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**GEORGIA MAN CONVICTED OF DECADE-OLD MURDER OF HIS COUSIN**  
*Defendant Fled Jurisdiction Following Slaying In "Love Triangle"*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 49-year-old former Georgia resident has been convicted of murder in the August 14, 1999 shooting death of his first cousin in broad daylight on a street in Richmond Hill. The defendant was arrested in Georgia in 2006 after seven years on the run.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant has now been convicted of hunting down and shooting to death his first cousin on a public street. The defendant has taken a life and shattered a family. It took 10 years to bring him to justice and his conviction warrants imposition of a maximum prison sentence to punish him and protect society."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Tahir Naqvi, 49, of Columbus, Georgia. He was convicted yesterday afternoon of second-degree murder and second and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a jury trial. Supreme Court Justice Kenneth C. Holder, who presided at trial, set sentencing for August 20, 2009. The defendant faces 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, the victim, Irfan Naqvi, 29, was having an affair with the wife of the defendant. The defendant knew about the affair and stalked the victim, waiting for him outside of his Metropolitan Avenue home in Richmond Hill on August 14, 1999, at about 3:45 p.m. Around that time the victim left his home and was on his way to a family wedding when he was accosted by the defendant, who fired two shots at him. As the victim then crawled on the ground, the defendant fired another shot. Finally, the defendant dragged the victim onto the sidewalk, straddled his body, and then shot him twice, one shot into his shoulder and the other shot fatally into his brain." The entire incident was witnessed by a 14-year-old girl who was on her way to church. She later picked the defendant out of a photo array and testified against him at trial.

The case was investigated by Detective Jeffrey Lucas of the NYPD's 102d Precinct Detective Squad and Detectives Patrick F. Dolan and Thomas J. Wray, formerly of the NYPD's Queens Cold Case Squad and now with the District Attorney's Detective Bureau.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Patrick L. O'Connor, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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