

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On April 11th, 2016 at approximately 2:00 pm a Lemoore Police Department traffic officer stopped a vehicle in the 1100 block of W. D Street for an illegal u-turn violation.

The driver was identified as 24 year old Miguel Rosales of Hanford. The passenger was identified as 19 year old Richard Barrera, also from Hanford. During the investigation, a vehicle search was conducted and a loaded 9mm pistol was located underneath Barrera's seat. Both Barrera and Rosales were then detained. A records check of the firearm revealed it had been stolen out of Tulare. A further search of Barrera's person revealed over 2 ounces of marijuana and approximately \$1000 dollars in cash. A records check of Barrera revealed he was currently on felony probation for criminal street gang related crimes. Rosales was also found to be currently on parole for possession of stolen property. The Kings County Gang Task Force was notified and confirmed both Rosales and Barrera had contacts affiliating them with a criminal street gang.

Barrera was arrested and booked into the Kings County Jail for possession of marijuana for sale, drug transportation, felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and a gang enhancement. Barrera's bail amount was set at \$110,000 dollars. Rosales was also booked on a no-bail parole violation.