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MAYS LANDING – A Mays Landing man was sentenced to 22 years in prison today for fatally shooting a New York man outside an Atlantic City bar in 2007, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

David “Dawoo” Shepherd, 25, must serve 85 percent of the prison term before parole eligibility for killing Stan Marshall on Nov. 22, 2007. Shepherd entered a guilty plea on July 8 to one count of aggravated manslaughter.

Shepherd admitted that his friends got into a fight with Marshall inside Crocktails bar and he followed Marshall to an alleyway alongside the bar, pulled out a handgun and fired two shots hitting Marshall, 26, in the head and shoulder, according to Assistant Prosecutor Diane Ruberton.

Prior to the sentencing on Friday Ruberton argued that the judge should impose the maximum under the plea agreement because of the defendant’s propensity for violence.

The victim’s parents also addressed the court. They said that every Thanksgiving they have to relive the nightmare of learning that their son was murdered, Ruberton said.

Shepherd turned and looked at the victim’s family and said he was truly sorry for what had happened that night, Ruberton said.

At 4:46 a.m. the morning of the shooting, Atlantic City Police received a 911 call and responded to the South Virginia Avenue bar where they discovered Marshall dead from a single gunshot wound to the head. An arrest warrant charging Shepherd with murder was signed on Feb. 29, 2008. The defendant was a fugitive until April 2008 when the U.S. Marshals Service Regional Fugitive Task Force, along with the Pennsylvania State Police, located him at his friend Essance Bell’s relative’s home in Jim Thorpe, PA.

Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio presided over the sentencing.

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