

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

LPD Case #L2401065

On 04/19/2024 at about 1 a.m., Lemoore Police Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Apple Ave. regarding a theft of a catalytic converter that just occurred. The victim described the suspect vehicle and advised it left westbound on Persimmon Dr.

Responding officers saturated the area and located a vehicle matching the suspect description at Liberty Dr. and W Hanford Armona Rd. A traffic enforcement stop was conducted and the driver was identified as 29-year-old, Fransisco Valenica, out of Bakersfield. The passenger was identified as 31-year-old, Alondra Higuera, also out of Bakersfield. A search of the vehicle was conducted and the stolen catalytic converter was located. Also located inside the vehicle were burglary tools and other items indicative of this type of criminal behavior.

Valenica and Higuera were placed under arrest for multiple charges including grand theft of motor vehicle parts, possession of burglary tools, conspiracy to commit a felony, and committing a crime while on release for a previous felony. Valenica was found to have been recently released from Kern County jail for similar charges. They were booked into Kings County Jail with their bail set at \$105,000.00 and \$95,000.00 respectively.

