

## Close A Chapter of Hip Hop History Suge Ends Death Row

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It seems that the time has come to close another chapter in Hip Hop History.

Marion 'Suge' Knight, the founder of the notorious west coast hip hop / rap label, Death Row Records, tells PageSix.com: "They talked about the same thing, and it felt like they were talking straight to me. I don't want to be tied up with this for years. I want to move on with my life in a more positive direction...". The comment was made after a consultation with local church leaders who convinced him to leave the troubled label behind.

Suge, who built one of the biggest black owned record labels since Motown, seems to want to go on with his life and put Death Row Records behind him.

Once the most profitable and famous label in hip hop, rap and gangsta rap; Death Row Records has seen a decline in the past 10 years. Once the home of super hip hop icon Tupac Shakur (2Pac), Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Lisa Left Eye, Daz Dillinger, Kuruft, Crooked I, Eastwood, and a host of other hip hop, rap and R&B talent; Death Row Records is a part of Hip Hop History and no one can take that from Death Row or its founder Marion 'Suge' Knight.

Over the years Suge Knight has seen his share of personal struggles also. Old label mates bringing lawsuits and a few run in's with the law. Marion 'Suge' Knight filed bankruptcy papers for Death Row Records last April (06), after suffering debts of \$137.4 million. It seemed the 'hood bank' that everyone wanted to run to was dry.

He, Marion 'Suge' Knight has as many haters and he does people who realize what he did for hip hop and gangsta rap – as well as what he did for the west coast hip hop and rap scene.

What ever direction Mr. Marion 'Suge' Knight takes in his life there will always be those who realize the accomplishments he did with Death Row Records and with the careers of many of today's artists – even if those artists don't recognize all he has done for them.

I guess Suge summed it up best when he said "You can get rich with the devil's money, but you

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can only be happy with God's money."

And I for one only would like that for Suge Knight – that after all the bullsh\*t he has had to endure over the last 10 years – that he be happy and safe.

If this is an end to the era of Death Row Records and this closes this chapter in Hip Hop History, I for one would be sad but as long as Mr. Marion 'Suge' Knight is happy I can be happy for him.

If this is true I and I know many others wish Mr. Marion 'Suge' Knight the best in whatever he decides to do next and we 'thank him' for all he has done for hip hop.