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**MAYS LANDING** – A 38-year-old Pleasantville man was convicted of multiple domestic violence offenses involving attacks on his ex-girlfriend and her roommate and faces up to 20 years in prison, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Wednesday.

An Atlantic County jury found Robert Souvenier guilty after nearly six hours of deliberations. The conviction includes multiple counts of weapons offenses, aggravated assault, terroristic threats, false imprisonment, criminal restraint and two counts of possession of a weapon by a convicted person. Superior Court Judge James E. Isman presided over the weeklong trial.

On June 7, 2006, Souvenier went to his girlfriend's residence on Whaler's Drive in Pleasantville. Once inside, an argument began. Souvenier turned the argument physical. He repeatedly beat the woman over a period of hours hitting her in the head, face and body. He then retrieved a knife and stabbed her, strangled her until she almost passed out and threatened to kill her. When her roommate attempted to rescue the victim, the defendant beat him over the head with a Black Jack, a solid lead spring-weapon. Souvenier continued to assault both victims. He ordered them to disrobe and get into bed and told them that he was going to kill them both and make it look like an accident. The defendant later took the vehicle. He was subsequently arrested at 2 a.m. in front of the Pleasantville bus station on West Jersey Avenue. He was Indicted by an Atlantic County Grand Jury on March 15, 2007.

Judge Isman revoked bail after the verdict. Souvenier is currently being held in the Atlantic County Justice Facility pending sentencing at 1:30 p.m. on May 14.

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