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MAYS LANDING – An Egg Harbor City man was sentenced Friday to five years in prison for attempting to lure a minor, endangering the welfare of a child and possession of controlled dangerous substances with the intent to distribute within a school zone, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Troy Heintz, 43, must serve two and a half years before becoming eligible for parole. Heintz pled guilty to the crimes on Oct. 6, 2008, before Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury. Heintz admitted during the plea hearing that on or about April 28, 2007, he distributed alcohol and marijuana to three juveniles at his home, which was located directly across the street from a middle school, Assistant Prosecutor Lynn Heyer, who handled the State's case, said. In addition, Heintz also pled guilty to one count of witness tampering whereby he asked a juvenile to lie on his behalf. Judge DeLury sentenced the defendant to three years on the witness tampering Indictment to run concurrent to the prison term. Heintz is also subject to Community Notification pursuant to Megan's Law and Parole Supervision for Life.

On April 30, 2007, school officials advised Lt. David Sherma of the Buena Borough Police Department that a couple of their students were walking to a store when an adult male the juveniles knew as Troy invited them into his home where he offered them marijuana and alcohol. The minors told school officials one of them became ill from drinking the alcohol and smoking the marijuana, Heyer said.

Heintz was arrested and taken into custody on May 3, 2007.

**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.**