

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On Sunday morning September 20th 2015, a concerned citizen reported suspicious activity in the area of the College Park Apartments, 899 Dogwood, in Lemoore. The citizen stated subjects had hastily attached a trailer parked in the apartment complex parking lot to a pickup and driven away rapidly, with one subject running beside the trailer.

Lemoore Police Department officers responded to the area and given the information provided by the caller were able to locate the trailer and pick up, traveling eastbound on Hanford-Armona Rd. in the area of 19th Ave. The officers conducted an investigative stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver and passenger. Robert Anthony Sotelo, 47, of Hanford Ca. and Albert Gaytan, 46, of Hanford Ca.

Through their investigation the officers were able to locate the owner of the trailer. The owner confirmed there was no-one that should have been towing away his property. Sotelo and Gaytan were subsequently arrested for 2 counts of vehicle theft. They have been booked into the Kings County Jail on \$45,000 bail each.

Inside the trailer was a motorcycle valued at \$17,000. Thanks to quick thinking and reporting of this suspicious activity, and a fast police response, more than \$21,000 in property has been recovered and returned to the owner.