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MAYS LANDING – Authorities arrested a man today in connection with the Dec. 8 shooting death of a teen at the Sassafras Run apartment complex in Pleasantville, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Atlantic City Police Officer Hank Davis arrested Sellers Ingram, 38, of Atlantic City, this afternoon on a murder warrant in connection with the slaying of Jamal D. Smith, 19, of Pleasantville. The officer arrested Ingram as the suspect walked into a store on the West side of Venice Park in Atlantic City, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Ingram was transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$1.5 million bail, set by Superior Court Judge James Isman.

Pleasantville police responded to the Sassafras Run apartment complex, located on Route 9, for a report of shots fired at 12:23 a.m. on Tuesday. Upon arrival, police discovered Smith suffering a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where he was pronounced dead.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on Smith and determined a bullet entered the victim's right shoulder and passed through major organs including his right lung, heart, liver and kidney.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.