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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic City man entered a guilty plea today for the attempted murder of an Atlantic City police officer. He also pled guilty to aggravated assault and resisting arrest, for two incidents in 2008, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Gerald Spivey, 25, admitted during his plea hearing today, that on Dec. 19, 2008, he turned his gun on Atlantic City Officer Dawn Riggs, when the officer was responding to a call and encountered Spivey shooting at Aron Mincey, on Fairmont Avenue outside Proud Mary's bar. Spivey was arrested the following day at a residence in Pleasantville. The charge of aggravated assault stemmed from the incident involving Mincey. The charge of resisting arrest arose out of an altercation with Pleasantville and Atlantic City police officers while the officers were attempting to take him into custody. Neither Officer Riggs nor Mincey were injured in the shootings and the weapon was recovered, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Spivey will be sentenced to 20 years in prison, the maximum prison term for attempted murder. The defendant must serve 85 percent of the prison term before being eligible for parole. Upon his release, he will be subject to five years of parole supervision. Spivey also waived his right to appeal his plea and the sentence, Talasnik stated.

Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury presided over the plea hearing. Spivey is scheduled for sentencing before Superior Court Judge Charles Middlesworth on June 18.

**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.**