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MAYS LANDING – Authorities arrested a man last night and charged him with two counts of aggravated assault and weapons offenses in connection with the Monday night shooting in Egg Harbor City that left one man dead and another seriously injured, First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik said Wednesday.

Arrest warrants were signed late yesterday afternoon against Rafael Olmo, 26, of Hamilton Township, for allegedly shooting Sandy Thomas and Shawn Travis in the Harbor City Apartment complex, located on Atlantic Avenue. The existence of the warrants was entered into the National Crime Information Center or “NCIC” the system used by law enforcement to view open warrants. New Jersey authorities were notified Tuesday night that Philadelphia police officers arrested Olmo earlier in the day without incident in the 1300 block of Ridge Avenue. At the time of Olmo’s arrest, he had provided a false name, but his true identity was later determined by the Philadelphia Police Department, who were then able to connect him to the New Jersey arrest warrants. The New Jersey arrest warrants were then lodged against Olmo, who now faces extradition back to New Jersey for prosecution, First Assistant Talasnik stated.

At 11:11 p.m. Monday night Egg Harbor City police responded to the complex for a report of shots fired. When they arrived they found Thomas and Travis in a courtyard suffering from gunshot wounds.

Thomas, 30, of Galloway Township, was transported to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Mainland Campus, where he was pronounced dead. Notification of next of kin was made. On Tuesday afternoon Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the victim. The cause of death is pending further investigation, according to First Assistant Talasnik.

Travis, 24, of Egg Harbor City, remains in the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, in critical condition.

The Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit and the Egg Harbor City Police Department investigated the crime.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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