

# LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **PRESS RELEASE**

On February 18, 2017 the Lemoore Police Department got a report of a burglary from a storage locker at Master Storage in the City of Lemoore. The victim told police that some time between February 11-18, 2017, an unknown suspect had gained access to his storage locker, stole approximately \$20,000.00 worth of construction equipment, and replaced his lock with another lock.

With the assistance of the management of Master Storage, the investigating officer was able to view video surveillance of the area where the locker was burglarized. This video led to the identification of the suspect in this case, 34 year old Jeffrey Smith of Lemoore. Smith was seen on video breaking into the victim's locker and removing items.

After serving several search warrants, officers were able to take Smith into custody at his residence. During a subsequent interview at the police department, Smith admitted to committing this burglary and implicated himself in multiple other burglaries within the past month. Smith was booked into the Kings County Jail on burglary charges as well as several attempted burglaries. His bail was set at \$105,000.

The Lemoore Police Department is continuing to investigate this burglary as well as several others at Master Storage and Lemoore Mini Storage. We urge anyone with storage units at these facilities or any other storage facility to inspect their unit(s) for theft or damage and to ensure that the lock on your rented unit is yours.

These cases are still under investigation by the Lemoore Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Team. Anyone with any information regarding these cases is asked to contact Corporal Mark Pescatore ([mark.pescatore@lemoorepd.com](mailto:mark.pescatore@lemoorepd.com)) or Officer Anthony Braly ([Anthony.braly@lemoorepd.com](mailto:Anthony.braly@lemoorepd.com)) at the police department at (559) 924-9574.

