

Hip-Hop and Rap Icons Working Together

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Legendary rap artist Ice Cube, a few years ago, announced that he was teaming up with another legendary rap artist/producer, Dr. Dre to formulate his comeback LP. Of course that record never materialized. Cube still does, however, have another super producer in pocket: Lil Jon. Hip-hop rap artist and producer Jon says he's recorded seven new songs with the West Coast rap icon for the project.

"On the Crunk Juice album, we did "Real N---a Roll Call" [with Cube]," Jon said. "I grew up on N.W.A; N.W.A and Too Short were my favorite groups. So to just be in the studio, and for him to listen to me and let me guide him, ask me what I think ... I still can't believe I'm cool with Cube like that, "cause that's Ice Cube."

Jon says the new Cube sounds a lot like vintage, early "90s Cube, from the AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted/ Death Certificate era. According to the King of Crunk, he and Cube already have a song they want to release to the public soon.

"We got the first single, it's Ice Cube and Snoop, called "Got a Lot of That," " Jon said. "As soon as you hear the beat, you gonna start dancing. And he's got this song called "Combat" for anybody who does any type of sports — like if you play football, it's gonna get you amped up to get in the game. We're looking for a label — holla at us. We're going to probably put a record out and let the labels come to us."

Jon's been in the lab with rap artist Too Short as well. "Short is like "Uncle Short," " Jon said. "Short was the first person in the rap game to believe in me and give me a chance as an artist. I was signed to Short's label and he let me out of the contract with no problems — he let me do my thing. Plus, he was always there for me whenever I needed him to get on some records."

Short's new LP is looking like it will have Jazze Pha producing half of the tracks and Jon doing most of the rest.