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MAYS LANDING— Law enforcement canvassed a neighborhood Thursday night for the second time since two Atlantic City men were shot to death this month. Prosecutor's Office Detectives and Atlantic City police officers knocked on doors and handed out flyers in an effort to let residents know they are there to protect them and will continue to provide more of a police presence, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated Friday.

Eric Prater, 30, was shot to death on Tuesday morning just outside a residence at 1008 Magellan Avenue. Saleem Tolbert, 26, was shot to death on July 6 outside the Magellan Manor Apartments. Prosecutor Housel said in a statement on Tuesday that 79 percent of the shootings that have occurred in Atlantic City were in a 35-block area.

During a news briefing on Wednesday Prosecutor Housel stated that he would like the public to know that police will vigilantly patrol high-crime areas and work to make the communities safer. He also stressed that residents need to come forward and report incidents to police to help take back their communities.

Last night police went door to door from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. ACPO detectives and Atlantic City police officers canvassed the area from Caspian, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania Avenues down to Brigantine Homes on Brigantine Boulevard and the Highgate Apartments on Absecon Boulevard. If a resident was not home the officer would leave a flyer. It is the second of what could be many patrols to help residents feel safer and remind the criminals that the police are there and working diligently to protect the public.

Members of the Office of Emergency Management were out Thursday night in their command vehicle. Members of the Red Cross handed out bottled water and snacks.

Additionally, Prosecutor's Office personnel assisted Pleasantville Police last night with several narcotics investigations, which led to two arrests.

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.