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**MAYS LANDING** – A once prominent real estate developer entered a guilty plea to unlawful possession of a handgun and will be sentenced to probation, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated Tuesday.

Frank Barbera, 53, of Absecon, will be sentenced to a term of probation at the Judge's discretion. On Sept. 4, 2007, Atlantic City Police received a 911 call for an injured person in the area of Gardner's Basin in Atlantic City, Prosecutor Housel stated.

When police arrived they located Barbera in his vehicle. Barbera was found to be suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the abdomen. He was taken to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus. Police recovered a .38-caliber-loaded handgun on the floor of the car.

Barbera waived the right to have his case presented to an Atlantic County Grand Jury and entered his guilty plea to an Accusation, Prosecutor Housel said.

Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo will sentence Barbera on June 19.

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