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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Middle Township Police Chief Christopher Leusner announce the weekend arrest of a 51 year old local man following an aggravated assault that occurred on Sunday morning.

At approximately 11:45am, the Middle Township Police Department received a 911 call from a resident of the Shelton Motel, located in the 1400 block of Route 47 South in Rio Grande. The caller stated that he has just been stabbed by another motel resident. Middle Township Police patrol officers responded to the Shelton Motel and observed the victim bleeding from the abdomen. The victim was transported to Atlantic Care Medical Center for treatment. The subsequent investigation revealed that 51 year old Michael Shelton of the 1400 block of Route 47 South, Rio Grande stabbed the victim once in the abdomen after a verbal dispute. The victim was admitted to the hospital and is being treated in the Intensive Care Unit. The victim is expected to recover from the injury. Shelton was taken into custody at the scene.

Michael Shelton was charged with Attempted Murder, a crime of the first degree; Aggravated Assault, a crime of the second degree; Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose; a crime of the third degree and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon; a crime of the fourth degree. Shelton was committed to the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of \$150,000 cash bail.

The investigation was conducted by the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes and Crime Scene Units and the Middle Township Patrol Division and Major Crimes Unit.

Prosecutor Taylor advises that persons convicted of a first degree crime are subject to a term of imprisonment of 10 to 20 years in New Jersey State Prison; persons convicted of a second degree crime are subject to a term of imprisonment of 5 to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison; persons convicted of a third degree crime are subject to a term of imprisonment of 3 to 5 years in New Jersey State Prison and persons convicted of a fourth degree crime are subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 18 months.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Leusner commend the cooperative efforts of the patrol and detective divisions for the quick apprehension of the suspect and successful conclusion of this investigation.

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