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Arrest made in stabbing death

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A 35-year-old man faces a second-degree murder charge in connection with the slaying of a young woman in a Riverside Dr. apartment Saturday afternoon.

Tamrat Geberie, of Ottawa, will appear in court Monday morning.

The victim was stabbed to death in her seventh-floor apartment. An autopsy is slated for Monday.

Police will not release her name until her next of kin are notified.

She had just moved in.

And then she was dead.

Her neighbour burst into

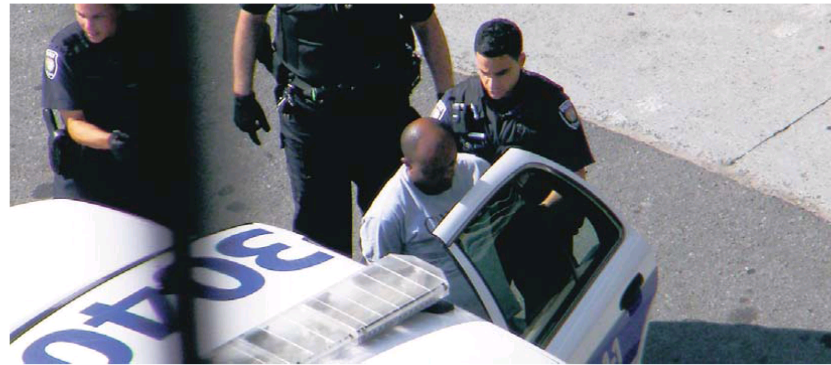
tears when told of Saturday's slaying, a violent stabbing that police are calling a domestic dispute.

The victim had moved into her seventh-floor apartment last week, her boxes filling the narrow hallway before they were stowed away in the apartment at the end of the hall — 709, just to the right.

But it was her toddler the neighbour remembered, wheeled down the hall in a stroller by the victim.

The same child who was carried from the building, cradled in a policeman's arms, minutes after emergency services swarmed the parking lot and burst into the building.

A cop sat with the child in the shade of a tree in front of the



Police arrested a man at an apartment building at 1541 Riverside Dr. after a woman was fatally stabbed on Saturday.

PHOTO: SAMANTHA ROBERT, SPECIAL TO QMI AGENCY

building.

Then, a few more minutes later, police led a man from the building, handcuffed.

It might have been jealousy, Sandy Madeiros, who lives in the unit directly above the crime scene, heard a man and a woman screaming at each other

from below.

It sounded like she was upset that the man had called another woman, Madeiros said.

Police have said that the attacker knew the victim.

The man who owns the Riverbreeze Tuck Shop inside the highrise said he sat across

from her in the lobby just an hour or two before her death.

Abdul Awal said the victim, who he estimated to be in her 20s, far younger than how witnesses described the middle-aged male suspect, sat in a lobby chair Saturday afternoon with her infant daughter.

"I sat down in the lobby. Beside me there was a woman and the woman who was killed sat across from us with her baby. She was hugging the baby, kissing the baby, holding her and then kissing her again with such love. You would cry if you saw her with her baby."

Five Questions With ...



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Kerim Khan

ADRIENNE ASCAH, 24 HOURS — This coming Saturday and Sunday, the Ottawa Turkish Festival takes place at Confederation Park from noon to 9 p.m. All events are free. The following is an edited interview with Kerim Khan, director of the Canadian Turkish Heritage Foundation.

24H > How has the festival grown since the year it began?

KHAN > We first started this festival in 2007 and it was only one day. We've grown the festival by increasing the number of days, by bringing in international performers and increasing our spon-

sors. Last year, the city officially proclaimed the Ottawa Turkish Festival weekend.

24H > How did you go about bringing performers from Turkey?

KHAN > When we decided to make the festival bigger, we wanted to bring professional performers to the stage to really showcase the culture. We got in touch with the ministry of culture and tourism in Turkey and were able to arrange for the Youth Folk Dance and Music Ensemble, which is about 25 performers, to come to the festival

24H > Who else will perform?

KHAN > New this year is Turkish rapper-songwriter Evren Ozdemir from Toronto. Also, Toronto Turkish singer Murat Toy, a traditional Turkish pop and folk singer, has been with our festival since its inception. In our efforts to be inclusive, we have Polish and Bulgarian dance groups. We also have a young, local talent, Ayda Khan. There'll also be the popular Whirling Dervishes of Rumi.

24H > Festival goers can also get henna art. Why do you think henna art has become so popular?

KHAN > I think it's popular

because of its temporary beauty. It's organic in the sense that it's made out of natural dye. It doesn't contain any chemicals. It's a temporary way of tattooing. It's quite ingrained not only in Turkish culture, but various other cultures have henna art applied at celebratory occasions.

24H > What's your favourite part of the festival?

KHAN > My favourite part's the food.

For full festival details, including related community events taking place all week, visit: ottawaturkish-festival.com.

Charges pending after dispute

A man was under arrest and recovering from stab wounds after an alleged domestic dispute early Saturday morning in the city's south end.

Police also arrested the woman he was living with in connection with the incident, which took place at about 12:30 a.m.

The man was still in hospital Saturday afternoon, but his injuries were not considered life-threatening. The woman, who received medical treatment for undisclosed injuries, remained in police custody.

Police said charges were pending, but could not say if one or both of the pair were likely to be charged. Their names were not released.

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