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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City woman was sentenced today to 70 years in prison for a 2007 shooting death of a Somers Point man, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Dara Woodall must serve 85 percent of the prison term before parole eligibility. Woodall was convicted on Aug. 4 of murder and weapons offenses in connection with the Sept. 22, 2007 shooting death of Menya Charles Williams, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Dana B. Litke.

At 1:10 a.m. on Sept. 22, 2007, Atlantic City police responded to a 911 call for shots fired in the 500 Block of Tennessee Avenue in Atlantic City. When police arrived they found Williams shot multiple times with a handgun, Litke said.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on Williams and determined he suffered four gunshot wounds – one perforating wound to the right side of the head, one to the left side of his head and the others to his right shoulder and left lower leg.

Woodall was arrested and charged shortly after the crime after several eyewitnesses came forward, Litke stated.

Woodall's trial began on July 20. Her cousin Carlos Woodall, of Atlantic City, also charged in connection with the killing, was acquitted on all counts including weapons offenses and conspiracy.

Although she did not testify at trial, the defendant stated today that did not kill Williams. Several of her family members were present for the lengthy proceeding.

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

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