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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted an Atlantic City man for allegedly selling false government documents, including a Social Security card, permanent resident alien card and a Mexican driver's license, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

It is alleged that on diverse dates between Aug. 6, 2008 and July 15, 2009, Francisco Marin sold false governmental identification documents and manufactured those documents, according to Assistant Prosecutor Curt Baker, who presented the case to the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon.

Marin, 37, was arrested on July 15 in Somers Point and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

Prosecutor's Office Financial Crimes Unit detectives, along with Atlantic City police officers, executed a search warrant at Marin's residence on July 15, where they seized numerous items used to manufacture false documents such as a scanner, laminators, a printer and photo paper.

Prosecutor's Office Detective Edwin Cintron charged Marin with the crime. The arrest was due to a yearlong cooperative effort between the Prosecutor's Office Financial Crimes Unit, Atlantic City and Somers Point police departments and the US Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

If convicted, Marin faces five to 10 years in prison on each count.

*****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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information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.