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MAYS LANDING – A woman who was charged Friday with attempted murder for trying to hire a hit man to kill her husband, appeared in Court today to formally hear the charges against her, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated today.

It is alleged that Michael Lowrie, 62, of 1415 McClellan Avenue in Pleasantville, went to Egg Harbor City on May 29 to hire someone to kill her 71-year-old spouse, Adrian Lowrie. She was arrested at 3:30 p.m. the same day at the Egg Harbor City Lake Pavilion.

During her initial appearance today Lowrie calmly answered Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio's questions. When asked if she understood the charges, she said she did. She also said she would fill out a form for a Public Defender, but that she may hire private counsel. First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik represented the State.

Lowrie is in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$400,000 cash bail.

A cooperative effort between Egg Harbor City Police Department, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit and the FBI led to Lowrie's arrest.

*****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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