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Hip-hop and rap is over run with 'studio gangsta's' and we all know the phony's in the business; trying to rep to the hip-hop community for the Benjamin's.

How would it be, if you are into gangsta rap or hard core hip-hop, to be able to get it from the real street, from active members of both the Bloods and the Crips?

There is a project called 'Rep Yo Set' that will bring you real street gangsta rap and hip-hop straight from 27 of Los Angeles' toughest 'hoods'. The album is set to drop August 8<sup>th</sup> and it is a real banger; a true hip-hop masterpiece.

Active members of both the Bloods and the Crips hit the studio together to spit some of the freshest hip-hop, rap and gangsta rap tracks out today.

Coming as straight and as hard as the Damu Ridaz in '97, the Rep Yo Set project is one project that needs to be noticed and supported by the hip-hop community.

There have been a few of these projects over the years, with the best selling and best known one being 'Bangin on Wax' in 1993 which sold over 400,000 copies and gave us the enduring single 'Piru Love'.

As amazing as it seems: Bloods and Crips in the same booth at the same time – taking care of business with no drama – checking attitudes at the door but always Reppin their set. Given the infamous violent reputation of these rival Los Angeles gangs, the Bloods and the Crips, this project is a historical document to what hip-hop can really do and what people can do when they put their mind to it.

The 'Rep Yo Set' project is a two-CD compilation produced by Reputable Records' Robert W. Lewis III and veteran music executive Charles "Big Chuck" Stanton, who was the VP and "ear to the street" for Dr. Dre's production company for eight years and worked with such hip-hop and rap superstars as Eminem, 50 Cent, Jay-Z and The Game.

## Is Hip-Hop Ready for Real Gangsta Rap via Rep Yo Set

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Some of the sets participating in this project are Holmes Street Watts Crips, Avenue Piru (Red Rum), Avalon Gangsta Crips (G-Cell), Neighborhood Piru (Squeak RU), Kelly Park Compton Crips (Tyson), Blood Stone Villains, Family Swans Bloods, Nutty Blocc, Campenella Park Piru, East Coast 190 Block Crips, Fudge Town Mafia Crips, N-Hood Crip Lynwood, Bounty Hunters Bloods, 5 Duece Broadway Gangsta Crips, Pueblos Blood, Pueblo Bishop Bloods, SouthSide Compton Crips, Crenshaw Mafia Bloods, Neighborhood Compton Crips, Palmer Block Crips, Harlem 30's Crips, Watts Franklin Square, L.A. Denver Lane Bloods, and Grape Street Watts. (If I failed to mention anyone or got your click wrong - no diss ment. Hit me up and I will make sure you get your props for participating in this project.)

The album is set for an August 8<sup>th</sup> release and a documentary will follow the CD's release.

Visit <u>www.repyoset.com</u> and get more information and to keep up with this project. We will have more as it is available and this is one CD that you will need to get. – not only is it a piece of hip-hop history it is a real banger.

BIG UP's to all involved in this project. Finally something current and fresh that hip-hop can be proud of.