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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man was sentenced to 11 years in prison Friday for drug and weapons offenses, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Dean Johnson, 29, of North Raleigh Avenue, entered a guilty plea on June 12 to possession of controlled dangerous substances with the intent to distribute, committing a drug offense while possessing a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted person, Assistant Prosecutor Erin Bisirri said. In accordance with the plea agreement, the defendant must serve six years of the aggregate prison term before parole eligibility.

On Oct. 14, 2008, Atlantic City police executed a search warrant at Johnson's North Raleigh Avenue residence and seized over ½ an ounce of rock cocaine, two firearms, various drug paraphernalia, ammunition, including hollow-point bullets and a large amount of cash. Johnson was arrested and charged with the crimes and remained in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of bail pending further proceedings.

Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury imposed the sentence.

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS). Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.