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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man indicted in connection with the May 20 death of his ex-girlfriend entered a not guilty plea Thursday, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Najee Kelsey, 23, of 1039 Sewell Avenue, allegedly had an argument with Tanisha Tull, 19, of the Carriage House apartment complex in Somers Point. It is further alleged that Kelsey forcibly entered Tull's apartment, assaulted her and strangled her to death.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the victim and determined that the cause of death was asphyxia due to strangulation.

At 4:45 p.m. on May 20 Somers Point police received a call from apartment complex management to check the well being of a tenant. When police arrived they found Tull dead in her bedroom.

On May 21 Kelsey was charged with burglary and aggravated assault. The following day Prosecutor Housel authorized an arrest warrant charging Kelsey with murder as a result of the autopsy findings. Kelsey was indicted on murder and burglary charges in October.

Superior Court Judge Michael Connor presided over Thursday's arraignment. Acting Chief Assistant Prosecutor Chet Wiech represented the State. The case is back in court Jan. 15. Kelsey remains in the Atlantic County jail on \$750,000 full cash.

**\*\*\*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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