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MAYS LANDING – Authorities are searching for a suspect or suspects who fatally shot a woman in her home in the Venice Park section of Atlantic City Friday night, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated today.

Last night at approximately 10:47 p.m. Atlantic City Police responded to a report that a female had been shot in her 1900 N. Michigan Avenue residence. When officers arrived, they discovered Joyce McKinnon, 61, a cocktail waitress at the Tropicana Casino Hotel, dead in her bed from an apparent gunshot wound. Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit detectives were notified and responded to the scene, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the victim this morning and determined McKinnon died as a result of a single gunshot wound.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit and the Atlantic City Police Department are conducting the investigation.

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.