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MAYS LANDING— Martin Angelina, of Philadelphia, was sentenced today to one year of probation and a \$1,000 fine for a fourth-degree aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

As conditions of his probation, Angelina must attend Alcoholic Anonymous meetings, and was banned from Atlantic City casinos. In addition, Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury stated that it is believed that Angelina has ties to La Cosa Nostra, a reputed organized crime group, and ordered that Angelina have no contact with any of its associates.

Angelina, 48, of 3161 Smedley Street, was sentenced in accordance with a June 2 plea agreement for a Sept. 1, 2009 incident involving a Margate Police Officer. On that date, Officers responded to 201 N. Coolidge Avenue at 5:54 a.m. for a 911 call in which the resident stated an unknown male was knocking on her door. Upon arrival, Officers encountered Angelina who was obviously intoxicated. He became belligerent and tried to push past them. The officers arrested him for disorderly conduct and he was taken into custody.

Shortly after 8 a.m. the day of the incident, Margate Officer Christopher Taroncher was in the process of releasing Angelina when Angelina started to use profanity toward the officer. The incident escalated when Angelina spat in the officer's eye as he was entering the lobby on his way out of the police station. Angelina was re-arrested, charged with the fourth-degree aggravated assault. He was indicted on March 17. In accordance with the plea agreement, the disorderly conduct charge was dismissed, Assistant Prosecutor John Flammer stated.

“At the time of the incident Mr. Angelina was free to go. Officer Taroncher was simply escorting him to the lobby so he could leave the police station. As he entered the lobby, Mr. Angelina turned around and spat at the Officer. Those actions not only were uncalled for but were a crime.”

Superior Court Judge Bernard DeLury presided over the sentencing.

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.