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MAYS LANDING – A Superior Court Judge sentenced a career criminal to 55 years in prison today for multiple drug offenses, including distribution of over five ounces of cocaine, a crime of the first degree, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced on Friday.

Nagy Ibrahim, 32, of Ridgewood Avenue in Pleasantville, must serve 25 years in prison before parole eligibility. Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury sentenced the defendant, who had a vast criminal history, which includes drug, escape and weapons offenses, to an extended term based upon a motion argued this afternoon by the Prosecutor's Office.

Before imposing sentence, Judge DeLury stated that the only time Ibrahim was not committing crimes was when he was imprisoned. The Judge further stated that intent of the legislators when drafting extended term eligible legislation was clearly to protect the public from defendants such as Ibrahim.

An Atlantic County jury convicted Ibrahim in October of three separate drug deals. During the trial jurors heard testimony about Ibrahim's crimes. On Sept. 19, 2007, the defendant met with an individual who was a cooperating witness, and completed a drug deal at the Wawa located on Delilah Road in Pleasantville. Other drug transactions also took place in Pleasantville and Egg Harbor Township in September and October 2007. Ibrahim was arrested on Dec. 5, 2007 and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance - over five ounces total of cocaine, with intent to distribute and distribution. He was indicted in January 2008.

The Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Unit with the assistance of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force conducted the investigation which led to Ibrahim's arrest.

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.