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**MAYS LANDING** – Two women were arrested this afternoon and charged with murder and felony murder in connection with the beating death of a man whose body was discovered Wednesday morning in wooded area off of Route 50, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Ashley McLaughlin, 22, of 29 Highmeadow Drive, located in Sicklerville in Camden County, and Cynthia Myers, 27, of 728 Tulip Street in Camden, New Jersey, allegedly assaulted John Quann, 23, of West Atco in Camden County, on Oct. 10 with the intent to rob him. It is further alleged that they drove the victim to the wooded area of Hamilton Township off of Hickory Lane, where they beat him to death with a hammer. Evidence shows that the suspects were acquainted with Quann.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on Quann late yesterday afternoon and determined the victim died from multiple blunt force trauma to the head.

In addition to the murder and felony murder charges, the women are also charged with possession of a weapon with the purpose to use it unlawfully against another. Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo set bail for each suspect at \$1 million cash.

At 9:47 a.m. on Wednesday, Hamilton Township police responded to the wooded area off of Hickory Lane to a report from a hunter who discovered the body of a black male. Members of the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit responded moments later.

Major Crimes Unit Detectives Michael Mattioli and James Kirschner conducted the investigation with the assistance of the Hamilton Township Police Detective Larry Fernan, the Camden County Prosecutor's Office and the Lindenwold Police Department. Additional charges arising from the matter are anticipated in Camden County.

**\*\*\*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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