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MOUNT CLEMENS — The trial for a Detroit man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend continued today with testimony from medical examiner who explained how the female **victim** died.

Macomb Assistant Prosecutor Steve Fox called John Bechinski, a forensic pathologist with the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, this morning to testify about the autopsy he conducted on Rema Reed, 32.

He testified that Reed was killed by two gunshot wounds: one **in** the top of her head and one **in** her left cheek.

The attorney for the defendant, Timothy Barkovic, is expected to cross-examine Bechinski when the proceedings resume this afternoon **in** Judge Peter Maceroni's courtroom.

Police and prosecutors say Xavier Chase, 40, of Detroit, laid **in** wait for Reed outside of her south Warren apartment on Nov. 6, 2007. He carried a gun and wore a mask similar to the one worn by Mike Myers the horror movie slasher from the "Halloween" series of films, police said.

Chase ambushed Reed and her new boyfriend, Terry Buchanan, 36, as they left the apartment to leave for work **in** the morning, according to officials.

Reed tried to drive away, running up on the curb, when Chase allegedly **shot her twice in** the head and face, police said. Buchanan ran, but was fatally **shot twice in** the complex's driveway.

Chase ran from the scene eastbound toward Hoover Road where, after a short foot pursuit, he was arrested without incident, according to police.

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