

Ex faces murder charges in ambush

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WARREN -- A 39-year-old Detroit man has been charged with **murder in the ambush** shootings of his **ex** -girlfriend and her boyfriend as they left a Warren apartment.

Xavier Chase was arraigned Monday **in** Warren's 37th District Court on **charges** of first-degree **murder** , assault with intent to **murder** and two counts of felony firearm **in** connection with the Sunday morning shootings that critically injured Rema Reed and killed Terry Buchanan.

The couple were leaving Reed's apartment on Continental Avenue near Washington Elementary School to go to work at the Dearborn T.G.I. Friday's when they were ambushed by Chase as they got **in** her Hyundai Accent, police said.

As Reed tried to flee, she was shot twice **in** the head and **face** . Buchanan ran, but Chase fatally shot him -- once **in** the shoulder area and once **in** the head.

Chase, who was wearing a hockey mask, ran eastbound toward Hoover Road. Police arrested him after a short foot pursuit and recovered the white hockey mask as well as the handgun they believe was used **in** the crime.

"He didn't have anything to say," said Warren Police Sgt. Heidi Metz. "He had been through the system before and he knows how it works."

Reed was critically wounded and was taken to an area hospital, police said.

Chase, who served seven years **in** prison for a manslaughter **charge** out of Wayne County, appeared via video arraignment before Judge John Chmura. The judge denied bond for Chase and ordered him sent to the Macomb County Jail prior to his Nov. 15 preliminary exam.

The shooting was a blow to the couple's co-workers at the Dearborn restaurant where Reed, 32, worked for the past year as a waitress. Buchanan, 36, was the head bartender and was employed at the restaurant for the past seven years.

"They were the best of the best," said Gary Rumpp, general manager of the restaurant.

"Obviously, it is a horrible tragedy we are all trying to come to grips with."

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