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**MURDER CHARGES FILED  
IN DEATHS OF CHILDREN**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that the Monterey County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Tami Huntsman, age 39, and Gonzolo Curiel, age 17.

Each defendant has been charged with two counts of murder, three counts of torture, one count of child abuse, and two counts of conspiracy, one to commit torture and one to commit child abuse. The complaint has been filed against Curiel as an adult. Special Circumstance allegations have been filed against both defendants. These allegations result in Huntsman being eligible for the death penalty. Curiel, as a minor, is not subject to the death penalty. No decision on whether the District Attorney's Office will seek the death penalty against Huntsman has been made, and will not be addressed until after the preliminary hearing is completed.

Both defendants remain in custody outside of the county and it is anticipated that it will take at least a week, perhaps more, for the defendants to be returned to Monterey County for court proceedings.

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