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DNA expert testifies he found stains on items owned by defendant, 40, in double-murder trial.

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MOUNT CLEMENS — **Blood** found on items that authorities say belong **to** double-murder suspect Xavier Chase matches the **blood of one of the victims** : his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend, a DNA analyst testified Tuesday in Macomb Circuit Court.

Blood stains on Chase's shoes and on items in a backpack — gloves and a Halloween-style mask — found a block and a half from the murder scene were "a complete match" **to** 36-year-old Terry Buchanan, said Bart Naugle, the analyst.

DNA testing also confirmed that skin cells found inside a mask **of** the Michael Myers slasher-movie character are a "complete match" **to** Chase, Naugle said.

Chase, 40, is charged with two counts **of** first-degree murder in the Nov. 4, 2007, shooting **of** his ex-girlfriend Rema Reed and her boyfriend. The Detroit man also is charged with two counts **of** felony firearm and one count **of** being a felon in possession **of** a firearm.

Chase is **accused of** waiting outside Reed's south Warren apartment with a gun and wearing a mask.

Police say Chase ambushed them as Reed, 32, and Buchanan left the apartment **to** leave for work in the morning.

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

Warren police say Chase ran from the scene headed east toward Hoover Road where, after a short foot pursuit, he was arrested without incident.

The double-murder trial resumes today.

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