

Assaulted cabbie still in hospital

Alleged assailant facing charges over related homicide

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A city cabbie savagely beaten two weeks ago remains in serious but stable condition at University hospital, a spokesman says.

Pavan Chohan, 61, was attacked by a fare as he drove his Co-op Taxi in the area of 42 Avenue and 38 Street around 10 p.m. on April 6, said police.

Ken Butler, 24, has been charged with aggravated assault.

Butler is also facing charges in the slaying of his sister-in-law, 25-year-old Stephanie Rae Butler, who was found dead in her home at 4204 38 St. on the afternoon of April 7.

City cops say that shortly after Chohan was attacked, a man broke into the nearby home and killed Stephanie.