

Officer's shooting linked to argument over a woman - Highland Park man had a score to settle in Macomb Township ambush, police say.

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP -- A 43-year-old Highland Park man was attempting to settle a score with an off-duty Detroit police officer when he opened fire in the garage of the officer's Macomb Township home, Macomb County sheriff's investigators say.

The officer, **Carl Mack**, had dated the suspect's ex-girlfriend, and the two had words in the past before the bad blood erupted into violence Monday morning, police say.

Ronnie Lee Anderson, who works at a Detroit pharmacy, was charged Wednesday in Shelby Township 41-A District Court with assault with intent to commit murder, assault with intent to do bodily harm, home invasion and two counts of felony firearm.

He was being held in the Macomb County Jail on \$1 million cash bond. If convicted, he could spend up to life in prison.

"I'm not guilty of the crime. I didn't try to kill anybody," Anderson said during his arraignment.

Police say Anderson staked out Mack's home beginning late Sunday night. He drove his blue Ford Explorer to the Macomb Township neighborhood where Mack lives with his fiancée and her two children, waiting to ambush the six-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, police say.

When Mack opened the door of the attached garage about 7 a.m. Monday to take the children to school, Anderson ducked under the opening door and threatened to kill Mack before firing a semiautomatic handgun three times, police say.

Mack was shot in the leg and hand and his head was grazed by a bullet. He was treated at St. Joseph of Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township and released.

It is not known when Mack will return to duty in the 9th Precinct in Detroit.

"The biggest tragedy would have been if his children would have been in the garage first," said Jim Langtry, chief of operations with the Macomb County prosecutor's office.

Langtry said the children usually enter the garage before Mack when leaving for school.

A tip from Anderson's ex-girlfriend led investigators to Anderson.

Police say Anderson gave conflicting stories when interviewed about the shooting.

When officers searched his Highland Park apartment, they found two black ski masks.

Police said Anderson placed cell phone calls near Mack's home prior to the shooting.

Investigators are still trying to determine the extent of the relationship between Mack and Anderson's ex-girlfriend.

Anderson first confronted Mack and Anderson's ex-girlfriend last September with a baseball bat in Clinton Township, police said.

The incident ended when Mack pulled his service revolver and Anderson left.

Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel praised the police investigation.

"We had this guy within 12 hours," Hackel said.

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