford Armona Rd. and continued traveling at high speeds. The vehicle then turned northbound onto 18 3/4 Ave. and continued to travel at high speeds. When the vehicle traveled eastbound on Lacey Blvd and just east of 18th Ave., the primary officer witnessed an occupant throw an unknown object out from the vehicle and to the dirt shoulder. The vehicle sped away at speeds of over 100 MPH. When the pursuit reached Lacey Blvd and 14th Ave., the Lemoore officers terminated the pursuit due to the increased traffic flow, keeping the safety of the public in mind.

Lemoore police officers traveled back to the area where the unknown object was thrown from the vehicle. Officers were able to locate two separate clear plastic bags containing a white powdery substance that was later determined to be cocaine. 21 grams of cocaine were recovered at the scene.

The vehicle was identified as an early 2000s Honda Accord four-door with faded window tint, polished wheels and a rear spoiler. The Honda was occupied by five subjects.

This case is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Lemoore Police Department at 559-924-9574.