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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted an Atlantic City man on Tuesday on counts of murder and weapons offenses including possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon, for allegedly slaying a teenager in a Pleasantville apartment complex in December, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

It is alleged that Sellers Ingram, 38, of the 1900 block of N. Michigan Avenue, fatally shot Jamal D. Smith, 19, on Dec. 8 at the Sassafras Run apartment complex. Ingram was arrested two days later at a store in the Venice Park section of Atlantic City. In addition to the murder and weapons counts in the indictment, Ingram was indicted for theft of a handgun found in his possession at the time of his arrest, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Dana B. Litke who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

Pleasantville police responded to the Sassafras Run apartment complex, located on Route 9, for a report of shots fired at 12:23 a.m. on Dec. 8. Upon arrival, police discovered Smith suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where he was pronounced dead, Prosecutor Housel said.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the victim and determined that a bullet entered the victim's right shoulder and passed through major organs including his right lung, heart, liver and kidney, Prosecutor Housel said.

Murder, the most serious count in the indictment, is a crime of the first degree and carries a maximum prison sentence of life in prison 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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<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.