

Rap Mogul Marion 'Suge' Knight Goes to Court

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This past February, the biggest 'headlines' on hip-hop and rap news sites was the arrest of Death Row founder and CEO Marion 'Suge' Knight. by the San Bernardino County sheriff's department for an illegal U turn, driving without insurance and for having a joint (marijuana possession).

The west coast hip-hop and rap record label mogul found himself locked down facing a possible probation violation.

A week after the incident the rap mogul was released from the California Institution for Men in the city of Chino and was placed on a monitoring device until his parole was up on April 24th.

Friday Aug. 5th, Marion 'Suge' Knight went to court on the driving and drug charges.

The founder of one of the most successful black owned record labels in history, pleaded no contest to making the illegal U turn and driving without insurance. He received a fine of \$691. The drug charge was dropped, according to the AP.

Prosecutors agreed to drop a drug possession charge after finding insufficient evidence to support it, said James Hill, supervisor of the district attorney's office in Barstow. A parole agent investigated independently and reached the same conclusion, said Marty O'Neal, chief deputy regional parole administrator.

Plea documents for the traffic violations were filed Friday in Municipal Court in Barstow, Hill said.

The rap moguls attorney Dermot Givens said the California Institution for Men in Chino took cash and a 16-carat diamond earring from Knight when he entered the prison, but never returned either. There was no immediate response to a telephone message left at the prison.

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Suge Knights Death Row Records is readying the release of Death Row Rap artist Kurupt's "Against Tha Grain" album which is scheduled to be released August 23rd.

Other release scheduled by Suge Knights Death Row Records include Petey Pablo's upcoming 'Same Eyez on Me' album ,which the Death Row founder, Suge Knight is executive producing.

This past April 26th Suge Knights Death Row Records released 'The Very Best of Death Row' album with classic Death Row tracks from artists such as the late Tupac Shakur, also Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Lady of Rage, Warren G and Nate Dogg; and a bonus track from Petey Pablo & Kurupt.