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MAYS LANDING – A man stabbed his girlfriend to death, set the woman's Oakcrest Estates home ablaze and died in the fire, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Thursday.

Authorities responded to 4992 Laydon Court Wednesday at 2:16 p.m. for a report of a fire. Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes, Arson, Forensics Units and the Medical Examiner arrived minutes later. The bodies of Saily Abreu, a mother of five girls ages 6 to 14 and her boyfriend, whose name is not being released pending notification of next of kin, were recovered from the residence, Prosecutor Housel stated.

On Thursday afternoon Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on Abreu, age 36. Dr. Park determined the victim's cause of death was multiple stab wounds. Positive identification of Abreu was made through dental records. The boyfriend, of the West Atlantic City section of Egg Harbor Township, died of thermal burns and smoke inhalation. Identification of the male was made by co-workers through a distinguishing tattoo, Prosecutor Housel said.

"Our investigation and the Medical Examiner have caused my Office to conclude that this was a murder suicide," Prosecutor Housel stated.

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.