

WARREN: MURDER SUSPECT CALLED STALKER - EX-GIRLFRIEND WAS AFRAID, COPS SAY

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Xavier Chase had been stalking his former girlfriend ever since she ended their on-again, off-again relationship a year ago, police said Monday.

Neighbors told police that **Chase** drove his Jeep Cherokee past her Warren apartment, poured sugar in her new boyfriend's gas tank and even applied for a job at the Dearborn restaurant where the couple worked.

"She was afraid he was going to kill her," Warren Detective Mark Javery said. But neither of them sought a personal protection order against him, police said.

Chase, 39, of Sterling Heights is charged with killing Terry Buchanan, 36, Sunday before shooting his former girlfriend Rema Reed, 32, twice in the head outside their apartment in the 11400 block of Continental.

He was charged Monday in 37th District Court in Warren with first-degree murder, assault with intent to commit murder and two felony firearms counts. It's possible the intent charge could change to first-degree murder, because Reed was on life support Monday at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Police said she was being kept alive artificially because of expected organ donations.

Both victims have children from other relationships, police said.

In a video arraignment, **Chase** said from Warren's lockup that he wanted to speak to his family. He has been through the courts before: In 1990 he was convicted of manslaughter and a felony firearms offense in Detroit and served about seven years in prison, Javery said.

Police said Sunday's shootings unfolded like this:

Chase waited an hour for Reed and Buchanan to head to work at 9:30 a.m. Then he donned a Michael Myers mask from the "Halloween" movies and sneaked up on Buchanan.

When the first bullet lodged in his shoulder, Buchanan dropped to the concrete. Eight to 10 witnesses heard the shot and rushed to their windows. They then saw the masked man shoot Buchanan in the head. He died at the scene.

Reed was in her car and tried to flee in reverse before the suspect shot three times through a side window, hitting her twice. He ran and was found nearby at 9 Mile and Hoover.

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CAPTION: **Xavier Chase** is charged in two shootings Sunday.

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