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MAYS LANDING— Authorities arrested a Pleasantville man early Thursday morning and charged him with possession of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute cocaine and the sale of over a kilo of cocaine, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel said today.

After a lengthy investigation, members of the Prosecutor's Office Gangs Guns and Narcotics Unit and Pleasantville police executed a search warrant yesterday at 5:30 a.m. in the 20 block of Lorraine Avenue where they arrested 47-year-old resident Kelvin Nixon on the first-degree charges. In addition, four of Nixon's vehicles were seized, three from his property and a truck on Walnut Avenue in Pleasantville. During a search of the truck authorities seized 9.3 ounces of cocaine and one pound of marijuana with a street value of greater than \$15,000, according to Prosecutor's Office Lt. Michael Corrado.

During the investigation Nixon sold more than a kilo of cocaine to undercover operatives, Lt. Corrado said.

Gangs Guns and Narcotics Unit Sgt. Robert Kelly and Detective Jason Dorn conducted the investigation, along with K-9 units from Pleasantville and Atlantic City police departments and the K-9 unit of the Sheriff's Department.

Superior Court Judge Charles Middlesworth set Nixon's bail at \$250,000 cash bail

A first-degree crime carries a maximum prison term of 20 years and up to \$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.**

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<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.