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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand jury indicted an Atlantic City man on charges of murder and burglary in connection with the May killing of his ex-girlfriend at her residence, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

It is alleged that there was an argument early in the afternoon of May 20 between Najee Kelsey, 23, of 1039 Sewell Avenue, of Atlantic City and Tanisha Tull, 19, of the Carriage House apartment complex in Somers Point. Kelsey allegedly 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.

Kelsey was initially charged with burglary and aggravated assault on May 21 and the next day Prosecutor Housel authorized an arrest warrant charging Kelsey with murder as a result of the autopsy findings.

Assistant Prosecutor Grace Dovell-Welch presented the case to the Grand Jury Thursday afternoon. It was handed up to Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury.

Kelsey remains in the Atlantic County jail on \$750,000 full cash.

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