

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On 4/9/15 at about 10:43 p.m., Lemoore police officers conducted a traffic stop in the 900 block of Alpen Dr. The vehicle stopped in the driveway of a residence. During the traffic stop, an officer noticed that the passenger side panel on the center console was pulled away from the rest of the panels. The officer then noticed the grip of a pistol behind the panel. Officers searched the vehicle and located a loaded .45 caliber handgun hidden in the compartment of the vehicle. The handgun was also next to a loaded .45 caliber magazine. It was later determined that the driver, 24 year old Reynaldo Thomas, lived at the residence where he stopped. Reynaldo is a convicted felon and is on probation so officers searched the residence and located evidence of a butane hash oil lab inside. Officers also located two large bags of marijuana, a small amount of hash oil, additional pistol magazines, and ammunition for the handgun found in the vehicle. Investigators from the Kings County Narcotics Task Force responded to investigate the lab.

Also in the vehicle were Reynaldo's girlfriend, 22 year old Dulce Altamirano, their 1 year old and 3 year old children, and Reynaldo's brother, 20 year old Rodolfo Thomas. Rodolfo told officers that the gun hidden in the vehicle belonged to him.

Reynaldo Thomas was arrested for manufacturing a controlled substance by chemical extraction, being a felon in possession of ammunition, child endangerment, possession of marijuana for sales, and driving with a suspended license. His bail was set at \$95,000.

Rodolfo Thomas was arrested for carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle, child endangerment, and manufacturing a controlled substance by chemical extraction. His bail was set at \$85,000.

Dulce Altamirano was arrested for child endangerment, and manufacturing a controlled substance by chemical extraction. Her bail was set at \$75,000.

The two children were turned over to Child Protective Services.