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**PEBBLE BEACH CADDIE ENTERED
A NO CONTEST PLEA TO
GIRLFRIEND'S MURDER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on August 31 Matthew Huntington, age 44 of Carmel, entered a no contest plea to the charge of murder in the second degree for the death of his ex-girlfriend, Tara DeSousa, age 50.

On January 28, 2015, at 10:24 p.m., Desousa's roommate called police after the roommate ran to the victim's bedroom and saw the defendant straddling the victim's body, knife in hand stabbing DeSousa in the torso. The roommate pulled Huntington off of the victim and Huntington then ran from the house. Minutes later, Monterey police were called to Reeside and Lighthouse Avenues where Huntington had jumped off a one story building. Huntington was transported to Natividad Medical Center and remained hospitalized until February 26, 2015, when he was booked into the Monterey County Jail on murder charges.

According to the roommate, Huntington had been living at the victim's house in Monterey for the previous five days in spite of a restraining order filed by Huntington on January 24, 2014, which prohibited the victim from having contact with him.

On January 30, 2015, Dr. Venus Azar, Monterey County Forensic Pathologist, conducted an examination which determined that the victim died as a result of approximately twenty-eight stab wounds to her heart, lungs, liver, stomach, ribs, face, neck and arms.

Judge Pamela L. Butler will sentence Huntington to a fifteen year-to-life prison term in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on September 28, 2016 at 8:45 a.m.

The case was investigated by Detective Bryan Kruse and the officers of the Monterey Police Department.

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