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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a North Carolina man this morning on six counts of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and possession of hollow-point bullets - prohibited devices, a fourth-degree offense, in connection with a September incident, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

It is alleged that on Sept. 1 at 11:55 a.m. Alec Brown, 51, was in a doorway on Virginia Avenue near the Covenant House with a loaded gun in his hand and a loaded gun in his waistband. A citizen flagged down an Atlantic City police officer at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Atlantic Avenue and told the officer that she saw a man with a gun. The officer responded to the location shortly thereafter and called for backup. The officers ordered Brown to drop the gun. The defendant complied and two .45-caliber handguns were seized. He was arrested at the scene without further incident. The officers asked Brown if he had any weapons and he indicated that there were more weapons in the car. Brown consented to a search of his vehicle, which was parked a short distance away. Inside the car the officers located another .45-caliber handgun, two 9 mm handguns and a .22-caliber handgun, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cary Shill who presented the case to the Grand Jury today.

Each second-degree crime carries a maximum prison sentence of five to 10 years and a fine for each count of \$150,000.

**\*\*\*The indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**

**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.**