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MAYS LANDING— A Galloway Township woman entered a guilty plea yesterday to first-degree aggravated manslaughter in connection with the 2009 death of her newborn girl and agreed to a term of seven years in prison when she is sentenced next month, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated today.

Tracey Posner, 28, of Moss Mill Road, will be sentenced in the second-degree range to the prison term. She must serve 85 percent of the sentence before parole eligibility, according to Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy.

Posner gave birth on Feb. 24, 2009, in the bathroom of her Galloway Township home. When the baby was born, Posner wrapped the live, full-term infant in a towel, put her in a plastic bag and placed her under the sink. As a result of Posner's need for medical attention, her situation was called to the attention of the Prosecutor's Office. Authorities then discovered the infant under the bathroom sink in Posner's home, Prosecutor Housel said.

The following day Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the newborn. Posner's arrest on June 22, 2009, came after autopsy results and a review, Prosecutor Housel said.

Posner was indicted on July 21, 2009.

Posner will be sentenced on Oct. 29 at 1:30 p.m. before Superior Court Judge James E. Isman.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Crimes Against Children Unit and the Galloway Police Department investigated the case.

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

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