LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

On 07/02/15 at about 1016 hours, officer from the Lemoore Police Department were dispatched to the 12800 block of Hemlock Drive regarding a possible robbery that had just occurred. The victim advised that he had listed a generator for sale on Facebook and received numerous text messages from a person stating that he wanted to buy it. Three people arrived at the victim's residence; however, they accused him of stealing the generator from one of them earlier.

One of the suspects, identified as 27 year old Nathan Sargent of Lemoore, then threatened to hit the victim and motioned towards him with his fists. This caused the victim to fear for his safety. He then reached passed the victim, who was standing near his open car door, and stole $10.00 off of the seat. The victim stated that he was too scared to resist the suspect and that after the theft, they fled to a nearby house.

Responding officers contacted the residents of the house where the suspects fled to and were granted permission to enter. Once inside they contact the three suspects involved, detained them, and had them step outside. Subsequent investigation identified the remaining two suspects as 39 year old Jeffrey Fernandez of Lemoore and 30 year old Teddy Lee of Hanford. The three suspects were identified by witnesses as being involved in the incident and brought to the police department for further investigation.

Once at the department all three provided statements to the investigating officer about the incident. Lee was also questioned in regards to two stolen vehicle cases in which he was named as a suspect. After questioning, Fernandez was released without charges. Sargent was booked into the Kings County Jail for robbery, conspiracy, and committing a felony while out on bail. Lee was booked into the Kings County Jail for robbery, conspiracy, two counts of possession of stolen property, and two counts of vehicle theft.

Sargent's bail was set at $95,000.00 and Lee's bail was set at $110,000.00.