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Greenfield woman accused of killing husband to stand trial this month

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A Greenfield woman who says she never intended to fatally stab her husband is scheduled to stand trial in about two weeks.

Emma Beatriz Jaime faces a charge of murder with the use of a deadly weapon in the New Year's Day stabbing of her husband, Ramon, in their Greenfield home in the 600 block of Vasquez Avenue.

On Friday, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes set the jury trial for May 24.

Thomas Worthington, Jaime's private Salinas lawyer, said the trial may begin as early as May 21, depending on how the juror questionnaire and jury selection goes. The questionnaire is used to accelerate jury selection and poses questions about the availability of potential jurors and whether they can be impartial in the case.

Worthington said the trial is expected to last at least two weeks.

During Jaime's preliminary hearing in January, a videotape of her being interviewed by a county District Attorney's Office investigator was played in court. In the video, Jaime described the final moments of her husband's life.

She told the investigator that the argument with her husband was initiated by his refusal to fix her a meal in the kitchen.

A heated physical and verbal altercation ensued, she said, resulting in her clutching a knife to her chest with its blade pointed toward her chin. Jaime said her 6-foot, 230-pound husband somehow walked into the knife.

A 911 recording of the call Jaime made was also played during the hearing. In the tape, she could be heard begging the dispatcher to send help.

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Although Jaime's bail was reduced to \$750,000 after her preliminary hearing in January, she remains at Monterey County Jail.

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Emma Beatriz Jaime is scheduled to stand trial May 24 on a charge she murdered her husband on New Year's Day in Greenfield.