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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County jury convicted a man of second-degree robbery Wednesday afternoon, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Saahir Abdur-Rahim, 25, of Atlantic City, faces five to 10 years in New Jersey State prison of which he would serve 85 percent before parole eligibility. However, at the time of sentencing the prosecution intends to seek an extended prison term for the defendant, which could be up to 20 years in prison, Assistant Prosecutor Erik Bergman who handled the State's case, said. Superior Court Judge Michael Donio will sentence the defendant in April.

On April 14, 2008 at 1:30 a.m. Abdur-Rahim approached a man who is in his 20's at the corner of Oriental Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue in Atlantic City near the Waterside Apartments and asked the victim to give him the contents of his pockets. The victim refused. Abdur-Rahim proceeded to punch the victim in the head, throw him to the ground causing the victim to suffer a dislocated shoulder and bloody mouth. He then went into the victim's pockets and stole \$493. A few moments later, Atlantic City police officers arrested Abdur-Rahim and charged him with the crime.

During the trial, which began on Monday, a Good Samaritan who had called 911 the night of the incident testified that he witnessed the defendant beating the victim up and going through his pockets. Testimony in the case ended Tuesday. On Wednesday morning attorneys gave their closing arguments. The jury deliberated for approximately three hours before reaching its verdict.

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