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MAYS LANDING – A New York man entered a guilty plea Wednesday on charges of Aggravated Assault and Driving While Under the Influence in connection with a 2006 crash in Ventnor that left a postal worker severely injured, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Allen Henry Miller, 31, of Schenectady, admitted during the plea hearing before Superior Court Judge Michael Donio that the night before the July 24, 2006 collision, he went out to some clubs, drank alcohol and got very little sleep. The following day he dropped off a friend and the vehicle he was driving collided with Maureen DePrince's Ventnor postal truck, pinning her between the two vehicles. As a result, DePrince lost her sight and both of her legs, Chief Assistant Prosecutor James McClain stated.

In exchange for the guilty plea it is expected that Miller will be sentenced to 60 months in State Prison of which he must serve 51 months before parole eligibility, or 85 percent, McClain said. As part of the plea agreement Miller must waive his right to appeal. The defendant is scheduled for sentencing on Feb. 19.

Miller remains in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$100,000.00 bail.

*****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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