

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On May 5, 2014 the ABC 30 television station aired a story regarding the 13 year old being assaulted by an adult. During the news segment the cell phone video was aired. As a result of this news story, the Lemoore Police Department received numerous calls claiming that the suspect assaulting the 13 year old was Leah McLeod. Lemoore detectives contacted McLeod in Hanford this morning. McLeod admitted her involvement in the assault. She was arrested and booked at the Kings County Jail for felony child endangerment and conspiracy. Her bail was set at \$100,000.

Officers contacted 35 year old Erica Lopez in Lemoore this afternoon. She is the mother of the 15 year old who was supposed to fight the 13 year old victim. She admitted her involvement in the incident, including encouraging McLeod to assault the victim. Lopez was arrested and booked at the Kings County Jail for felony child endangerment and conspiracy. Her bail was set at \$100,000.