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Jesse John Crow's arraignment on additional charges delayed

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A Prunedale man, accused of murdering his wife, is expected to plead not guilty to additional charges including using a firearm to kill her, next month.

Jesse John Crow, accused of slaying Ryann Bunnell Crow, was initially anticipated to enter the plea this morning, but his arraignment was continued to April 9 at the request of his defense lawyers.

This week, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office also added allegations of being a felon in possession of a firearm and cultivating marijuana.

The cultivation of marijuana charge stems from Feb. 3, when county sheriff's deputies allegedly seized more than 300 plants from Crow's home in the 7600 block of Chester Drive in Prunedale. The felon in possession of a firearm charge comes from a March 1997 conviction Crow received for possession of marijuana.

Crow was arrested Feb. 16 on suspicion of his wife's murder. Bunnell Crow was reported missing by her family two weeks earlier, Feb. 2. Her body has not been found.

Brian Worthington, an attorney for Crow, said the defense requested that the arraignment be delayed because of the "tremendous amount of new discovery" they received from the prosecution on Wednesday.

Crow remains in county jail on \$3 million bail.