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MAYS LANDING – A Hamilton Township woman entered a guilty plea today to aggravated manslaughter and faces 10 years in prison in connection with the January 2008 death of her two-month-old baby girl, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Tammy Torres, 24, of the 6000 Block of Hoover Drive, told Superior Court Judge James Isman during today's plea hearing that she hit her child two times in the head. She further stated that she did so with extreme indifference to the value of human life and acknowledged her baby died of blunt force trauma to the head, said Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy, who handled the State's case.

Torres will be sentenced on June 12. She must serve 85 percent of the prison term imposed before parole eligibility.

On Jan. 23, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. the infant was discovered unresponsive in her crib. Hamilton Township police received a 911 report and responded to the Brandywood Apartments in Mays Landing. The victim was taken to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Mainland Campus and later transported to A.I. Dupont Hospital in Delaware for critical care. The baby was pronounced dead two days later at the hospital, Prosecutor Housel stated.

An autopsy revealed the baby died of blunt force trauma to the head. Torres was charged shortly after the crime. She has remained in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$300,000 full cash bail pending further proceedings.

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.