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**MAYS LANDING** – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a 17-year-old Atlantic City male on counts of aggravated manslaughter, endangering an injured victim, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon, for allegedly stabbing to death a 53-year-old man, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Tuesday.

It is alleged that Blake Newton, then 16, and Alford Callum, of 105 N. New Jersey Avenue, got into an altercation on July 20, 2009, in the 800 block of North Maryland Avenue in Atlantic City. During the altercation it is alleged that Newton stabbed Callum in the chest, according to Assistant Prosecutor Tracey O'Brien, who presented the case to the Grand Jury this afternoon.

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 the victim 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.

Authorities charged Newton with the crimes on July 21. Newton was transported to the Harborfields Youth Detention Center in Egg Harbor City pending a Family Court hearing. On Aug. 18 Superior Court Judge James Jackson waived Newton to adult court.

Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Detective James Kirschner was the lead investigator in the case.

If convicted of aggravated manslaughter Newton could face up to 30 years in prison.

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