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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: January 29, 2018  
Re: Maribel Gonzalez  
Voluntary manslaughter and Assault with  
a deadly weapon convictions

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Maribel Gonzalez, age 41, has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter and assault with a deadly weapon. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hout handled the case for the People.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, at around 10:00 pm, Gonzalez stabbed the victim, a 44-year-old Turlock resident, during an argument. Gonzalez also stabbed the victim's 27-year-old daughter when the daughter attempted to intervene. The victim died two days later. The daughter survived her wounds.

On January 22, 2018, Gonzalez entered no contest pleas to voluntary manslaughter for stabbing the victim and assault with a deadly weapon for stabbing the daughter. She also admitted an enhancement for using a knife. Gonzalez also admitted violating her felony probation in a separate child abuse case that predated the killing.

In exchange for the plea, Gonzalez will be sentenced to the maximum term for manslaughter for a total of 14 years and 4 months in state prison. Sentencing and victim impact statements are now set for March 8, 2018, at 8:30 in Department 7.

The crimes of voluntary manslaughter and assault with a deadly weapon are both considered "Strike" offenses under California's "Three Strikes" law that can be used to increase any sentence Gonzalez receives should she be convicted of a felony crime in the future.

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