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MAYS LANDING— Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel confirmed that the male found burned beyond recognition in a vehicle in Hammonton on Sept. 29 has been positively identified.

Prosecutor Housel stated Ross Heimlich, 23, of Somerdale in Camden County, is the victim. The Prosecutor emphasized that as per office policy, prior to releasing the name of a victim notification of next of kin must be made. Due to the condition of Heimlich's body medical experts had to perform forensic tests to positively identify him. In addition, detectives from the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit along with the Hammonton Police Department are conducting an investigation. The investigation is continuing and notification of next of kin has been made.

At 3:18 a.m. on the date of the crime, Hammonton police and fire personnel responded for a 911 report of a vehicle fire in the 100 block of Linda Avenue. Upon arrival, personnel discovered a vehicle fully engulfed in flames. When the fire was extinguished personnel discovered charred human remains. The Prosecutor's Office was subsequently notified and Major Crimes Unit detectives responded to the scene, Prosecutor Housel said.

The vehicle was removed from the scene for further examination.

No further information will be released at this time.

**Anyone with information involving this or other 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.**