

**ATLANTIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES**  
**RECENT STATE PRISON PLEAS AND SENTENCES**

*Three South Jersey Men Guilty in  
Separate Cases for Weapons, Theft, and Child Endangerment*

**MAYS LANDING, NJ** – Today, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office announced three recent guilty pleas or sentences as part of the Office's ongoing commitment to prosecute all criminal files it receives with fairness, efficiency, justice for victims and protection of the public at large.

**Somers Point Man Sentenced in Child Endangering Case**

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Tyrique Beckett (*photo attached*), 31, from Somers Point, NJ, was sentenced to three years in New Jersey State Prison by the Honorable Donna Taylor, J.S.C..

On October 21, 2024, the Somers Point Police Department received a report of sexual conduct between the defendant and a juvenile victim. Evidence revealed that the conduct was recorded by the defendant on his cell phone without the victim's knowledge.

Beckett pled guilty to third-degree endangering the welfare of a child on October 20, 2025. As part of his sentence, Beckett must register as a sex offender in accordance with Megan's Law, and he will be subject to parole supervision for life.

Assistant Prosecutor Brooke Melissa Hoffner represented the State in this matter.

**Millville Man Guilty in Theft Case**

On March 6, 2026, Benny Dixon (*photo unavailable*), 21, of Millville, plead guilty to third-degree receiving stolen property. Under the terms of his plea agreement, Dixon is expected to be sentenced to a term of 3 years in New Jersey State Prison.

On November 11, 2024, New Jersey State Police responded to Mays Landing and Harley Ave in Hamilton Township for a report of a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, police made contact with the driver, Benny Dixon, who admitted to police that he knew the motor vehicle he had been operating at the time of the accident was stolen.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Dixon is expected to serve his sentence concurrent to a state prison term that he is serving for a separate conviction in Cumberland County. Sentencing is scheduled for April 17 before the Honorable Dorothy Garrabrant, J.S.C.

This matter was investigated by the New Jersey State Police and the Millville Police Department. Assistant Prosecutor Renee Marshina prosecuted the matter on behalf of the State.

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### **Vineland Man Guilty in AC Shooting**

On Monday, March 9, 2026, Ricardo Ferrera (*photo attached*), 32, of Vineland, NJ, pled guilty to second-degree Aggravated Assault and fourth-degree Aggravated Assault by Pointing a Firearm. In exchange for the guilty plea, Ferra is to be sentenced to a term of five years New Jersey State Prison with a parole ineligibility 85% concurrent to 18 months New Jersey State Prison with a parole ineligibility of 18 months.

In February, 2022, Atlantic City Police Department responded for a ShotSpotter notification of seven gunshots. Two individuals were injured by way of a gunshot. Investigation determined that Ferrera fired shots and fled the scene. He was later apprehended by ACPD officers. The Atlantic County Prosecutor's officer sought pretrial detention of Ferrera, which was granted.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 20, 2026, before the Honorable Jorge F. Coombs, J.S.C. Assistant Prosecutor Erin Rush represented the State in these matters.