

Rap Artist Foxy Brown Appears in Court

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She's hip-hop and a hard hitting female rap artist, but Foxy Brown appeared in court yesterday instead of on stage. The beautiful Foxy Brown, who became Jay-Z's first signing on Def Jam; was in Manhattan Criminal Court yesterday (4-10-05) to face assault charges for allegedly punching and kicking two workers at a Chelsea nail salon who blocked the door after they claim she refused to pay for a pedicure last summer.

Foxy Brown, 25, whose real name is Inga Marchand, allegedly bashed Myoung Yi and Sun Ji Song about 10 p.m. Aug. 27 at Bloomie Nails on West 23rd Street after she got a pedicure, but was denied a manicure because of the late hour, prosecutors say.

"She refuses to pay and tries to leave," said Barbara Thompson, a spokeswoman for the Manhattan district attorney's office. The workers blocked the door, and then her car door.

The hip-hop artist doesn't deny she got into a fight with the manicurists. But her attorney, Joseph Tacopina, said the first officer on the scene didn't notice any injuries on the workers. "This is someone trying to use the criminal justice system to extract money from a celebrity," Tacopina said.

Foxy also denies that she wouldn't pay for the pedicure. She said she was charged for both a manicure and a pedicure and refused to pay the extra \$20.

"They didn't give me the manicure," she explained outside the courtroom Monday.

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She dismissed the idea that she would try to skip out on paying. "A \$20 pedicure? Are you serious? Look at me," Brown said, sporting Chanel sunglasses, translucent white nail polish and a Dolce & Gabbana bag.

Foxy said she's now focusing on an album she's doing with rap artist Jay-Z. "I am trying not to be deterred by any negativity," she said. "Justice willing prevail."

The rapper was ordered by Judge Evelyn Laporte to stay away from the manicurists and return to court May 6.

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