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Press Release: Homicide; third for 2009

For Immediate Release

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On Monday July 27, 2009 at approximately 12:59 pm, Worcester Police responded to 94 Southgate Street, apt. 2R for a report of a discovery of a deceased person. This call was placed by the property landlord who had been there to check for a report of a strong odor coming from that apartment. During the course of the landlord's inspection he discovered a deceased body of what he believed to be a woman in the closet of a bedroom.

Upon the arrival of the police, a search warrant was obtained and Worcester Police Detectives processed the scene along with the Evidence Recovery Unit and members of the Crime Scene Unit. The victim was believed to be the current tenant of this apartment who was last seen on Thursday, July 23rd. The tenant is 23 year old Darlene Haynes who was reportedly 8 months pregnant. The victim, who had been deceased for several days, was discovered wrapped in bedding. The victim was transported to the Boston Medical Examiners Office for an autopsy; cause of death along with positive identification will be pending post mortem examination.

On July 28, 2009 an autopsy was performed and cause of death was ruled a homicide. Exact cause of death will be pending toxicology results. Positive identification of the victim was made. The victim is 23 year old Darlene Haynes. During the examination it was revealed that the victims' fetus was removed. Ms. Haynes was 8 months pregnant. The fetus was not recovered at the scene and detectives are searching for this fetus which, according to medical personnel, could survive but will need medical attention immediately.

The investigation is ongoing and detectives urge the public that if they have any information pertaining to this homicide or if they have any information on the infant to contact the Worcester Police Department Detective Bureau at (508) 799-8651

No additional information to be released at this time.