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MAYS LANDING – An Egg Harbor Township man charged with the shooting deaths of his girlfriend and her mother in their Egg Harbor Township home in September, entered a not guilty plea today at his arraignment, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Authorities allege that on Sept. 30 in the early morning hours, Nicholas Nigro III, 25, of Ivins Avenue in Egg Harbor Township, killed Maryjane Buri, 48, and her daughter Paula Mulder, 21, of 804 Scarborough Drive. Nigro was arrested later that night.

Nigro was initially charged with two counts of murder and one count of possession of a shotgun for an unlawful purpose, but in December a Grand Jury also indicted him on charges of felony murder, hindering apprehension and tampering with physical evidence, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill, who represents the State.

Egg Harbor Township Police received a 911 call at approximately 3 a.m. the morning of the slayings, to respond to the Scarborough Drive residence in the Shires development. Upon arrival, police found the deceased mother and daughter inside their respective upstairs bedrooms.

The Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit responded to the scene and conducted an investigation along with the Egg Harbor Township police. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park responded and pronounced the victims dead at the scene at approximately 7:30 a.m. that day. Dr. Park performed autopsies and determined Maryjane Buri died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. Paula Mulder died as a result of gunshot wounds to the head and neck.

Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio presided over the arraignment.

Nigro remains in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$2 million full cash bail. He is back in court in two weeks.

*****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.**

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