

ATLANTIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

4997 Unami Boulevard, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Theodore F. L. Housel
Prosecutor

NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release
March 10, 2009
1 Page(s)

For further information contact:
Madelaine Vitale 609-909 -7855
or 609-457-7359

MAYS LANDING – Prosecutor Ted Housel issued a statement with regard to the March 4 murder-suicide in Hamilton Township with factors that led authorities to conclude that Mario Justo-Perez committed suicide after he killed his girlfriend Saily Abreu.

“The medical examiner determined that Ms. Abreu died before the fire started, while Justo-Perez died after suffering smoke inhalation,” Prosecutor Housel stated.

“Certain members of the media have inquired about what, in addition to the autopsies, made it a murder-suicide,” Prosecutor Housel stated. “The factors include the condition of the building and its entryway, the characteristics of the ignition of the arson and pre-fire communications by Mr. Justo-Perez. These factors confirm the medical examiner’s determination of murder-suicide.”

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.