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MAYS LANDING— A Superior Court Judge sentenced two Atlantic City men, one to 38 years in prison and the other to 16 years in prison, for multiple crimes in 2007 at an Atlantic City rooming house. The duo was convicted on Sept. 17 of several offenses including armed robbery, robbery, aggravated assault, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, unlawful possession of a weapon, criminal restraint, terroristic threats and conspiracy, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

In addition, Tyshiem Murphy, 28, was convicted of possession of a weapon by a convicted person, while his co-conspirator, Raheem Hayes, 21, was convicted of possession of cocaine.

During today's court proceeding Superior Court Judge granted the state's application to sentence Murphy to an extended term based upon his prior criminal history, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill who represented the state.

On Feb. 4, 2007, Nyjua Kemp went to a rooming house in Atlantic City with a female acquaintance identified as Amy Scott. Upon entering a room, Murphy and Hayes exited the bathroom armed with a .25-caliber handgun. While Murphy pointed the gun at Kemp, Hayes took Kemp's cell phone, car keys and \$75. Atlantic City Police arrested Murphy and Hayes the night of the incident. They were indicted in April of 2007, Shill said.

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.