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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted an Atlantic City man on charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, for slashing his girlfriend's face and throat with a box cutter, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

It is alleged that on Feb. 10, 2010, shortly before 3:30 p.m., William Horn, 28, attacked the mother of his child at her former residence, 26 South Florida Avenue in Atlantic City. Atlantic City police responded a short while later. The victim was transported to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where she remained for seven days due to the serious nature of her injuries and subsequent infection, according to Assistant Prosecutor Harlee Stein, who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

“A good Samaritan pulled the male off of the victim and wrestled the male out of the building,” Stein said. “Had the victim’s neighbor not intervened the state alleges it could have been worse.”

The weapon that was alleged to have been used in the attack was located lying on the floor next to the victim, Stein stated.

The day after the attack Horn was arrested after a citizen’s tip led police to Caesar’s Atlantic City bus lobby in Atlantic City. Horn was transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility where he remains in lieu of bail pending further proceedings.

Atlantic City Detective Cornelius Kane Jr. and Prosecutor’s Office Detective Kimberly McColligan investigated the case.

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 and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**

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