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MAYS LANDING – An Absecon woman admitted that on June 3, 2008 she drank several apple martinis, drove to the Absecon ShopRite, lost control of her vehicle and struck three pedestrians, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Tuesday.

Sharon Eberwine, 30, plead guilty to one count of third-degree Assault by Auto, two counts of fourth-degree Assault by Auto and one count of Driving While Under the Influence. During the plea hearing she told Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury that when she lost control of her car she attempted to hit a line of shopping carts but hit the pedestrians, two of whom were in wheelchairs, Chief Assistant Prosecutor James McClain, who represented the State said.

Eberwine, who has no prior record, also told the judge that her Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) was a .13. The legal limit is .08.

Under the terms of the plea agreement the defendant will be placed on three concurrent terms of probation. The judge could also impose up to 364 days in the Atlantic County Justice Facility. The defense reserved the right to argue for no county jail time. The prosecution reserved the right to argue for Eberwine to be sentenced to county jail for the maximum sentence permitted under the plea agreement, McClain said.

Eberwine will be sentenced on May 8.

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.