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**MAYS LANDING** – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted an Atlantic City man today on charges of attempted murder, conspiracy, three counts of aggravated assault and two weapons offenses, for allegedly shooting a juvenile male in 2008, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

It is alleged that on Nov. 20 at 6:52 p.m. Lamar Gresham, 21, shot a 16-year-old male while in the Berkley Gardens Apartments courtyard, which is located in the 100 block of N. South Carolina Avenue in Atlantic City. The juvenile suffered two gunshot wounds to the torso, which required surgery and an extensive stay in the hospital and was left paralyzed. It is alleged that Gresham conspired with a 14-year-old female to commit the shooting. She was charged in connection with the crime and is lodged in Harborfields Juvenile Detention Center in Egg Harbor City pending further juvenile proceedings, according to Assistant Prosecutor William Merz who presented the case to the Grand Jury this afternoon.

Atlantic City police arrested Gresham on Jan. 18, 2009 on an unrelated matter. He was found to be in possession of a semi-automatic 9 mm handgun believed to be the weapon used in the shooting, Merz stated.

Attempted murder, which is the most serious count in the indictment, is a crime of the first-degree and carries a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and up to \$200,000 in fines.

**\*\*\*The indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**

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