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MAYS LANDING – A Superior Court Judge sentenced an Atlantic City man to six years in prison Friday for possession of a weapon by a convicted person, Atlantic County First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik stated.

Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo sentenced Fareed Alexander, 27, to the prison term. Alexander, who entered a guilty plea on Jan 30, 2009, must serve five years before becoming eligible for parole, Assistant Prosecutor John Flammer, who handled the State's case, said.

On May 17, 2008 at 12:45 a.m., police observed Alexander run a red light at the intersection of North Carolina and Atlantic Avenues in Atlantic City. Police pulled the suspect's vehicle over and saw Alexander put his hand in his right hand pants pocket. The officer then told Alexander to step out of the vehicle. Alexander refused and attempted to put his car window up. Police pulled the suspect from the vehicle and recovered a loaded .45-caliber handgun from Alexander's pocket and Alexander was charged with the crime, Flammer stated.

"The defendant posed two threats; he ran a red light creating a danger to others and he had a loaded handgun," Flammer said. "Thanks to the observations of the Atlantic City police officers Alexander is held accountable for his actions and more importantly, another illegal gun has been taken off the streets."

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.