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Hartford Police Make Arrest in November 2008 Homicide

Hartford – On June 26, 2009, the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division arrested **Maurice Francis (01/27/80) of 47 Berkeley Drive** for the November 1, 2008 domestic related stabbing death of 29 year old Tashima Reddick (05/24/79) formerly of 47 Berkeley Drive.

On November 1, 2008 at approximately 10:51 p.m. Hartford Police officers responded to 47 Berkeley Drive on a report of an unresponsive female. Upon arrival officers located a female, later identified as Tamisha Reddick, in the bathroom bleeding. Medical attention was immediately provided, however Ms. Reddick succumbed to her wounds and EMS pronounced her deceased at 11:20 p.m. The Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions responded to the scene and began an immediate investigation.

This past Friday's arrest of Francis was the result of a lengthy (8) eighth month investigation. Within hours of obtaining an arrest warrant charging him with one count of Murder, he was taken into custody at the Hartford Police Station without incident. Francis is being held on a \$500,000 bond.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Sergeant Rob Davis of the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division at 860-757-4256 or the Hartford Crime Stoppers at 860-722-TIPS.

Anonymous, confidential tips may be made by calling [Hartford Crime Stoppers](http://www.HartfordCrimeStoppers.org) at 860-722-TIPS (8477). Hartford Crime Stoppers is a community and business based organization that awards up to \$1,000.00 for information from confidential sources that lead to the arrest of a suspect in a police investigation.



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