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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Pleasantville teen today for numerous crimes, including aggravated assault, eluding, resisting arrest, and drug and weapons offenses, in connection with a motor vehicle chase that ended with an officer sustaining injuries, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

It is alleged that on April 19, 2010, Terrence D. Philo, 19, of New Jersey Avenue, refused to stop his motor vehicle after police attempted to do so following a report of a male with a firearm. After a high-speed chase through several residential streets in Pleasantville, Philo crashed his vehicle on Tunis Avenue and fled on foot. During the pursuit Pleasantville Officer Matthew Hartman was injured when Philo's vehicle rolled into the front of the officer's police car. Hartman suffered hand, shoulder and a knee injury, according to Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

Thereafter, Philo was located hiding in a crawlspace in a residence on Tunis Avenue through the assistance of an Egg Harbor Township K-9 Officer and his partner. When Philo was taken into custody he was found to be in possession of a plastic bag containing cocaine. Officers also located a loaded handgun in his vehicle, Formica said.

Following his arrest Philo was lodged in the Atlantic County Justice Facility where he remains in lieu of \$100,000 full cash bail pending further proceedings, Formica said.

If convicted of eluding, aggravated assault and weapons offenses, Philo potentially faces up to 30 years in prison and thousands of dollars in fines.

*****The indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**

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.