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## **SEASIDE MAN TO RECEIVE 14 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Bruce Collins, age 33, entered a plea of no contest to assault with a deadly weapon. Collins also admitted enhancements for personally inflicting great bodily injury on the victim, having a prior strike conviction for criminal threats, and having a prior serious felony.

On August 11, 2016, Collins was arguing with his wife in their apartment. The victim, who shares a child with Collins' wife, came to the apartment to get his child. Collins became extremely angry and was yelling at the victim as the victim left the apartment with his child. As the victim was walking away, both men continued to yell at each other.

Collins knocked the victim down a set of outdoor stairs and dislocated the victim's shoulder. Collins' wife inserted herself into the situation and was holding the victim's arms down. While the victim was disabled on the ground, Collins stabbed the victim several times in the back and once in the finger. The victim's girlfriend came out of her apartment and saw Collins stabbing the victim.

The victim sustained several stab wounds to the back, one stab wound on this finger, two fractured ribs, and a dislocated shoulder. He was treated for his injuries at Natividad Medical Center.

Collins will receive a sentence of 14 years in state prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on January 20, 2017 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.