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MAYS LANDING – The triggerman in the 2006 killing of an Egg Harbor Township woman gunned down in her driveway in front of her 8-year-old son, was sentenced to 30 years in prison today, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Anthony DiGisosaffatte, 54, of New York, who entered a plea to one count of murder in July, must serve the entire prison term for killing Gerardina Garcia on April 20, 2006 at her 712 Scarborough Drive home in the Shires development, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik, who represented the State.

During the plea in July the defendant told the court that he traveled to New Jersey with a handgun, waited until the victim returned home in the early evening, got out of his vehicle, walked up to her car and shot her five times. He stated that he intended to kill her and that he knew of her but never met her prior to the shooting. After the hit, DiGisosaffatte went back to New York.

The defendant's sentence will run at the same time as a federal bank robbery conviction, Talasnik said.

DiGisosaffatte's co-defendant Yvette Garcia, of New York, the victim's stepdaughter, also entered a plea in July, to one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery. She will be sentenced to eight years in prison. She is currently serving a prison term in New York for a drug possession conviction. Others to be sentenced for their roles in the incident are Ricky Irizarry, of Ithaca, New York, and Cristovaho Diaz, of Ozone Park, New York. They will be sentenced at a later date.

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

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