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**MAYS LANDING** – Two Atlantic City men charged with fatally shooting an Essex County man over the weekend in Atlantic City, appeared in court today to formally hear the charges against them, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Kenneth Brown, 21, of 621 Drexel Avenue, and Shawn Jacobs, 24, of 210 N. Tennessee Avenue, allegedly shot Troy James, 31, of 830 South 12th Street in Newark, shortly after midnight on Saturday at 1305 Baltic Avenue in Atlantic City. James died two hours later at the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City, Division. An autopsy revealed that the victim died of a single gunshot wound to the abdomen, Prosecutor Housel said.

In separate proceedings this afternoon before Superior Court Judge Robert Neustadter, each suspect in answering the Judge's questions, said that they had received copies of the complaints, understood the charges against them and would hire private counsel. The victim's brother, mother, and cousins attended the hearings, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik, who represented the State.

Brown and Jacobs are charged with murder, conspiracy, four sets of weapons offenses including unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of CDS with the intent to distribute.

The Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, the Shooting Response Team and Atlantic City Police, conducted an investigation on Saturday, which led to the arrests of Brown and Jacobs. Authorities executed search warrants at the Knights Inn Hotel in Absecon, where they seized marijuana and heroin from the alleged co-conspirators' hotel room. Detectives executed a second search warrant on the suspects' vehicle in the parking lot of the hotel and discovered four loaded handguns and drugs, Prosecutor Housel said.

Both suspects remain in the Atlantic County Justice Facility each in lieu of \$1 million full cash bail.

**\*\*\*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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