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Shaqita Monique Thomas, 39, was strangled and killed on November 17, in her St. Paul apartment. Her boyfriend, Kelvin M. Perry, 54, is charged with second-degree murder for her killing. Shaqita's body was found in her apartment under an air mattress. There were visible signs of trauma to her head and a broken wine bottle and glass shards were located near her body. Perry was allegedly angry with Shaqita because she had recently spent the night at the emergency room for her son's asthma with her estranged husband. The husband feared for her "well-being because he has heard her boyfriend yelling at her on multiple occasions." When he had not heard from her in a few days, he requested a welfare check, where she was found dead. One of Perry's ex-girlfriends said he "is a very violent, jealous person." In the days following Shaqita's death, Perry admitted to family and friends that he strangled her. On the same day he killed Shaqita, Perry stepped in front of and was struck by a light rail train in St. Paul in an attempted suicide. He is currently hospitalized. Perry is originally from Chicago, and has a "significant arrest history" there. Shaqita Monique Thomas leaves behind at least one son.