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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted an Atlantic City public works employee today on drug charges, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Dennis Chapman, 59, of Pleasantville, was indicted on charges of third-degree possession of heroin, third-degree possession with intent to distribute, and second-degree possession with intent to distribute within 500 feet of a public park. It is alleged that on July 16 during the course of a motor vehicle stop in Pleasantville, the officer found Chapman to be in possession of 40 individual packets of heroin within 500 feet of New Hope Community Park, according to Assistant Prosecutor Emily Bell.

A second-degree crime carries a maximum prison term of up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$150,000. A third-degree crime carries a potential sentence of three to five years and fine of up to \$15,000.

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

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