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MAYS LANDING – Authorities arrested two 16-year-old Pleasantville males last night in connection with the investigation into the death of a 42-year-old Absecon man found dead in tidal marshes along Leeds Avenue in Pleasantville on Christmas night, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated today.

The juveniles are charged with two firearms offenses, conspiracy and armed robbery. One of the juveniles is also charged with aggravated assault. They are lodged in Harborfields Juvenile Detention Center in Egg Harbor City pending further proceedings.

Pleasantville police acting on information, responded to the 200 block of Leeds Avenue at 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 25, where they discovered a body of a man, later identified as Kenneth Mack, 42, of 1 Oyster Bay, dead in the marsh. Mack, who was mentally challenged, was last seen in the area of Linden Avenue and Leeds Avenue on Dec. 14. A family member contacted police and reported him missing that same day.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the victim. The matter is still under investigation, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Pleasantville Detective James Searle and Major Crimes Unit Detectives Michael Mattioli and Patrick Snyder are conducting the investigation.

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

Anyone with information involving this crime is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit at 609-909-7666 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 also can contact the Pleasantville Police Department at 609-641-6100. 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.