Late Rap Artists' Family Will Renew Lawsuit

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The Family of Christopher Wallace also known as late hip-hop rap artist Notorious B.I.G. and their attorney Perry Saunders held a press conference today at 11 AM at the office of Dennis Chang on West 7th Street, Los Angles, CA.

The family of the late Notorious B.I.G. held the press conference to discuss the details surrounding the mistrial on their case against Los Angeles Police Department.

This case which began in June, was brought forth months after the LA Police Department closed the investigation into the 1997 murder of the late Notorious BIG citing lack of evidence to proceed. The family of Notorious BIG was suing the Los Angeles Police Department and the city for wrongful death.

U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper declared the mistrial writing "The detective, acting alone or in concert with others, made a decision to conceal from the plaintiffs in this case information which would have supported their contention that David Mack was responsible for the murder."

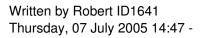
U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper also ordered the city to reimburse the family of Notorious B.I.G. for legal costs.

The Wallace family attorney Perry Sanders said that he will renew the case and re-file it.

The FBI had spent 18 months also investigating the possibility that a rogue Los Angeles police officer working with rap mogul and CEO of Death Row Records, Marion "Suge" Knight had orchestrated Notorious B.I.G.'s killing. They also had closed the case due to a lack of any evidence to support the family's allegations; allegations fueled by theories based on disgruntled ex-police officer Russell Poole.

Marion 'Suge' Knight, whose Death Row Records was the label of late rap icon Tupac Shakur, has always denied he had any participation in this matter. Tupac and Biggie were rivals and

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some say the assassination of Tupac is what is behind the murder of Notorious B.I.G..

The Wallace family reportedly refused an \$18 million settlement offer from the City of Los Angeles before this trial, preferring to bring the case to trial.

*Judges quote from Reuters .