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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic City man was sentenced to 20 years in prison today for the attempted murder of an Atlantic City police officer and aggravated assault and resisting arrest for two other incidents in 2008, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Gerald Spivey, 25, must serve 85 percent of the prison term before being eligible for parole in accordance with a May 10 plea agreement. Upon his release, he will be subject to five years of parole supervision.

During a defense motion today, the defendant attempted to withdraw his plea but Superior Court Judge Charles Middlesworth denied the motion, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik.

On Dec. 19, 2008, the defendant turned his gun on Atlantic City Officer Dawn Riggs, when the officer was responding to a call and encountered him shooting at Aron Mincey on Fairmont Avenue outside of Proud Mary's bar. Spivey was arrested the following day at a residence in Pleasantville. The charge of aggravated assault stemmed from the incident involving Mincey. The charge of resisting arrest arose out of an altercation with Pleasantville and Atlantic City police officers while the officers were attempting to take him into custody. Neither Officer Riggs nor Mincey were injured in the shootings and the weapon was recovered, Talasnik said.

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