

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PRESS RELEASE

LPD Case #L2301419

On 05/12/2023 at approximately 01:46 A.M., a Lemoore Police Officer on patrol in the area of S 19<sup>th</sup> Ave/Highway 198 conducted a traffic enforcement stop for an equipment violation on a 4 door Acura. The driver was identified as 22-year-old, Cristian Luevano, of Bakersfield. Luevano was unlicensed and currently on Probation. Also in the vehicle was Rafael Lazaro (32-year-old) and Fernando Estrada (39-year-old) also out of Bakersfield.

During the investigation, it was learned the vehicle was displaying a stolen license plate out of the city of Delano. A Lemoore Police K9 was used to search the exterior of the vehicle. The K9 indicated the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A thorough search of the vehicle was conducted at which time officers located illegal narcotics, narcotic paraphernalia, several burglary tools, and two catalytic converters with fresh cuts on each side.

All three subjects inside the vehicle had multiple warrants confirmed out of Los Angeles County (Lancaster), and Kern County (MacFarland/Bakersfield).

Luevano was charged with multiple felony warrants along with possession of stolen property, possession of illegal narcotics/paraphernalia, and possession of burglary tools. Rafael Lazaro and Fernando Estrada were booked for similar charges along with their warrants. Each subject was booked into the Kings County Jail with Luevano on No-bail, Estrada on \$95,000 bail, and Lazaro on \$100,000 bail.

