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**MAYS LANDING** – A Mullica Township man who entered a guilty plea today to carjacking, resisting arrest, possession of a weapon by a convicted person and failure to register under Megan's Law, faces 26 ½ years in prison, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

George Burleigh, 61, must serve 85 percent of his prison term when he is sentenced before parole eligibility, according to Assistant Prosecutor Diane Ruberton.

On July 11, 2009 at 10 a.m. Burleigh went to the Superfresh grocery store located on the White Horse Pike in Hammonton and attempted to carjack Jessica Timbal's vehicle. Timbal was on her way to her car with her 8-month-old baby when Burleigh put his hand over the Hammonton woman's mouth and a knife to her stomach. He then told her to get into her car. The victim refused. Burleigh became nervous and fled into the woods behind the supermarket, Ruberton said.

Hammonton police located Burleigh in the woods moments later. He struggled with the police officers who subdued him and took him into custody. Burleigh was transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility where he remains in lieu of bail pending sentencing, Ruberton said.

Burleigh was indicted in October. Superior Court Judge Charles Middlesworth presided over the plea hearing. Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio will preside over the sentencing on Jan. 15.

**Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.**