

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday December 23rd, 2018, the Lemoore Police Department responded to an apartment complex in the 200 block of E. Hanford Armona Rd. for a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle reported stolen was a white 1991 Honda CRX. The victim described the vehicle and advised that he was still in possession of all the keys.

Patrol officers were able to obtain surveillance video from the apartment complex. The video footage showed a male suspect walking around the complex and ultimately locating the vehicle reported stolen. The suspect used what appeared to be keys to gain access to the inside of the car and then drive it away within minutes.

Lemoore Police Detectives with the assistance of the Kings County Probation Department were able to identify the suspect as Jonathan Fernandez (28 years of age).

On Tuesday January 15, 2019, Lemoore Police Detectives and Kings County Probation Officers conducted a probation search at the suspects residence located in the 10000 block of 17th Ave. in Kings County. The original vehicle reported stolen from Lemoore was located. Two additional stolen vehicles were located at this residence. One vehicle was reported stolen out of Gilroy California and another vehicle reported stolen out of Lemoore. One of the vehicles appeared to be missing components and was likely being stripped. The search also produced multiple keys that had been altered to unlock older model vehicles.

Jonathan Fernandez was arrested and booked at the Kings County Jail for the following violations: CVC 10801 Chop Shop Operation, CVC 10851 (a) Vehicle Theft, PC 496 d (a) Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and PC 466 Possession of Burglary Tools. His bail was set at \$90,000 dollars.

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