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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man entered a guilty plea to one count of possession of cocaine over five ounces with the intent to distribute and faces 12 years in prison, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated Wednesday.

Nafis Hamilton, 28, of New Hampshire Avenue in Atlantic City, admitted at a plea hearing Tuesday, that he possessed cocaine for distribution, Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica said.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Hamilton must serve 42 months of the 12-year sentence before parole eligibility. He will be sentenced before Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo on July 10.

The case against Hamilton's co-defendant, Aquilia Woodall, 22, is pending, Formica stated.

Following a month-long investigation, Atlantic City Police executed a search warrant on Sept. 2, 2008, at Woodall's 626 North Virginia Avenue residence in Atlantic City. Both Hamilton and Woodall were present during the search. Police seized cocaine, heroin, a digital scale and drug packaging. Both Hamilton and Woodall were arrested and charged with drug possession and drug distribution. An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted Hamilton and Woodall on Feb. 17, 2009.

"Under all of the facts and circumstances the State was satisfied with Mr. Hamilton's plea," Formica stated.

Hamilton has remained in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$150,000 cash or bond bail. Woodall is out on bail. She is scheduled to appear in court for a pre-trial conference on June 16 before Judge Garofolo.

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