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VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER PLEA

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Shannon Gavriela Gutierrez, age 25 of Marina, pled guilty to the Voluntary Manslaughter of Antonio Torres for an agreed upon term of 28 years in state prison, which includes sentencing enhancements for prior convictions.

On June 29, 2015, the victim, defendant and two friends socialized and drank alcohol late into the evening. While at defendant's home, Mr. Torres and defendant got into an argument and a physical fight over Mr. Torres not paying enough attention to her. According to one friend's account, the defendant, who was much larger than Torres, was the aggressor and was winning the fight before friends broke it up.

Minutes after the fight ended, the defendant pulled out a knife and stabbed Mr. Torres twice, once on the wrist and once on the throat. Mr. Torres stumbled out of the house onto the driveway and died within minutes from loss of blood.

The term of 28 years was partly due to a violent prior "strike" for felony assault that Ms. Gutierrez committed in 2010 for which she served a three-year prison sentence.

Judge Butler will sentence the defendant on October 5, 2016.

The case was investigated by the Marina Police Department led by Detective Oliver Minnig.