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MAYS LANDING— Authorities are searching for a suspect or suspects involved in an early morning shooting in Atlantic City that left one man dead and a woman injured, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

At 1 a.m. today, Atlantic City police responded to 1008 Magellan Avenue for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, police discovered Eric Prater, 30, of Atlantic City, inside the home, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. It is believed that Prater was shot outside of the residence and stumbled into the home. The victim was transported to the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where he was pronounced dead. Notification of next of kin was made. An autopsy is scheduled for later today. A woman, identified as Shaylissa Oatman also of Atlantic City, suffered a gunshot wound to her right thigh and was transported to the hospital. Atlantic City police contacted the Prosecutor's Office. ACPO detectives responded to the scene and are investigating along with members of the Atlantic City Police Department, Prosecutor Housel stated.

The address of today's homicide is only one block away from the homicide of Saleem Tolbert who was shot to death six days ago, Prosecutor Housel stated.

"The level of violence in the Stanley Holmes Village area and the area across Route 30 often referred to as 'Back Maryland' should be a matter of great public concern. In 2010, 79% of the shootings in Atlantic City have occurred in this 35-square block area. Of those 19 shootings, five resulted in death and six resulted in injury," Prosecutor Housel said.

More information will be released as it becomes available, Prosecutor Housel stated.

**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.**