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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Cumberland County man on numerous charges yesterday afternoon including first-degree aggravated sexual assault, second-degree attempted aggravated sexual assault, first-degree armed robbery and second-degree burglary, for his alleged Aug. 3 attack on an elderly woman at her Somers Point home, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

Marvin Sherwood, 28, of Finimore Street in Vineland, was also indicted on several weapons offenses including possession of a weapon, a knife, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon, third-degree aggravated assault, third-degree tampering with physical evidence and assault. In addition, he was indicted on charges of third-degree terroristic threats for allegedly threatening to kill the victim if she went to police or to the hospital, said Chief Assistant Prosecutor Ellen Loughney who presented the case to the Grand Jury.

The morning of the incident Somers Point Police responded to a 911 call at 5:30 a.m. for a report that a woman had been attacked in her home. The victim, whose name is not being released due to the nature of the crime, was taken by ambulance to Shore Memorial Hospital where she was treated and then released later that day.

Both armed robbery and aggravated sexual assault are crimes of the first-degree and carry a maximum prison sentence upon conviction of 20 years and \$200,000 in fines.

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

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