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**MAYS LANDING** – A Pleasantville woman charged with conspiracy to commit murder and attempted murder for an alleged murder-for-hire scheme to kill her husband, entered a not guilty plea today at her arraignment, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Michael Lowrie, 62, allegedly traveled to the Egg Harbor City Lake Pavilion on May 29, 2009, to meet with a “hit man” to discuss the murder plot and make a payment. The “hit man” was an undercover operative from the FBI. Lowrie made the payment and was arrested at the scene.

First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik represented the prosecution today before Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury. Lowrie will be back in court for a status conference scheduled for August 19.

Egg Harbor City Police Department, the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit and the FBI conducted an investigation, which led to Lowrie’s arrest. An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted the defendant on June 30.

Lowrie remains in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$400,000 cash bail pending further proceedings. If convicted, Lowrie faces up to 20 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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