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MAYS LANDING – An Egg Harbor City man was convicted of second-degree sexual assault and faces up to 10 years in prison for having sex with a 15-year-old in 2007, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

During the period between May 2007 and June 2007 while in Egg Harbor City, Omar Pardo, then 28, had sex with the victim. The victim reported the crime to Egg Harbor City Police, according to Assistant Prosecutor Seth Levy.

The three-day trial began Monday before Superior Court Judge James Isman. In addition to the jury's guilty verdict on the sexual assault count, Judge Isman found Pardo guilty of simple assault and providing alcohol to a minor, Levy stated. A defendant is not entitled to a jury trial in disorderly persons offenses. The Judge becomes the trier of fact.

In presenting the case to the court, Assistant Prosecutor Levy emphasized the difference in age and immaturity of the victim. The defendant is expected to be sentenced on a Thursday sometime in June but no definite date is set at this time.

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