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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man was convicted today of possession of a weapon by a convicted person and faces up to 10 years in prison when sentenced, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Torrence Thompson, 21, must serve five years before parole eligibility. Thompson, who was on probation for a drug distribution conviction at the time of the June 2008 crime, faces additional prison time for violating probation, said Assistant Prosecutor John Flammer, who represented the State.

The jury deliberated approximately 1 1/2 hours in the two-day trial, which began on Tuesday.

On June 12, 2008, Atlantic City Police Officer George Adams was investigating suspected criminal activity in the area of Grant Avenue and Hobart Avenue in Atlantic City. Police had received information earlier in the evening that Thompson was in possession of a handgun. Officer Adams located Thompson at the intersection of Grant Avenue and Hobart Avenue, which was a block away from the defendant's house. He ordered the man to stop. Thompson fled on foot holding his waistband. He ran to a North Ohio Avenue driveway, where Officer Adams witnessed him toss a handgun onto the driveway. Thompson then jumped a fence at the rear of the driveway and eluded arrest that night, Flammer said.

The following day Thompson flew to Houston, Texas. He returned to New Jersey and was arrested on the outstanding warrant on Oct. 24, 2008, Flammer stated.

Thompson was indicted on July 30, 2008. Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo will sentence the defendant on Oct. 9.

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