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MAYS LANDING—Two Atlantic City men entered not guilty pleas yesterday at their arraignments on charges that they killed an Essex County man in February, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Sean Jacobs and Kenneth Brown allegedly shot Troy James, 31, of Newark, shortly after midnight on Feb. 27, 2010, at 1305 Baltic Avenue in Atlantic City. James died two hours later at the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Division. An autopsy revealed that the victim died of a single gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Jacobs entered his not guilty plea on Wednesday morning. Brown entered his not guilty plea later that day, according to Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz.

Brown, 22, and Jacobs, 24, are charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, four sets of weapons offenses including unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of CDS with the intent to distribute. They were indicted on June 29.

The Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, the Shooting Response Team and Atlantic City Police, conducted an investigation, which led to the arrests of Brown and Jacobs. Authorities executed search warrants at the Knights Inn Hotel in Absecon, where they seized marijuana and heroin from the alleged co-conspirators' hotel room. Detectives executed a second search warrant on the suspects' vehicle in the parking lot of the hotel and discovered four loaded handguns and drugs, Prosecutor Housel said.

Murder is a crime of the first degree carrying with it a potential sentence of 30 years to life in prison and up to \$200,000 in fines.

Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury presided over the hearings.

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