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MAYS LANDING— A former tow truck driver for the Atlantic City Police Department entered a guilty plea today to third-degree possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute within a school zone and second-degree possession of a handgun. He faces eight years in prison when he is sentenced in April, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Ricky Sessoms, 43, of Atlantic City, must serve five years in prison prior to being eligible for parole. On March 25, 2009 following a three-week-long investigation members of the Atlantic City Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office executed a search warrant at Sessoms' 653 Green Street residence and seized over 14 ounces of marijuana, a 380-caliber handgun and several other items including baggies for packaging, a holster for the weapon and a scale. While the search warrant was being executed Sessoms' was located at the Atlantic City Police Department tow lot and taken into custody, according to Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Buckley

Superior Court Judge Charles Middlesworth presided over the proceeding. The defendant is scheduled for sentencing on April 21, 2011.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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