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Homicide in Maryland Heights, Suspect in Custody

On Thursday October 19, 2023, at 10:33 am, the Maryland Heights Police Department responded to the Motel 6 located at 12330 Dorsett Road for a suspicious death. Upon arrival, officers found the victim of an apparent homicide in one of the hotel rooms. The victim has been identified as **Taniesha M. Givens**, a female age 44. Her last known address was in the 8100 block of Airport Road, Berkeley, Missouri.

An investigation by Maryland Heights detectives determined that the victim's vehicle was missing from the scene. Surveillance video showed a suspect leaving the hotel room. That suspect was identified as a boyfriend of the victim. The suspect was located by our detectives in the victim's vehicle in the 6900 block of North Hanley Road less than five hours after the murder was discovered. Physical evidence was also recovered linking the suspect to the crime.

The suspect is identified as **Keno R. King**, age 47, last known address was in the 8100 block of Airport Road, Berkeley, Missouri.

This case was presented to the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office earlier today and King has been charged with one count of Murder in the First Degree, and one count of Armed Criminal Action. King is currently being held on a \$750,000.00 dollar cash only bond at the St. Louis County Justice Center. A photo of King is attached.

Please contact Detective Ben Berges at bberges@marylandheights.com or 314-738-2310 with any further questions.

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