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MAYS LANDING— A Camden County man entered a guilty plea today to second-degree attempted sexual assault and second-degree attempted child luring and will be sentenced to five years in prison for making Internet contact with an undercover detective posing as a 14-year-old girl, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Vipulkumar Patel, 34, of Lindenwold, had several conversations with the “girl” online between March 3, 2009 and March 17, 2009, about sexual acts he wanted to do with her. He spoke about meeting her in Hamilton Township where he would pick her up and take her back to his home to have sex. Instead of meeting a girl, he was met by members of the Prosecutor’s Computer Crimes Unit and arrested without incident. He was indicted on April 6, 2010, according to Atlantic County Prosecutor Janet Gravitz.

Superior Court Judge James E. Isman presided over the plea hearing this morning. A sentencing date has yet to be set.

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.