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

Nafis Hamilton, 28, of New Hampshire Avenue in Atlantic City, must serve 42 months of the 12-year sentence before parole eligibility, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill said. Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo presided over the sentencing.

The defendant admitted at his June 10 plea hearing that he possessed cocaine for distribution. His co-defendant, Aquilia Woodall, 22, received a suspended prison sentence prior to Hamilton's sentencing.

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.

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