

## Beanie Recieves 1 yr Lockdown

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As we reported yesterday rapper Beanie Sigel was expecting to get 3 years when sentenced on a gun-possession charge stemming from a traffic stop.

Today Beanie recieved 1 year in federal prison . The judge cited the rapper's charity work and drug abuse treatment in taking leniency.

"It is clear that the defendant has made a substantial effort to change his life," said U.S. District Judge R. Barclay Surrick.

Prosecutors had argued that Beanie was much like the man he presents himself as in his gritty rap lyrics: a ruthless, dangerous gangster.

The charges stemmed from a 2002 incident in which Beanie jumped from his car and ran after a traffic stop. But the heavysset rapper did not get far, and allegedly tossed a loaded gun during the short chase. Officers also found prescription drugs and marijuana in Beanies Cadillac Escalade.

Beanies rap sheet dates to when he was a teenager and makes it illegal for him to own a handgun.

Pleading for leniency before a courtroom of supporters that included the rap superstar Jay-Z, Sigel acknowledged that he was in a "reckless situation, a dangerous situation" at the time of the incident, but told the judge he was a changed man.

"I'm not the guy that people think I am," he said. Motioning to his children, he said, "I want them to be able to lift their heads up and say, "That's my dad. That's Dwight Grant. Not Beanie Sigel."

Family members and business colleagues told the judge that the rapper has a "positive

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message" and is a good role model for kids.

That suggestion irritated prosecutor Curtis Douglas, who quoted lyrics from a song on Sigel's soon-to-be released album, in which the rapper fantasizes about taking vengeance against his enemies by pouring acid on their children and raping their pregnant girlfriends.

"The very idea that this defendant is here as a role model is somewhat repulsive," Douglas said.

The rapper, whose birth name is Dwight Grant, also faces trial in January on charges that he shot and seriously wounded a man outside a Philadelphia bar, and also faces charges that he punched a man in the face.

Beanie was a protege of Jay-Z, and his records have sold more than 1 million copies. In a sequel to his 2002 movie "State Property," Sigel plays an imprisoned drug dealer.

He pleaded guilty to the gun charge earlier this year. Beanie also must serve two years probation and pay a \$25,000 fine.

\*We wish him all the best - and Keep Your Head Up and your spirit strong.

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