

# **23-year old Taunton women stabbed to death in her home**

Taunton Police, Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to this office and Homicide Unit prosecutors are actively investigating an apparent homicide which occurred in the City of Taunton yesterday.

Taunton Police received a 911 call around 5:47 p.m. yesterday from a woman who said she came home from work to find her girlfriend deceased inside their apartment. When police responded to 9 Morton Street, they found the female victim deceased. The victim has been identified as Vanessa Courtney, 23, of 9 Morton Street, Taunton.

Further investigation determined that Ms. Courtney appears to have been stabbed or slashed to death, and the incident is being investigated as a homicide.

Assistant District Attorney Katie Rayburn, the deputy chief of the homicide unit, is coordinating the investigation.