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Man Charged With Murdering Barber in South Los Angeles

A Gardena man was charged today with capital murder for the slaying of a 32-year-old barber in April, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Mark Lequan Alford (dob 12/19/78) was charged in case BA431398 with one count of murder with the special circumstance of murder during the commission of a robbery and the special allegation that he personally and intentionally discharged a handgun.

Alford is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Kevin Williams was shot on April 25 at a barber shop in the 6500 block of South Western Avenue. Prosecutors said Alford and another man entered the business and demanded valuables from Williams. When Williams resisted, a fight broke out and Alford shot the victim once, prosecutors added.

The two men fled from the store. Williams was taken to a nearby hospital where he died.

If convicted as charged, Alford, who was arrested Tuesday, could face life without possibility of parole or the death penalty. The decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case is being investigated by Los Angeles Police Department, South Bureau.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.