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**Brooklyn Man Sentenced To 25 Years to Life in Prison
For Fatal Shooting of Man After Petty Dispute**

*Defendant Hid Murder Weapon Which He Nicknamed "Loretta" In Baby's Crib
After Gunning Down A Father Of Four in Prospect Lefferts Gardens*

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for killing a father of four in a barrage of gunfire after a petty dispute.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant was so cavalier about guns that he named his 9-mm pistol "Loretta," which he used to murder a hardworking family man in broad daylight. He will now pay the price for his ruthless conduct."

District Attorney Thompson said the defendant, Daneel Edwards, 28, of 706 Rockaway Parkway in East Flatbush, was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison for second-degree murder, and 15 years concurrently for second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Neil J. Firetog. Edwards was convicted on July 22, 2014 after a jury trial.

According to trial testimony, Edwards and Martin Williams, 42, got into a dispute on April 9, 2013 in a bodega after Edwards made disparaging remarks about Williams to his girlfriend.

According to trial testimony, the girlfriend called her brother to tell him to fetch the gun, which Edwards called "Loretta," from a bag in a baby crib in their apartment "and bring Loretta downstairs to meet her in the lobby."

Edwards fired five shots through the side of the van Williams was in, and continued to shoot as Williams tried to flee. Williams died of a gunshot wound to the heart.

Police recovered the firearm in the crib.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Melissa L. Carvajal of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Deputy District Attorney Kenneth M. Taub, Chief of the Homicide Bureau.