

Hip-Hop Group Member Rap Artist Proof Murdered

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Detroit hip-hop artist Proof was shot and killed early this morning on Detroit's Eight Mile.

The rap artist was pronounced DOA at Conner Creek Med Center in Detroit, Mich.

The rapper whose real name is Deshaun Holton, was part of the hip-hop group D-12, a hip-hop group associated with another Detroit hip-hop artist, Eminem. Proof also had a role in the Eminem movie Eight Mile, and was also in Eminem's wedding this past January.

D12, a.k.a. Dirty Dozen (Proof, Kon Artis, Bizarre, Kuniva, Swifty, plus the Shady One himself), made their red carpet debut with Devils Night in June 2001.

Another person was with Proof when he was shot. That person, still unidentified, is in critical condition at Detroit's St. John Hospital.

Proof aka Deshaun Holton was 32 yrs. old. Police are seeking information in the case.

The death of rapper Proof has been confirmed by Dennis Dennehy, the publicist for D12's label, Interscope Records.