

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On April 14, 2022, at approximately 8 P.M., the Lemoore Police Department received a call of an in progress armed robbery occurring at K & H Liquor Food & Gas, located in the 100 block of E. D St, Lemoore.

One store clerk was able to hide and call police during the robbery, providing suspect descriptions. The suspects were later identified as, Ricardo Samuel Armenta, 25 years old from Lemoore and Sarah Marie Renteria, 32 years old from San Diego. Officers arrived as the suspects were fleeing the scene in a black truck. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on E. D Street however, the driver failed to yield and fled at high rates of speed.

Officers pursued the vehicle with the assistance of the Kings County Sheriff's Office airplane. The suspect's truck eventually yielded in the area of the Lemoore Santa Rosa Rancheria and Armenta fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit Armenta was apprehended. Armenta was in possession of a loaded .45 caliber revolver. Another loaded Glock style 9mm semi-automatic pistol, ammunition, and property taken during the robbery were recovered from the vehicle.

Armenta had a suspended driver's license and he was on Post Release Community Supervision. Through investigation, it was learned Armenta is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.

Ricardo Samuel Armenta was booked at the Kings County Jail in Hanford for armed robbery, conspiracy, possession of firearm with prior violent convictions, felon in possession of firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, carrying loaded firearm with intent to commit felony, carrying loaded firearm in public, carrying loaded firearm with prior felony conviction, resisting arrest, vandalism, possession of undetectable firearm, convicted felon in possession of a stun gun, and felony evading. Armenta's bail was set at \$390,000. Armenta also had two active Kings County warrants, bail \$360,000. Armenta's total bail was set at \$750,000.

Sarah Marie Renteria was booked at the Kings County Sheriff's Department Jail in Hanford for armed robbery and conspiracy. Renteria's bail was set at \$120,000.

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