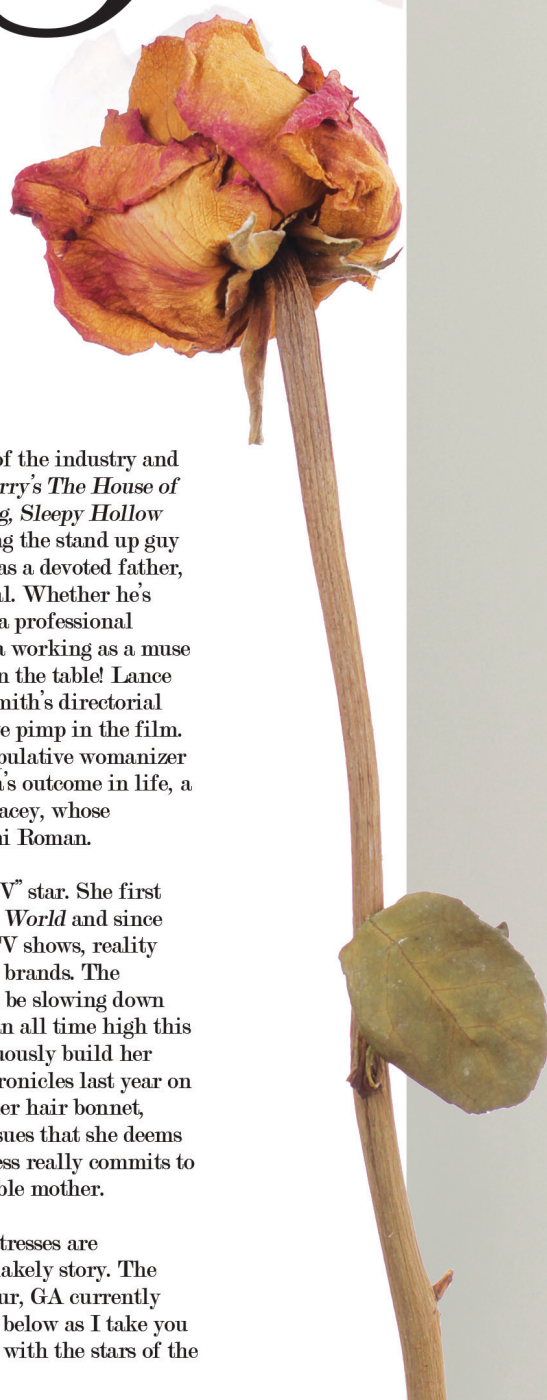


# WHEN SKILL KILLS

IN TV ONE'S NEW FILM,  
"WHEN LOVE KILLS"  
DIRECTED BY TASHA SMITH

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Tuxedo: by Tim Arrington



**A**riving to set to sit down and talk with artist turned actress Lil Mama, successful actor, photographer, and family man - Lance Gross, and the constantly evolving reality and film star Tami Roman; there were so many things that crossed my mind to ask this unique trio as they prepare for the release of their latest movie *When Love Kills* directed by actress now director Tasha Smith most known from her role on *Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse*. If you consider yourself a music or black entertainment junkie then you're well aware of all of the successes of these three rising stars in entertainment business.

Lil Mama's early start in hip hop began with the success of her track "Lipgloss" when it debuted at #25 on the Billboard's Hot 100 in 2007, making herself a household name. Lil Mama was a multifaceted performer from an early age with undeniable dance skills before she went on to co-host America's Best Dance Crew for seven years. She suffered from a temporary setback in 2009, when she took the stage uninvited during Jay-Z & Alicia Keys' *MTV VMA* performance of "Empire State of Mind", an infamous moment that shook her career. After receiving harsh criticism and becoming the butt of jokes amid social media following the stunt, Lil Mama admitted to having suicidal thoughts. Despite the criticism she survived. Fast forward to 2013 where she returned to star on VH1's biopic *CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story*, as "Lisa Left-Eye Lopez" recapturing the hearts of fans everywhere with the film's astounding success. In her latest film, *When Love Kills*, Lil Mama is continuing to glow up and solidify her title as an actress. She dug deep to commit to the role as Falcia Blakely but not without the help of co-star Lance Gross playing the role of Big Dino, her pimp and tumultuous lover in the film.

Lance Gross is seen as the gentleman of the industry and mostly known for his role on *Tyler Perry's The House of Payne*, as well as *Our Family Wedding*, *Sleepy Hollow* and *Temptation*. He's credited for being the stand up guy in the vicious entertainment industry as a devoted father, husband, and multifaceted professional. Whether he's behind the lens [literally] working as a professional photographer or in front of the camera working as a muse or actor, it's no secret he leaves it all on the table! Lance Gross flips into Big Dino for Tasha Smith's directorial debut playing an evil and manipulative pimp in the film. Big Dino is ultimately seen as a manipulative womanizer and is partially responsible for Falcia's outcome in life, a shared blame with Falcia's mother Stacey, whose character is played by reality star Tami Roman.

Tami Roman is the original "reality TV" star. She first came to television on MTV's *The Real World* and since then has appeared on a host of other TV shows, reality series, and built a business behind her brands. The divorced mother of two doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon, with her popularity at an all time high this actress is using social media to continuously build her brands online. She started #BonnetChronicles last year on Instagram where she share videos in her hair bonnet, dropping viral gems and addressing issues that she deems necessary. In this heavy film, the actress really commits to her role as Stacey, Falcia's irresponsible mother.

This multifaceted group of actors & actresses are embarking upon telling the Falcia Blakely story. The story of a young prostitute from Decatur, GA currently serving a life sentence in prison. Read below as I take you behind the scenes of *When Love Kills* with the stars of the TV One movie.