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MAYS LANDING— Authorities are investigating the death of Ventnor City Police Officer found dead in his home early this morning of what appears to be a gunshot wound, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

At approximately 5:15 a.m. this morning, the Galloway Township Police Department requested that the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit respond to 34 Canary Way for an investigation into the death of 29-year-old Ventnor Officer Justin M. Brown.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park will perform an autopsy on Officer Brown this afternoon. The results will be forthcoming.

"Although the matter remains under investigation, we have no reason to believe that there is any threat to the public," Prosecutor Housel said.

Officer Brown was a four-year veteran of the Ventnor City Police Department having graduated from the Atlantic County Police Academy in 2006. Additional inquiries should be made to the Ventnor City Police Department.

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.