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MAYS LANDING – A Superior Court Judge sentenced a New York man to 11 years in prison today for the attempted murder of another New York man during a 2008 argument at a casino, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Dan Wang, 37, must serve 85 percent of the prison term for the July 19, 2008 crime. Wang had an argument with the victim, Ming Wong, 33, over who was next in line to use a slot machine and slit the victim's throat and stabbed him in the chest. On Oct. 1, 2009, the defendant was convicted of attempted murder, aggravated assault and weapons offenses following a bench trial.

According to Assistant Prosecutor Bill Merz at 6 p.m. the night of the incident, Wang and Wong stepped outside to settle their differences. Upon exiting Resorts Atlantic City casino, Wang pulled out a box cutter knife and chased the victim down Pacific Avenue to the Showboat Atlantic City Hotel & Casino. Once inside the lobby, the defendant attacked the victim. Casino security contacted the Atlantic City Police Department who responded along with emergency personnel. Wong was transported to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where he underwent two surgeries. He remained hospitalized for nine days, Merz stated.

During the sentencing today, Merz stated that this was an audacious crime, one committed during the day in view of scores of people.

"You wouldn't expect somebody's throat slashed in a casino lobby," Merz stated during the sentencing today.

The victim, who testified at trial, has since relocated and was not present at sentencing. He continues to recover from his injuries, Merz stated.

The defendant asked Superior Court Judge Bernard DeLury for leniency and continues to maintain his innocence.

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