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MAYS LANDING – A Pleasantville woman who entered a guilty plea on June 16 to one count of aggravated manslaughter for stabbing to death her live-in boyfriend was sentenced to nine years in prison Friday, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Rosina McKinnie, 28, of 102 Shadeland Avenue, must serve 85 percent of the prison term before parole eligibility, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Dana B. Litke, who represented the State.

On May 4, 2008 McKinnie killed Aramis Smith, 22, during a dispute in her home.

Litke stated at sentencing that McKinnie and her boyfriend had a turbulent relationship.

“This is an example of an alcohol-fueled domestic violence argument,” Litke stated adding that what should have ended in a minor dispute ended in tragedy.

Pleasantville police received a 911 call at 9:43 p.m. the night of the killing and responded to McKinnie’s home along with the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit.

Smith was pronounced dead at 10:28 p.m. at the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus. An autopsy was performed and it was determined that the victim suffered a puncture of the abdominal aorta and bled to death.

The murder weapon was recovered at McKinnie’s home and she was taken into custody shortly after the killing.

Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury presided over the sentencing.

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