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**MAYS LANDING** – A Superior Court Judge sentenced a man to 50 years in prison today for murder and multiple other counts for his role in the savage 2006 killing of an Atlantic City man, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Victor Marrero, 23, must serve 85 percent of the prison term before parole eligibility for the May 9, 2006 murder of 46-year-old Roberto Feliciano.

Marrero and his co-conspirator Robin Perez went to the victim's Chelsea Heights home with the purpose to kill Feliciano. Marrero was armed with a lead pipe and struck the first blow followed by 14 more, while Perez stabbed Feliciano 45 times with a "survival" 15-inch knife with a 10-inch blade. Prior to the murder Anita Pratts, Feliciano's longtime companion and co-conspirator in his killing, let Perez and Marrero into her home and after the crime she provided a casino hotel room for the killers to clean up. Marrero rejected a plea deal for aggravated manslaughter and was convicted at trial in August of murder, two counts of possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, two counts of unlawful possession of a weapon, tampering with physical evidence and hindering apprehension. The defendant's co-conspirators pled guilty to aggravated manslaughter and were sentenced in 2008, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill.

Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury called the slaying bloody, senseless and savage. Pratts, Marrero and Perez acted as judge, jury and executioner, when they hatched a scheme to kill Feliciano.

Marrero and Perez hid in a bedroom at the victim's home and when the victim returned from dropping his wife off at her job, the men viciously attacked him. The victim fell to his knees and Marrero continued to bash the victim over the head with the pipe.

"Imagine the victim's bewilderment and surprise turn to shock and horror when the defendant delivered a rain of blows while Perez stabbed him 45 times," Judge DeLury said.

He called Marrero's acts heinous, cruel and depraved and said that he was relentless in his attack on Feliciano. Evidence showed Marrero not only delivered the first blow but also chased the man and bashed him over the head again with the pipe.

Prior to the Judge imposing sentence, one of the victim's sons, Roberto Irizarry, spoke of how his father was "Superman," a man who worked as a professional boxer to support his family but who emphasized to his three sons the importance of getting a good education.

Irizarry's voice cracked as he told the court how unfair it was that his father died in such a fashion. He said his father should have lived well into his 90's. He said he misses his father very much and can never look to his father for advice in raising his own children.

Before leaving the prosecution table to join his wife and brothers in the front row of the courtroom, Irizarry stood up and said, "He (Marrero) took my father's life and at the same time he took his own life."

Marrero also addressed the court. He said he was sorry for what he had done.

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