

## A Hip-Hop View on the Busta Rhymes Rap

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It Needs To Be CED:

First make the police talk, Then You'll Get Cooperation

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With all the talk about rap artist Busta Rhymes and other hip-hop celebrities lack of cooperation in the witnessing of Israel Ramirez' death several weeks ago at Busta Rhymes' video shoot in New York, what comes to mind is the New York Police Department when it comes time when a police officer commits a crime (Which he or she will most likely get away with). As I was talking to Tamekia Flowers (Hip Hop 4 Health), we both felt like it's a shame the way this whole thing is turning out, specifically with this 'Stop Snitching' campaign going on (I'll get to that in a minute!).

The cops are frustrated that Busta or anyone at the video shoot, hasn't come forward with any leads regarding the fatal shooting of Busta's bodyguard. We all feel that when any crime involves a Hip-Hop artist and death, that it will go unsolved. Now I do fault people who are witnesses to these shootings that stonewall the cops during an investigation. You mean to tell me that the killers of Jam Master Jay, Biggie, Tupac (2Pac) and now, Israel Ramirez are not being brought to justice?

But the topic of today's 'conversation' is the police insistence on people coming forward with information. But aren't these cops the same people that will NOT speak when it comes to one of their own being accused of a crime? The Blue Wall of Silence ALWAYS takes effect whenever a police officer is accused. Not only won't they speak, they hide behind their union in EVERY shooting! And not only that, they are given 48 hours to lie, cover up, get their story together, whatever you want to call it, before they are even allowed to stonewall any investigation. Yet, police commissioner Raymond Kelly is trying to force these witnesses in the Ramirez death to speak. When one of his own commits a crime, kills a black person or is involved in corrupt activities, they are allowed to wait, have a representative so that they won't cooperate, but yet, they are supposed to be setting an example for the rest of the citizens.

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And to make matters worse, these same cops are investigated by their own! And you wonder why there are hardly any penalties for the police officers that commit crimes. And these are just the ones that we know about or is publicized. I am 384% sure that there are police officers covering up crimes at a rate that would be unbelievable if uncovered.

So, Commissioner Kelly, get your house in order before expecting ANY citizen to cooperate in any investigation. The police force and district attorney's office have convicted Blacks and other people of color for crimes they didn't commit, yet when it comes to Hip-Hop 'crimes', you stay baffled!

Now I want to speak on this snitching debacle we have going on in the community. People, KNOW the meaning of a word if you are going to use it! What makes this worse is that young teenagers and kids are using this word because they hear these ignorant rappers and hustlers using it all the time and NONE of them know the meaning of snitching, so I have taken the time to get the definition for ALL of you to see and read!

snitch

n : someone acting as an informer or decoy for the police [syn: fink, snitcher, stoolpigeon, stoolie, sneak, sneaker, canary] v 1: take by theft; "Someone snitched my wallet!" [syn: hook, thief, cop, knock off, glom] 2: give away information about somebody; "He told on his classmate who had cheated on the exam" [syn: denounce, tell on, betray, give away, rat, grass, @#%\$, shop, stag]

Just to make a point, if Busta would tell the cops what he saw, he is NOT a snitch, he is a WITNESS, unless he conspired with the shooter to commit the crime and then after the crime is done, he goes and reports it to the police. If that is the case, he would then be considered a snitch. People, know what you are saying when you say it. Our community suffers when we allow ignorance to be the rule of thumb!!!

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