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MAYS LANDING – A teenager charged in connection with the July 20 stabbing death of a 53-year-old Atlantic City man, will be tried as an adult, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

It is alleged that Blake Newton, 16, of Atlantic City, and Alford Callum, of 105 N. New Jersey Avenue, got into an altercation in the 800 block of North Maryland Avenue in Atlantic City when the juvenile stabbed Callum in the chest. Authorities charged Newton with aggravated manslaughter and weapons offenses the following day. He was transported to the Harborfields Youth Detention Center in Egg Harbor City. This morning Family Court Superior Court Judge James Jackson waived Newton to adult court.

The night of the incident Callum was rushed to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Division. He died at 7:20 p.m. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy and determined Callum died of a single knife wound to the left side of his chest that damaged both his heart and lung. The knife allegedly used in the crime was recovered.

Newton will have his initial court hearing in the Superior Court Criminal Division at 11 a.m. tomorrow before Superior Court Judge Michael Donio

*****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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