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MAYS LANDING— An Egg Harbor Township man was arrested this afternoon by Somers Point Police and Prosecutor's Office Detectives and charged with stealing over \$500 from the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Wayne Bailey, 50, of Woodside Drive, was taken into custody late Friday afternoon and charged with one count of theft by failure to make required disposition in the third-degree. Bailey was later released on a summons, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Somers Point Detective Jack Sementa conducted the investigation in early February. The investigation with the assistance of Prosecutor's Office Sgt. Joseph Pepe, revealed that Bailey, a volunteer firefighter who served as the chairman of the House Committee and Bar Committee for the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company, wrote a number of checks to himself from the fire company's House Committee account and also took an undisclosed amount of cash from the bar operated by the fire company. Because the fire company is a private volunteer organization, none of the monies allegedly stolen came out of public funds, Prosecutor Housel stated.

The matter is pending presentation to the Atlantic County Grand Jury.

*****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.**

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.