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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Linwood man on Tuesday in connection with the murder of his elderly neighbor and the attempted murder of the victim's daughter and a Good Samaritan, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated today.

Anthony Milano, 65, of E12 Jefferson Court, was indicted on one count of murder; two counts of attempted murder and aggravated assault as it relates to the two surviving victims, and possession of a knife for an unlawful purpose, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik, who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

On Oct. 8 at 11:18 a.m. Linwood police received a 911 call and responded to the Village at Linwood condominium complex, located at 550 Central Avenue. When they arrived they found Catherine McGowan, 88, dead in front of her home at E10 Jefferson Court. It is alleged that Milano was attacking McGowan when Diane Nehmad, 61, McGowan's daughter, arrived and attempted to intervene and was also attacked. Eugene Pepper, 84, a resident in the complex, also attempted to step in and was stabbed by Milano. Nehmad and Pepper were transported to the hospital where they were treated for their injuries.

Milano was arrested at the scene and police recovered a large folding-knife from the man. He remains in custody on \$2 million bail. If convicted, the defendant could face life in prison.

*****The indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**

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