## LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **PRESS RELEASE**

On 03/17/2020 at about 10:00 AM, the Lemoore Police Department was dispatched to the 1000 blk of N. Lemoore Ave. regarding two subjects seen checking the door handles of cars in the parking lot, attempting to get into vehicles.

Officers arrived in the area and located a male matching one of the suspect descriptions. The male was later identified as 34 year old, Jesus Serratos-Lazaro, of Kerman. Serratos-Lazaro attempted to evade officers, got into a car, and drove off as officers followed in pursuit. The vehicle accelerated at a high rate of speed westbound on W. Hanford Armona Rd. The vehicle ran the red light at the Hwy 41 intersection and turned southbound on Highway 41 in the northbound lanes. Due to the risk to the public, Officers discontinued pursuing the vehicle at this time.

A short time later, Officers observed the vehicle crash into a street sign at the intersection of W. Bush St. and the southbound Highway 41 exit ramp. Officers saw Serratos-Lazaro exit the vehicle and run northbound. Serratos-Lazaro was apprehended by officers after a short chase on foot.

Serratos-Lazaro was booked into the Kings County Jail for evading police officers, evading while driving the wrong way on a roadway, hit and run, driving on a suspended license, and resisting an officer. Serratos-Lazaro's bail was set at \$85,000.

LPD CASE #L2000772