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**MAYS LANDING-** Authorities are seeking a suspect or suspects in connection with an early morning shooting that left an Egg Harbor City mother of two dead, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Sunday.

Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit detectives responded to the Harbor City Apartments located on Atlantic Avenue in Egg Harbor City at 12:14 a.m., for a report that a resident walking to his mailbox discovered a body behind buildings J and K. Upon arrival, detectives located the victim, who was later identified as Deanna Downs, 29, of an apartment in the G building.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park pronounced the victim dead at the scene and will perform an autopsy today. Next of kin was notified, Prosecutor Housel said.

More details will follow as they become available.

**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.**