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**CORRECTION: Corrects name of victim.**

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## **Lancaster Man Sentenced to Life for Bow-and-Arrow Murder**

A Lancaster man was sentenced yesterday to 26 years to life in state prison for killing a 23-year-old man with a hunting bow and arrow, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Garrett Taylor Adams, 26, was convicted on May 22 of one count of first-degree murder with allegations of mayhem and use of a deadly weapon, bow and arrow.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Byron Beck and Craig Kleffman.

In the early hours of Aug. 23, 2014, Adams got into an argument with his girlfriend at their home, according to evidence presented at trial. The defendant's brother and an acquaintance, Charles Briggs, attempted to stop the fight when Adams began fighting with Briggs outside of the house, prosecutors said.

The defendant then retrieved a compound bow and razor-tipped broadhead hunting arrow from his house and threatened Briggs. After following the victim down the street for a considerable distance, Adams shot Briggs with the arrow, striking him in the chest, prosecutors added. The victim died soon after in a hospital.

Case MA064049 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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