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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted three Waldorf, Maryland residents today on witness tampering charges in connection with the armed robbery trial of Aaron Orr that was set to begin in early May, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Aaron Orr, Orr's sister, Kendahl Orr and her friend Paul Prevost were indicted on eight counts of witness tampering, according to Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica, who presented the case against to the Grand Jury Tuesday afternoon.

Aaron Orr was indicted in May of 2006 with nine robberies at fast foods and convenience stores in Atlantic County. Following lengthy pre-trial litigation the matter was set for trial May 6, 2009. On May 3 Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica received information from Egg Harbor Township Detective Heather Stumpf indicating some of the victims of the armed robberies were contacted by phone and received threats should they appear at trial. Both victims retained the caller's phone number and passed it on to police.

It is alleged that telephone records from the caller's phone number indicated that the only calls made were to witnesses and victims in the matter with the exception of one. The one exception was traced back to an address in Waldorf, Maryland - three miles from the defendant's home.

On May 6, Atlantic County Prosecutor Detectives William Carew and C.J. Durham traveled to Waldorf. With the assistance off the Charles County Sheriff's Department, they located Prevost, who admitted to making the calls. Detectives also located letters sent by Aaron Orr to his sister Kendahl, directing Prevost to make the threatening calls. On May 6 a Superior Court Judge granted Formica's request to postpone the trial.

Witness tampering by threat of force is a second-degree crime, which carries up to 10 years in prison.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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