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TAMI JOY HUNTSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MULTIPLE COUNTS OF MURDER AND TORTURE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that defendant Tami Huntsman, age 42, has entered guilty pleas to all the crimes charged against her. Huntsman will serve consecutive life sentences with no possibility of parole for the murders of Shaun and Delylah Tara, aged 6 and 3 respectively, at the time Huntsman murdered them. She also admitted to the torture of both deceased children and their surviving sister Jane Doe, who was 9 years old when rescued. As part of the plea agreement, Huntsman waived her rights to later legally challenge or appeal her conviction and sentence, making it certain that Huntsman will die in prison. Because of Huntsman's plea today, the surviving victim and the family of the deceased know with certainty that Huntsman will never again walk free of prison custody.

Huntsman entered her pleas today before the Honorable Judge Pamela Butler. Tami Huntsman is scheduled to be formally sentenced on April 25th.

Huntsman became a suspect because of diligent work by Plumas County Child Protective Services and Plumas County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Hermann. Detective Sergeant Peay of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office then led the search to find Shaun and Delylah Tara. Massive efforts by Redding Police and Salinas Police brought the full extent of these crimes to light. Plumas County District Attorney David Hollister assisted our office both during the investigation and prosecution. District Attorney Investigator Christine Gunter and Salinas Detective Gabriel Gonzalez have together led the investigation for more than two years.

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