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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Alexander Winn, age 46, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced by Judge Julie Culver to 31 years-to-life in prison for the first-degree murder of David Derrington, age 50, of Watsonville, on February 21, 2016.

Sometime in mid-2015, David Derrington began eviction proceedings to regain possession of his former residence in North Monterey County, after his ex-wife, Traci Derrington-Winn and her husband, Alexander Winn, defaulted on an agreement to buy him out. After Winn and his wife refused to move out, Derrington, armed with a court order, enlisted the help of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, who on February 9, 2016 had to forcibly remove Winn and his wife from the house. During the months leading up to the eviction and on February 9, the day of the eviction, Winn made numerous statements to witnesses who testified at trial that he was going to kill Derrington.

On February 21, 2016, while both were at the North County house dealing with property left behind, Winn made good on these threats. He stabbed Derrington twenty-two times, nine penetrating the lungs, with a nine-inch military-style knife. Ironically, the knife belonged to Derrington, but was left at the house in 2008 when Derrington moved out after the divorce.

The investigation was led by Bret Speirs of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, and assisted by Peter Austen of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office