

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

Case # L1703234

On November 09, 2017, an Officer with the Lemoore Police Department made a traffic stop on a vehicle that was swerving and crossing over the median in the area of S. Lemoore Ave and Highway 198. The vehicle was occupied by a female driver, later identified as Vanessa Garcia (23) from Lemoore, and a male passenger, later identified as Vernon Lewis (29) from Lemoore. While speaking to the subject's inside the vehicle, officers located a black .308 caliber semi-automatic rifle in plain view on the back seat. The semi-automatic rifle had a high capacity magazine affixed to it.

Lewis is a convicted felon restricted from being in possession of a firearm/ammunition. Lewis was arrested and transported to Kings County Jail. While inside Kings County Jail Lewis was found to bring in a controlled substance (Cocaine) into a jail facility and also had a .308 caliber bullet in his possession.

Garcia was arrested and booked for driving under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Garcia's bail was set at \$10,000.

Lewis was booked for felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a high capacity magazine, and bringing a controlled substance into a jail facility. Lewis' bail was set at \$55,000.