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MAYS LANDING – First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik announced the arrest Thursday of an Atlantic County resident in connection with a traffic stop that led to a foot chase and the recovery of 245 bags of heroin and a handgun.

At 10:54 a.m. Pleasantville police conducting traffic enforcement stopped Marlon Hargis Jr., 27, at the corner of Lake Place and Main Street in Pleasantville. While conducting the motor vehicle stop, Hargis ran from the officers and discarded items, which was later field-tested positive for heroin. Officers from throughout Atlantic County conducted an area search for the suspect who was located shortly thereafter, Talasnik stated.

A gunshot was fired in the area of 25 Charles Place where police located Hargis and also recovered a stolen handgun. Charges are pending further investigation.

*****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.**

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS). Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.