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MAYS LANDING – A Mullica Township man who entered a guilty plea in November to carjacking, resisting arrest, possession of a weapon by a convicted person and failure to register under Megan's Law, was sentenced to 26 ½ years in prison, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

George Burleigh, 61, must serve 85 percent of his prison term before parole eligibility, for attempting to carjack a Hammonton woman's vehicle on July 11, 2009, according to Assistant Prosecutor Diane Ruberton.

The defendant went to the Superfresh grocery store, located on the White Horse Pike in Hammonton when he tried unsuccessfully to carjack Jessica Timbal's vehicle. Timbal was on her way to her car with her 8-month-old baby when Burleigh put his hand over her mouth and a knife to her stomach. He then told her to get into her car but she refused. The defendant became nervous and fled into the woods behind the supermarket, Ruberton said.

Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio called the victim a hero. Authorities were called and Burleigh was located in the woods a short while after the incident. He struggled with the officers but was eventually subdued and taken into custody. He was transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility. An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted Burleigh in October.

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.