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Man Confesses to Killing at Montgomery County Maryland Art Studio

According to police, a man has confessed to the murder of Maryland artist Azin Naimi. Raymond Williams is being held without bail at the Montgomery County Detention Center after he confessed to killing the woman at an art studio where they both worked and dumping her body in a Washington DC alley. Williams is charged with first degree murder in the killing. It is not yet known if he has retained a [Maryland criminal lawyer](#) for his defense.

The art studio's surveillance video from July 18 shows Williams entering the building around 4:40 p.m. and Naimi arriving around 7:30. Later that evening, Williams departed in an SUV, but video does not show Naimi leaving the building. Prosecutors allege that between Naimi's arrival and Williams's departure, Williams used scissors to repeatedly stab the artist. He then attempted to clean and remove evidence from the scene and from the victim's body. Naimi's cell phone and traces of blood were found in the studio.

Early the next morning, Naimi's mother filed a missing person report when her daughter failed to return home or to answer the phone. Naimi's body was found in Washington DC several hours later, partially clothed with multiple stab wounds, broken ribs, and a black eye. Prosecutors call the murder a "heinous and violent act."

Williams admitted to killing Naimi in the studio, attempting to clear the scene of evidence, and transporting her body to DC.

The murder is Montgomery County's thirteenth homicide this year, already matching the total for 2009.

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