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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Wildwood Police Chief Steven Long announce the arrest of 37 year old Ismael Ayala following a cooperative investigation into an aggravated assault that occurred during the evening hours of May 2, 2011.

At approximately 11:30pm, Wildwood Police Patrol Officers responded to the 200 East block of Hand Avenue in response to a report of an assault. Upon their arrival, they located Ayala attempting to re-enter the victim's residence through a window which he had broken. Ayala was arrested at the scene.

The subsequent investigation conducted by the Wildwood Police Department Patrol and Detective Divisions and the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office revealed that Ayala assaulted 38 year old Leonoi Rodriguez repeatedly with a large kitchen knife and manually choked her around the neck.

Ayala was charged with Attempted Criminal Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Robbery, Burglary, and various weapons offenses. Ayala was committed to the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Long commend the quick response of the Wildwood Police Department's Patrol Officers in this investigation for likely preventing more serious injuries to the victim.