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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Margate man Thursday afternoon on multiple counts of drug and weapons offenses and one count of eluding, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

It is alleged that on 10 separate occasions on various dates from January through April 2008, Tony Griffin, 35, sold cocaine and heroin to an undercover Atlantic City police officer. On April 3, 2008, police attempted to arrest Griffin while he was driving on Ventnor Avenue in Atlantic City. Griffin took off traveling up to 90 miles an hour. Griffin, drove to Cambridge Avenue in Ventnor and jumped out of his vehicle. He was captured a short while later hiding under the boardwalk and arrested for drug sales and eluding, Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica stated.

Authorities from multiple agencies executed a search warrant at Griffin's Ventnor Avenue home in Margate, Formica stated. While in the residence, police recovered three firearms including an assault firearm. They also seized \$3,300 in cash and a large quantity of cocaine and heroin. The total amount of drugs seized including the sales to the undercover officer exceeded over ½ an ounce each, Formica said.

Atlantic City Narcotics Detective Christopher Barber and members of the Margate Police Department conducted the investigation.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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