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MAYS LANDING— Authorities from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and the Somers Point Police Department arrested a man and a woman at a motel today on drug and weapons offenses, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

At 8:30 a.m. this morning, authorities executed a search warrant in room 183 at the Owl Motel, which is located at 901 W. New York Avenue in Somers Point. Dante Selby, 33, who resided at the motel, as well as Kendell Howell-Lee, 30, also of that address, were arrested at the scene. Authorities seized 100 bags of heroin and ¼ ounce of cocaine; in addition to drugs, guns, ammunition, drug paraphernalia, a car and \$3,680 in cash, Prosecutor Housel said.

During a three-month undercover investigation, which began in June of 2010, members of the Somers Point Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Strike Force, purchased over 900 bags of heroin, and a .38-caliber handgun with ammunition, Prosecutor Housel said.

Selby was charged with second-degree distribution of heroin over ½ an ounce, second-degree distribution of a controlled dangerous substance within 500 feet of a public housing zone and third-degree distribution within 1000 feet of a school zone. Municipal Court Judge Henry Broome set bail at \$500,000 cash. Howell-Lee, charged with third-degree possession of under ½ an ounce of cocaine, was released on a summons, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Somers Point Detective Roy Gandy and Prosecutor's Office Detective Daniel Kallen conducted the investigation.

Prosecutor's Office Lt. Mike Corrado said, "This is the result of a multi-jurisdictional and cooperative effort between our agencies."

A crime of the second-degree carries a maximum prison term of 10 years and \$150,000 in fines.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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.