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What: Domestic Violence Homicide of Greenland Etienne

When: Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Where: Lynn, MA

The Association of Haitian Women in Boston (AFAB) condemns the murder of Greenland Etienne, 33, of Lynn and requests that justice be served. The alleged murderer is Rodlyn Petitbois, 25, of Lynn who was arrested in New York after an Amber Alert.

Ms. Etienne was a very concerned citizen who was stabbed to death while trying to help her friend leave an abusive relationship. She leaves behind 4 children ages 4 to 10. While friends and neighbors play an important role in helping victims, domestic violence remains a complex problem that requires coordinated responses.

There have been 22 domestic violence homicides in Massachusetts, including two Haitian murders, in 2008. AFAB urges all domestic violence victims, especially those fleeing abusive relationships, to contact a domestic violence program!

For more information on domestic violence and domestic violence programs, please contact the Association of Haitian Women/Asosiyasyon Fanm Ayisyen nan Boston (AFAB) 330 Fuller Street Dorchester- 617-287-0096 or visit www.afab-kafanm.org.

The Association of Haitian Women in Boston / Asosiyasyon Fanm Ayisyen nan Boston (AFAB) is a community-based grassroots organization dedicated to empowering low-income Haitian women and their children.