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MAYS LANDING— An Egg Harbor City man was arrested and charged Friday with second-degree aggravated arson in connection with a July 13, 2009 fire that left four families displaced, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

Joseph Manzoni, 43, of 507 Atlantic Avenue, allegedly set a fire at an apartment building next door to his Egg Harbor City residence. A female resident was in the building at the time of the fire, put a cloth over her face and was able to escape uninjured, Egg Harbor City Detective Steven Hadley said.

Egg Harbor City Municipal Court Judge William Cappuccio set Manzoni's bail at \$75,000 full cash and Manzoni was transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of bail.

The arrest was a result of an investigation by Egg Harbor City Detective Hadley, Egg Harbor City Captain Rick Kramer and Prosecutor's Office Detective Justin Furman.

Second-degree arson carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison subject to the provisions of the No Early Release Act.

*****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.