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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County jury convicted a suspended Atlantic City firefighter today on three counts of second-degree endangering the welfare of a child and one count of third-degree aggravated criminal sexual contact for sexual offenses against a juvenile, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Adrian Wilson, 48, of Egg Harbor Township, faces five to 10 years on each second-degree crime and three to five years in prison on the third-degree crime. Allegations were brought to the Prosecutor's Office in July of 2008, that on diverse dates between 2006 and July 2008 Wilson committed various sexual acts on the child, according to Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy who represented the State.

The jury in the weeklong trial found Wilson guilty on four counts and was hung on four counts. The jury deliberated for approximately five hours.

The State will make a determination on whether to retry Wilson on the remaining counts of the indictment at a later date, D'Arcy stated.

Wilson was charged on a warrant on indictment, based upon an investigation by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office.

After the jury reached the verdict Assistant Prosecutor D'Arcy made a motion to revoke bail. Judge DeLury raised Wilson's bail to \$250,000 cash or bond and Wilson was taken into custody pending posting of additional bond. The defendant must submit to an evaluation at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center at Avenel.

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.