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MAYS LANDING –Authorities are investigating a homicide of a Ventnor man found stabbed to death in his residence Monday night, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Ventnor police received a call Monday night for a well-being check at 5:33 p.m. at the residence of Steven Wingard, 47, of South Hillside Avenue.

When authorities arrived they found Wingard dead on the living room floor of his apartment. The Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit were notified and responded. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park pronounced Wingard dead at 9:45 p.m. Monday night at the residence.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Park performed an autopsy and found multiple stab wounds to the victim's neck, which injured both the right and left carotid artery, the right jugular vein, the trachea and esophagus. The cause of death was aspiration of blood in both lungs along with major blood loss. Major Crimes Unit Investigator James Kirschner and Ventnor Detective Jason Rzemysk are investigating.

*****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.