

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On April 4th, 2015 at approximately 5:00 p.m. Lemoore police officers responded to the 900 block of Fox St. regarding a possible injury traffic accident. Upon arrival it was determined the collision involved a single vehicle, a 2006 Saturn Vue, being driven by 21 year old Jose Ramirez out of Hanford. The cause of the collision was an unsafe turning movement which resulted in the vehicle being driven off the roadway and into a tree.

During the course of the investigation, a loaded .32 caliber pistol and other live ammunition was found inside the vehicle. Jose Ramirez and the passengers, Jesse Jimenez and Joel Sandoval, both 19 years old residents of Lemoore, and a 17 year old Hispanic male juvenile from Lemoore were all known by law enforcement to be Norteno criminal street gang members.

Jose Ramirez was booked into the Kings County Jail for being a convicted felon in possession of a loaded firearm and ammunition and participating in a criminal street gang. His bail was set at \$250,000. Jesse Jimenez was booked into the Kings County Jail for being a convicted felon in possession of a loaded firearm and ammunition and participating in a criminal street gang. His bail was set at \$250,000. Joel Sandoval was booked into the Kings County Jail for being in possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle and participating in a criminal street gang. His bail was set at \$75,000. The Hispanic male juvenile was booked into the Kings County Juvenile Center for being a convicted felon in possession of a loaded firearm and ammunitions and participating in a criminal street gang.