

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

Case #L2302975

On September 22nd, 2023, at approximately 12:30 a.m., the Lemoore Police Department was dispatched to the area of N. Olive St. and W. D St regarding gun shots being heard. Officers responded and located an adult male with multiple gun shot wounds. Officers provided immediate medical attention, but the male was later pronounced dead at the scene. The scene was secured, and detectives responded. Assistance from the Kings County Major Crimes Task Force was also requested.

During the investigation, detectives developed leads on a possible suspect location. While conducting surveillance on this location, Officers attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing possible suspects exit the location and get into a vehicle. When the Officer attempted to make a traffic enforcement stop, the vehicle slowly yielded in the .200 blk of N 19th Ave. After the vehicle yielded, one of the occupants exited and ran towards an apartment complex located nearby. The other 3 vehicle occupants were detained, and a perimeter was set. KCSO Air support was requested and responded along with KCSO patrol units.

With the assistance of Lemoore Police Department Drone Operator, the suspect was located and arrested. A loaded firearm was located on the suspect during his arrest. The suspect provided a false name but was eventually identified as 20-year-old, Tishawn Thorton, out of Fresno. After obtaining Thorton's true identity, detectives learned that he had active arrest warrants out of Fresno for homicide, robbery, and firearm charges.

During this investigation, detectives were able to gather enough evidence against Thorton to place him under arrest for homicide. Thorton will be booked into the Kings County Jail upon completion.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Lemoore Police Department at (559) 924-9574.