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Hip Hop artist Lil Wayne was born and raised in the infamous poverty-stricken section of New Orleans - the 17th Ward, was discovered by Cash Money founder Bryan "Birdman" Williams and rose to stardom in 1995 at the age of 12, debuting on B.G's True Story CD.

Shortly thereafter, the hip hop / rap prodigy garnered national attention as a member of the group, Hot Boys, which consisted of rappers Juvenile, Turk and B.G., with their 1997 debut album, Get It How You Live, followed by 1998's platinum certified Guerilla Warfare and 2003's Let Em Burn.

Success continued to follow Lil Wayne as a solo hip hop artist. His debut CD, Tha Block Is Hot (1999) reached platinum status and was a #1 Billboard Album. He later released Lights Out (2000), 500Degreez (2002), and his defining album, 2004's platinum certified, Tha Carter, which featured the hit single "Go DJ." His critically acclaimed, platinum-plus follow-up, Tha Carter II, 2005 debuted at #2 on the Billboard Top Albums chart, a groundbreaking and provocative tour de force which the New York Times hailed as "historic." Tha Carter III marks the sixth solo project from the Young Money/Cash Money/Universal Motown superstar.

Tha Carter III is the hip hop artists first solo album since the release of Tha Carter II in 2005. The hip hop rap artist, Lil Wayne, is bringing a new flavor to everyone's taste buds with the release of his first single, "Lollipop," featuring Static.

"Lollipop," which was produced by Jim Jonsin, who has worked with hip hop artists T.I., T-Pain, Twista and many others and co-produced by Darius "Deezle" Harrison (Teena Marie & Destiny's Child), is receiving early radio play in major markets including San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Chicago and Atlanta, and officially impacted at both Urban and Crossover Radio on March 25th.

Hip Hop artist Lil Wayne is gearing up to release his highly expected album Tha Carter III, the final in the trilogy, on May 13th.

Check out Lil" Wayne's first single off Tha Carter III, "Lollipop" featuring Static - HERE

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