

2 METRO WOMEN GUNNED DOWN IN CARS - 1 IN LATHRUP VILLAGE, 1 IN DETROIT; COPS SEEK CLUES IN DEATHS

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Two metro Detroit women have been fatally shot in their vehicles in the past two days, police said.

A manager at the Rib Rack restaurant in Lathrup Village, Catherine Marie Blain, 21, of Waterford was shot in the head Wednesday night through the driver's-side window as she sat behind the wheel of her car outside the restaurant, police said. She was not robbed, police said.

Blain, who was recently married and whose maiden name was Solinski, also worked at the Rib Rack near her home in Waterford.

On Thursday morning, a Detroit woman was killed when two people wearing ski masks in a blue van shot into her vehicle as she drove her daughter to school, Detroit police said. The shooting is not believed to have been random, police said; her husband was shot last Friday in Redford Township.

Free Press reporting partner WDIV-TV Local 4 identified the victim as **Delroca Rozier**, 36. Her daughter was not injured, Local 4 reported.

In the Lathrup Village shooting investigation, Police Chief Robert Jones said officers are talking to Blain's family, friends and coworkers. They are also reviewing surveillance video.

Jones said Blain's car, which was apparently in drive when she was shot, rolled through the parking lot and crashed into a wooden fence separating the restaurant from a residential property owned by Clarence Watkins.

Watkins, 59, noticed Blain's car when he went to lock his garage. He told his 18-year-old daughter, Rashika Brice, who also works at the Rib Rack, to call 911. Jones said Blain died at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak a few hours later.

Lathrup Village police have asked anyone with more information to call 248-557-3600, ext. 231. Anyone with information on **Rozier**'s killing is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-773-2587 (800-SPEAKUP).

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CAPTION: **Delroca Rozier** , left, was taking her daughter to school. Catherine Blain was at work.

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