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MAYS LANDING – A Northfield man was charged Monday afternoon with murder in connection with the Sunday night death of the mother of his five children, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Louis Ceresa, 32, of 128 E. Revere Avenue, allegedly killed Amanda Carmen, 34, of Ocean Heights Avenue in Egg Harbor Township. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy Monday morning. Dr. Park determined the victim died of manual strangulation, Prosecutor Housel said.

Ceresa was initially charged with aggravated assault pending autopsy results. Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury set Ceresa's bail early Monday morning at \$250,000 full cash. The judge increased the bail late in the afternoon to \$1 million cash or bond.

Northfield Police received a 911 call from Ceresa's residence at 5:22 p.m. Sunday night and discovered Carmen dead in a minivan in the street in front of Ceresa's home. The Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit responded shortly thereafter as well as the Atlantic County Medical Examiner who pronounced Carmen dead on the scene.

*****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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