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Hip-hop rap artists 50 Cent and The Game's newest hit, "Hate it or Love it" and the video version of it is featured on The Game's debut CD, "The Documentary." But an extended version on 50's CD, "The Massacre," is apparently too much for one Maryland's Kwasi Jones to take.

Kwasi Jones claims rap artist The Game and a crew of more than 20, assaulted him and a radio DJ (WKYS" Xzulu "The Big Lipped Bandit") after an interview back in January at a station near Washington D.C. He claims The Game then rapped about it in a song.

"I"m still trying to get over the situation and the song doesn"t help," Jones said.

Kwasi claims The Game bragged about the beating, but then begged for mercy during the video's premiere on BET, saying, "This is my public apology. To all the people at Radio 1, I'm being sincere; we're sorry about what happened in D.C. It"ll never happen again."

Kwasi claims the rage erupted after The Game's manager thought the DJ was making fun of his hi-tech earpiece by making a "Star Trek" Vulcan sign.

Kwasi says they escaped into an office, but when he went back to get a cell phone, the beating resumed.

"Next you know I"m being choked from behind very, very hard, to point where I"m blacking out," Jones said. "But just to be choked like that, you know it was intentional. I think it was to kill me."

So on his behalf, attorneys Stephanie Moran and Gregory Watson are suing both hip-hop rap artists: The Game, 50 Cent and the record labels of Dr. Dre and Eminem for \$280 million dollars, alleging assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence for both the alleged beating and the song.

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"The irony of this is in The Game's song, he says, "Hate it or love it, the underdog's on top." Well, he's really going to hate it when my client Mr. Jones ends this on top," Moran said.

The civil lawsuit is one thing, rapper The Game also has to keep on top of a criminal case. Prosecutors in Prince George's county, Maryland, have formally charged him with assault on WKYS" DJ Xzulu.