

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On November 26, 2017 at about 2:30PM, officers from the Lemoore Police Department were dispatched to the 600 block of Cabrillo St. regarding shots being fired in the area. When officers arrived on scene they located a female victim with multiple gunshot wounds. She was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel. The victim has been identified as Danielle Jones, 40 years old, from Lemoore.

While speaking with witnesses, officers learned of a possible suspect who had fled the scene in his vehicle. Officer broadcast that information to the surrounding law enforcement agencies. The suspect has been identified as Juan Castro, 43 years old, from Lemoore.

At about 3:45 pm, officers from the Hanford Police Department located the suspect vehicle in the area of Hanford -Armona Road and Irwin Street. Officers from the Hanford Police Department attempted to stop the vehicle and the vehicle fled the officers and led them on a pursuit. This pursuit lasted about ten minutes and was terminated by way of a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver on 9th Avenue about 100 yards south of Jersey Avenue. At the conclusion of the pursuit Castro fired at least one round at a Kings County Deputy. The deputy as well as one other deputy and one Hanford Police Officer returned fire. Castro was struck and died at the scene. Castro is believed to be the only suspect in this homicide investigation.

During the course of the investigation the Lemoore Police Department has learned that Jones and Castro were in a dating relationship and were living together at the time the homicide occurred. Investigators are asking that anyone who has information regarding this case to call the Lemoore Police Department. 924-9574