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MAYS LANDING – A Northfield man who allegedly killed the mother of his five children appeared in court Tuesday to formally hear the charges against him and was advised of his rights, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Louis Ceresa, 32, of 128 E. Revere Avenue, allegedly killed Amanda Carmen, 34, of Ocean Heights Avenue in Egg Harbor Township. Ceresa was charged with murder Monday night. Ceresa is also charged with aggravated assault. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed the autopsy and determined the victim died of manual strangulation, Prosecutor Housel stated.

During the brief hearing Tuesday afternoon Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury asked Ceresa if he wanted to have the complaint read. Ceresa said he did. The judge read the charges in which it is alleged that Ceresa strangled Carmen and physically assaulted her about the face and neck while she was parked in a minivan in the street in front of Ceresa's home Sunday night, Prosecutor Housel said.

Northfield Police received a 911 call from Ceresa's residence at 5:22 p.m. Sunday night and discovered Carmen dead in her vehicle. The Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit responded shortly thereafter as well as the Medical Examiner.

Ceresa remains at the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$1 million cash or bond bail.

*****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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