

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PRESS RELEASE

On March 19, 2018 at about 12:06 AM, Officers from the Lemoore Police Department responded to a report of an altercation occurring at Fastrup, 775 N. Lemoore Ave. It was reported a male, later identified as Damian Alston, 26 year old from South Carolina, intentionally collided a vehicle into his ex-girlfriend's vehicle with her inside. Alston then fled the scene at a high rate of speed.

As officers responded to Fastrup, they received a report of a traffic collision in the area of Follett St. and G St. As officers arrived in the area, they discovered that one of the vehicles involved in the collision was the suspect vehicle from the incident at Fastrup. The suspect vehicle was unoccupied at the time of their arrival. Officers observed a victim vehicle off the roadway which had collided into a tree. Inside the victim vehicle were an adult female driver and two young children.

During the course of the investigation, Alston was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. He used a stolen vehicle to assault his ex-girlfriend while she was inside her vehicle at Fastrup as well as the occupants of the vehicle on G St. and Follett St. Officers determined that Alston had ran the victim's vehicle off the road and into a tree believing his ex-girlfriend was in the vehicle. Upon discovering she was not in the vehicle, he fled the scene. Officers were able to locate Alston a short distance away. Upon contacting Alston he resisted arrest and was taken into custody after a short struggle.

The female of the collision at Fastrup did not receive any injuries. The female and two children from the collision on G St. were transported to a local area hospital for major injuries.

Alston was arrested for multiple charges to include attempted murder, vehicle theft, criminal threats, driving while intoxicated causing injury, and resisting arrest. Alston was booked into the Kings County Jail with a bail set at \$2,210,000.00.