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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic City man charged with fatally shooting two teenagers in June of 2008 entered a not guilty plea today at his arraignment, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Kory McClary, 24, of North Ohio Avenue, who allegedly killed Phillip Fano, 19, of Peach Street in Hammonton, and Michael Nelson, 16, of Drexel Avenue in Atlantic City, is charged with murder, conspiracy, weapons offenses and three counts of aggravated assault for two other drive-by shootings. It is alleged that on June 22, 2008 McClary and other individuals drove by a home at 1025 North Ohio Avenue in Atlantic City and fired three semi-automatic handguns at a group of males standing in front of the residence. Nelson and Fano each suffered a gunshot wound to the head. They were rushed to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where they later died of their injuries. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park determined each victim died of a gunshot wound to the head, according to Assistant Prosecutor Mario Formica.

During the plea hearing today the defendant waived the reading of the indictment and entered a not guilty plea to the homicide charges and the accompanying aggravated assault and weapons charges, Assistant Prosecutor Formica said.

An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted McClary on Aug. 11, 2010 in connection with the Fano and Nelson deaths along with two other drive-by shootings. The day before the fatal shootings it is alleged that McClary and an unnamed co-conspirator drove by 1911 Caspian Avenue and fired at the home of David and Lisa Hood. Two bullets struck the house and the third projectile went through the bathroom and penetrated the wall of the master bedroom where Lisa Hood was sleeping. That same day McClary and a co-conspirator allegedly drove to Michael and Shermina Nelson's Drexel Avenue home and fired approximately five shots from a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun. McClary was indicted on six counts of aggravated assault in the 25-count indictment. No one was injured in the June 21, 2008 shootings at Caspian Avenue and Drexel Avenue and no one else has been charged with any of the three shootings.

Murder carries a sentence of up to life in prison and \$200,000 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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