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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Pleasantville woman in connection with charging thousands of dollars to several people's lines of credit after she obtained a list of the victims' financial information from a local non-profit agency, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Friday.

Latarsha McClennion was indicted on multiple counts of identity theft and credit card crimes. It is alleged that last summer McClennion obtained the identities of several people who utilized the shredding services of the Career Opportunity Development Inc., (CODI) a non-profit organization located in Egg Harbor City. McClennion received a list of the customers from two former CODI employees. The list included the victims' confidential personal and financial information. After obtaining the list, she opened various lines of credit using the customers' names. The crimes were discovered when one of the alleged victims received a letter from a credit card company regarding recent transactions on a new credit card. The victim then contacted the credit card company and discovered that an application was made for the card via the Internet. The victim contacted Hamilton Township Police, Assistant Prosecutor Tracey O'Brien, who presented the case to the Grand Jury Thursday, said.

An investigation into the matter began thereafter. McClennion was identified as the suspect after she used the victim's card to get her vehicle serviced. Law Enforcement officers were able to identify her through the license plate and New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles Commission, O'Brien said.

Hamilton Township Detective Christine Armitage-Cooker and Prosecutor's Office Detective Richard Johannessen conducted the investigation. McClennion was arrested and charged with the crime after the license plate number was traced back to her vehicle and video surveillance of the auto service center confirmed she was at the center on the date and time the charge was made, O'Brien stated.

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Also indicted for their alleged roles in the scheme are Brandine Pressley for identity theft, conspiracy and receiving stolen property. McClennion's mother, Cheryl McClennion and sister, Melissa McClennion, are each indicted on counts of identity theft and conspiracy.

**\*\*\*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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