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**MAYS LANDING** – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted two women today on murder, felony murder, robbery and weapons offenses, in connection with the beating death of a Camden County man whose body was discovered on Oct. 14 in a wooded area off Route 50, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

It is alleged that on Oct. 9 Ashley McLaughlin, 22, of Sicklerville in Camden County, and Cynthia Myers, 27, of Tulip Avenue in Camden, New Jersey, killed John Quann Jr., 23, of West Atco, and left his body in the woods. In addition to the murder and weapons charges, the Grand Jury also indicted McLaughlin and Myers on aggravated assault and kidnapping charges out of Camden County, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik, who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

It is alleged that Quann and his two attackers were in the victim's vehicle when he pulled to the side of Cross-Keys Road in Camden County. McLaughlin and Myers struck Quann on the side of his head with a hammer and took possession of his car while he pleaded for medical help. The two women then drove Quann to Atlantic County where they beat him to death with the hammer and left his body in the woods off of Hickory Lane in Hamilton Township, Talasnik stated.

At 9:47 a.m. on Oct. 14 Hamilton Township police responded to the woods off of Hickory Lane as a result of a report from a hunter who discovered the body. Members of the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit responded moments later. Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy later that day and determined Quann died of multiple blunt force trauma to the head.

McLaughlin and Myers remain in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on \$1 million full cash bail. An additional \$100,000 cash or bond bail was set out of Camden County. If convicted of both intentional murder and felony murder, the defendants could face life in prison without parole.

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

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