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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted an Atlantic City man yesterday afternoon on charges of murder, conspiracy, weapons offenses, and aggravated assault, in connection with three drive-by shootings in Atlantic City in June of 2008. The third shooting resulted in the deaths of two teenagers, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

It is alleged that on June 22, 2008 at 5:54 p.m. Kory McClary, 25, and other individuals drove by a home at 1025 North Ohio Avenue, when he and his accomplices fired using three semi-automatic handguns at a group of males standing in front of the residence. Michael A. Nelson, 16, of 733 Drexel Avenue in Atlantic City, and Philip Fano, 19, of 113 Peach Street in Hammonton, each suffered a gunshot wound to the head. They were rushed to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where they later died of their injuries. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park determined each victim died of a gunshot wound to the head, Prosecutor Housel said.

It is further alleged that on June 21, 2008, McClary and an unnamed co-conspirator drove by 1911 Caspian Avenue and fired at the home of David and Lisa Hood. Two bullets struck the house and the third projectile went through the bathroom and penetrated the wall of the master bedroom where Lisa Hood was sleeping. That same day McClary and a co-conspirator allegedly drove to Michael and Shermina Nelson's Drexel Avenue home and fired approximately five shots from a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun. McClary was indicted on six counts of aggravated assault in the 25-count indictment. No one was injured in the June 21, 2008 shootings at Caspian Avenue and Drexel Avenue and no one else has been charged with any of the three shootings, according to First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik, who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

McClary, of 1529 North Ohio Avenue, is currently in custody on unrelated charges in the Chilton County jail in Alabama. He will be returned to New Jersey to answer the Atlantic County charges when he has completed his obligation in Alabama.

Atlantic City Police Department Detective Michael Graham who is assigned to the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and ACPO personnel conducted the investigation with the assistance of the Atlantic City Police Department.

Murder carries a sentence of up to life in prison and \$200,000 in fines.

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

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