

Mays Landing Man Pleads Guilty to Terroristic Threats

MAYS LANDING, NJ – On Tuesday, July 28, 2026, Douglas Shuster, 41, from Mays Landing, NJ, pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree terroristic threats in front of the Honorable Ralph Paolone, J.S.C. The plea calls for a recommended sentence of three years in New Jersey State Prison.

On January 7, 2026, a complainant arrived at the Mullica Twp. Police Department for a walk-in report of threats. The walk-in complainant stated that his wife's mother had received these threats in a phone call from her son, Douglas Shuster, on the Salem County Jail phone system. The complainant stated that Shuster told his mother that if she sold the house he was staying in and if his belongings went missing, he would come home and kill her, his sister, and her husband. Audio of the call confirmed that Shuster threatened to beat, kill, and destroy the lives of his mother, sister, and brother-in-law. He further stated that he would ensure none of the three parties had a house or vehicle to go to, and ensure they didn't have a place to sleep.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 8, 2026.

Assistant Prosecutor Erin Marie Curtiss represents the State in this matter.



Douglas Shuster

