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ROCHESTER — A suspect is dead after police say he shot three people, one fatally, in the city of Rochester.

Before he was shot and killed, police said, 47-year-old **Terrell Blake** was “clearly on a mission” as he targeted family members over a domestic dispute.

Police say he had made earlier threats that he was going to kill his family.

At 9:41 a.m., police say Blake went to the home of his 28-year-old ex-wife on Post Avenue and shot and killed her. Police say he also shot a 25-year-old man who was in the home. He was in critical but stable condition Wednesday evening.

Around 10:20 a.m., a 20-year-old male was shot on Francis Street. His injuries were not critical. That 20-year-old male later identified the shooter as his father.

Officers chased Blake, who was seen driving a U-Haul truck recklessly through the city. Multiple officers fired at Blake after he began shooting, ultimately ending his life.

The Rochester Police Department had not release the victims' names as of Wednesday evening, pending notification of their relatives.

Gary Holmes was saddened to hear about what happened Wednesday morning, just two doors away from where he lives on Post Avenue, but not necessarily shocked.

He said one of the couples who lived in the house, where two people were shot Wednesday morning, had been fighting. Holmes said it was about relationship stuff — and said things seemed to take a turn for the worse Tuesday night.

“Last night, we heard an argument ... it must have been about five people out there,” said Holmes. “Then, I heard gun shots. It must have been between 11:30, 12 o'clock.”

Neighbors weren't sure who lived in the house, but Holmes says there were problems at the old address.

“They've been arguing, they've been fussing. There has been several issues back and forth with them through the years. When they stayed across the street, police were called there quite often,” Holmes said

Carol, a neighbor who didn't want to be identified, heard a man screaming for help Wednesday morning.

"... So I called 911 and I got to the door and I saw a young man sitting in the doorway over there saying 'I'm bleeding. I've been shot.' I called 911," she said as she began to cry about what she witnessed.

She too has heard the fights. It stands out, she said, on a street like Post Avenue that's generally quiet.

"There are the arguments and whatnot, but nothing violent," she said.

At least, not until now.

"The kids are the ones that are going to suffer from this. Knowing that one of their parents or both of their parents are no longer here," said Holmes.

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