

Just What Hip-Hop Needs Another 'Black Eye

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The fatal shooting of rap artist Busta Rhymes bodyguard, 29-year-old Israel Ramirez, has turned into some kind of circus in the media. There is so much speculation and rumors are fueling the headlines.

Here is a man dead for nothing and of course hip-hop is given a "black eye" once again.

Who is really in charge of things? There is a report that the police want to talk to hip-hop G-Unit member Tony Yayo.

Scott Leemon lawyer for rapper Yayo, whose real name is Marvin Bernard; has sent a letter to prosecutors in NY about the incident. In the letter Leemon said his client (Yayo) would refuse to voluntarily answer any questions from law enforcement.

He goes on to say "Please make sure he is not contacted and/or harassed by NYPD," in the letter.

Where I am from if the police want to talk to you they pick you up and then you can call your lawyer if you want to before you answer any questions. We can not allow hip-hop and rap artists to dictate how police investigate murder. Life is not cheap and someone is responsible, so do everything possible to get justice for those involved.

Tupac (2Pac), Biggie, JMJ, and many other brothers and sisters fall and no one sees nothing or knows nothing. Murder is not part of true hip-hop and it is time the hip-hop culture stands up and acts on these senseless wastes of human life. Many complain that the murders of Tupac (2Pac), Biggie, Jam Master Jay and how many others go unsolved - Enough is enough.

Here one of those sought for questioning is setting the rules. New York police need to take control and find out what happened and who is responsible. We owe it to Israel Ramirez and his family.

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Hopefully this shows a quality rap artist and highly respected hip-hop symbol like Busta Rhymes to get as far away from the loose cannons at Interscope as fast as he can.

This isn't hip-hop – this is just ignorant. A man is dead and everyone wants to play games and the story changes every hour.

When this is all sorted out we will report facts when they are available. Until then all we can truly offer is sadness and prayers for Israel Ramirez and his family. R.I.P. - Israel Ramirez.