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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Ventnor man on multiple counts in connection with a June 3, 2008 homicide of a man found dead in his Egg Harbor Township condominium two weeks later, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Thursday.

Mark Little, 43, of 800 Burk Court was indicted on counts of murder, felony murder, which is the killing during the commission of a crime, robbery, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. Little was charged in October with the death of his acquaintance, 63-year-old Howard Lawson.

First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik presented the case to the Grand Jury Wednesday afternoon.

On June 20 Little was originally arrested and charged with theft by receiving stolen property – specifically the victim's car. He also was charged with credit card theft involving a Chase Visa card issued to Lawson. Further investigation resulted in Little being charged with homicide.

At 5:52 p.m. on June 17 Egg Harbor Township police responded to Lawson's 82 Catherine Court home to do a wellness check. There they found Lawson's decomposing body. The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit responded as well as the County Medical Examiner.

An autopsy performed by Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park revealed that Lawson died from blunt force trauma to the head.

Little remains in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$500,000 full cash bail.

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