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MAYS LANDING- A Pleasantville man who pled guilty to aggravated sexual assault on June 30 was sentenced Friday to 11 years in New Jersey State Prison in connection with the assaults on a child, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Jose Garcia Lopez, 25, of the 200 block of South Main Street, sexually assaulted an 11-year-old girl between the dates of July 1, 2006 through Oct. 25, 2007, Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy, who handled the state's case, stated.

Garcia Lopez must serve 85 percent of the prison term before parole eligibility.

Garcia Lopez, who was a neighbor in the apartment complex, was arrested on Oct. 26, 2007 and remained in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on \$250,000 cash or bond bail. As a condition of bail there was to be no contact with the victim. Garcia Lopez was indicted on aggravated assault, sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child on Dec. 19, 2007, D'Arcy said.

The victim and her family were present at sentencings. Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo presided over the proceeding.

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