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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted four individuals Wednesday on multiple counts, including attempted murder, aggravated assault and weapons offenses, for their alleged roles in an attempted murder of an Atlantic City police officer and another individual, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Gerald Spivey and John Farmer, both of Atlantic City, are charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault in connection with Spivey's shooting at Aron Mincey, of Atlantic City, said First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik, who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

Spivey is also charged with attempted murder for allegedly turning his gun on Atlantic City Officer Dawn Riggs, when she was responding to a call and encountered Spivey shooting at Mincey, on Fairmont Avenue outside Proud Mary's bar.

Both Spivey and Farmer are each charged with weapons offenses in connection with the alleged Dec. 19 shooting incident.

The Indictment also charged Spivey, who was arrested Dec. 20 with several counts of resisting arrest and assault of police officers as a result of his contact with Atlantic City and Pleasantville officers attempting to arrest him the following day.

This latter incident is alleged to have occurred at the residence of Spivey's half-brother Lonnell Fountain in Pleasantville, Talasnik stated.

Fountain was also charged with hindering prosecution and obstruction in connection with his role at the time of Spivey's arrest. Humberto Pastrana, of Ocean City in Cape May County, who allegedly witnessed the incident, was indicted for obstructing the investigation in that he allegedly provided false information to police.

The gun that was alleged to have been used during the shootings on Dec. 19 was recovered the next day at Fountain's home following the arrest of Spivey.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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