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MAYS LANDING – A 38-year-old Atlantic City man was convicted today of first-degree armed robbery at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

The jury also convicted Tyrone Daniels, of 339 N. Connecticut Ave., of conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Daniels faces up to 20 years in prison and must serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before he can be considered for parole. Superior Court Judge James Isman presided over the trial.

At time he committed the armed robbery on Aug. 30, 2004, Daniels was on parole for an earlier armed robbery for which he had been sentenced in 1997 to 15 years and ordered to serve at least five years before parole eligibility. He was released after five years in custody, said Assistant Prosecutor Diane Ruberton.

During the three-day trial, testimony from Daniels' co-conspirator, Margaret Robertson, who was employed in the general cashiering office at the Taj Mahal, indicated that she stole an access card and gave it to Daniels and also provided him with information as to when the deposit bag would be ready.

Testimony from a witness to the robbery also revealed that at approximately 4 a.m. on August 30, Daniels came into the general cashiering office, pointed a gun at her and fled the scene with a deposit bag containing \$73,834, Ruberton said.

Taj Mahal security pulled videotapes and access card records, which led them to Robertson, who then identified Daniels. Atlantic City Police conducted surveillance at Daniels' residence, arrested him and then executed a search warrant at his home where they found \$39,400 in various denominations that still bore the date and initials of the women in the general cashiering office who had prepared the money for deposit.

During the trial, Daniels maintained his innocence and claimed that he wasn't the person who committed the armed robbery. It took the jury a little more than an hour to reject Daniels' defense, Ruberton said

In exchange for a guilty plea to conspiracy to commit armed robbery and her truthful testimony Daniels' trial, Robertson was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to serve at least 2 ½ years before parole eligibility.

Daniels will be sentenced on Jan. 15.

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