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**SANTA CRUZ MAN PLED GUILTY TO
SECOND DEGREE MURDER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Scott White, age 29, of Santa Cruz, pled guilty to second degree murder with a knife enhancement. This is a violent offense under California's Three Strikes sentencing law.

On April 13, 2015, Sand City Police Department personnel responded to the home of 78-year-old Helen Morrow. Ms. Morrow was stabbed in the head area by White who was at her home playing video games with her grandchildren. Ms. Morrow received medical care for her injuries but was taken off life support the next day.

The case was investigated by Sand City Police Officers Jeff Bushnell and Lawrence Escobar.

White is scheduled to be sentenced on March 2, 2016 by Judge Pamela Butler. He will be sentenced to a mandatory fifteen years-to-life for murder and one year for the use of a knife.