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MAYS LANDING – The Egg Harbor Township man charged with fatally shooting a mother and daughter early Wednesday morning in their Egg Harbor Township home appeared in court today to formally hear the charges against him, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Nicholas Nigro III, 25, of Ivins Avenue, allegedly killed Maryjane Buri-Mulder, 48, and her daughter Paula Mulder, 21, of 804 Scarborough Drive in the Shires development. Nigro is charged with two counts of murder and one count of possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose.

During the brief court hearing Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio asked if the defendant wanted the charges against him read.

Nigro said he did.

The Judge read the charges that Nigro caused the deaths of both victims specifically by shooting them with a shotgun. Judge Donio also asked Nigro if he understood that his bail was \$2 million full cash.

“Yes, your Honor,” Nigro said.

First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik handled the first appearance.

Numerous members of the victims’ family were present; several members of Nigro’s family were also present for the initial appearance.

Egg Harbor Township Police received a 911 call at approximately 3 a.m. Wednesday to respond to the victims’ residence. Upon arrival police found the deceased mother and daughter. The Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit responded and conducted an investigation along with Egg Harbor Township police. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park responded and at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday he pronounced the victims dead at the scene.

Dr. Park performed the autopsies Wednesday night and determined the mother and daughter died of gunshot wounds. Maryjane Buri-Mulder suffered a gunshot wound to the head. Paula Mulder was shot in the head and neck.

*****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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