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MAYS LANDING – Lt. George Rochelle retired recently from the Prosecutor's Office after 30 years of dedicated service to law enforcement, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Lt. Rochelle began his tenure as a County Investigator at the Prosecutor's Office in 1987. Over the years he conducted investigations into homicides, sexual assaults, narcotics, burglary, kidnapping, arson, assault and weapons offenses.

"What I liked about law enforcement was every day you did something different," he said shortly after retiring Dec. 31. "I met a lot of great people at the Prosecutor's Office and a lot of good friends. That is what I will miss the most."

In 1994 Lt. Rochelle became a Supervisor of the Financial Crimes Unit and the Insurance Fraud Task Force and remained in the prestigious position for 11 years. There Lt. Rochelle developed an expertise in uncovering financial crimes. He also is a certified polygraphist who has testified as an expert in this discipline. He has done examinations for all sections of the Prosecutor's Office, the State of New Jersey as well as local Atlantic County Police departments.

Due to his efforts while overseeing the Unit, the Prosecutor's Office received hundreds of thousands of dollars in New Jersey State Insurance Fraud grant money.

Throughout the years Lt. Rochelle found that the financial crime cases were complex and time consuming but vital to solve. He developed an identity theft-training program and instructed members of the Prosecutor's Office as well as senior citizen groups and bank employees.

"Financial crime is woven into the fabric of society. It affects everyone," Lt. Rochelle stated. "Society does not look at financial crime as seriously as other crimes, even though the victims of financial crime could have their life savings wiped out, Lt. Rochelle said.

In 2005 Sgt. Rochelle was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to the Special

Investigations Unit, which includes Sex Crimes, Child Abuse, and Fatal Accidents. In 2008 he was transferred to the Litigation Section, which includes Trial, Grand Jury and Domestic Violence Units.

Lt. Rochelle has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his law enforcement career.

He and his wife Barbara reside in Egg Harbor Township. They have two children Victoria and David. Both are in college.

Lt. Rochelle's retirement plans are simple. "I plan on working around the house, taking some vacations with my family. I want to go to Europe and the Caribbean and then seek other employment opportunities."