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Brooklyn Man Sentenced to 22 Years to Life for Killing Teen in Christmas Eve Shooting

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that Jerome Leslie, a 20-year-old man from Coney Island, has been sentenced to 22 years to life for shooting a teenager who was walking his dog on Christmas Eve 2013. An argument on Facebook and death threat preceded the shooting.

In the evening on December 24, 2013, the defendant went to the Coney Island apartment of 17-year-old Yaquin English, looking for English after the two had recently argued on Facebook about English's cousin, with whom the defendant was romantically involved. A short time later that evening, the defendant encountered English outside the building with his pit-bull and shot him seven times, killing him. The dog was wounded in the paw.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant murdered a teenager over an argument they had on social media. Anyone who thinks it is acceptable to commit such a senseless act of violence deserves to spend many years behind bars to think about what they did."

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