

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

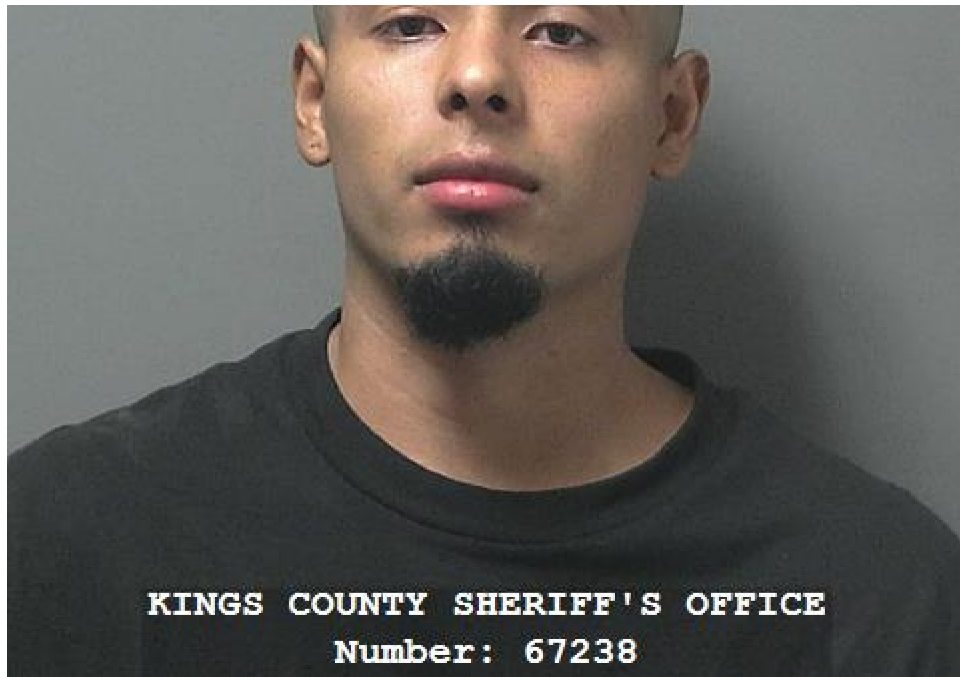


PRESS RELEASE

On October 8, 2020 at approximately 6:30 PM, a Lemoore Police Officer attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 600 block of Falleneaf Dr. after multiple reports the vehicle was swerving and nearly crashed. The driver was identified as 24 year old, Esgar Martinez Vital, of Hanford.

One reporting party believing Vital was driving intoxicated, followed Vital and updated police of his location. As the officer attempted to contact Vital, he fled in his vehicle. After a short pursuit Vital collided into another vehicle in the 700 block of N. Lemoore Ave. Vital ran a red light at the intersection of N. Lemoore Ave and Cinnamon Dr causing the collision. Vital was not injured in the crash. The other driver was transported to a local area hospital where he was treated and later released.

Vital was arrested and booked into Kings County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs causing injury, evading a police officer causing injury, evading a police officer while driving the wrong way and driving on a suspended license for DUI. Vital's bail was set at \$55,000 dollars.



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