

Rap Artist Shyne's Assets Frozen

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A judge has frozen the assets of jailed hip-hop/rap artist Jamal "Shyne" Barrow, who inked a \$3 million record deal while serving time in the infamous 1999 club shooting involving NY hip-hop rap mogul Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

Citing the state's revised "Son of Sam Law," Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Michael Garson ordered that any money Shyne receives from his new deal with Island Def Jam records, as well as royalties from his music, be held in escrow pending the outcome of civil lawsuits by victims.

On Dec. 27, 1999, Jamal Barrow aka 'Shyne' was part of a crew with rap artist P Diddy Combs and then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez at the Club New York in Midtown.

Bullets started flying following an argument between P Diddys" posse and another clubgoer, Matthew "Scar" Allen. Three people were shot, including Natania Reuben, 34, who was hit in the face, while others were injured during the ensuing stampede.

Shyne, now 26, was arrested outside the club, while P Diddy was arrested after cops stopped his SUV and found a handgun in a console. Shyne was convicted and sentenced to serve 10 years in prison, while P Diddy was acquitted.

One of the victims Debra Reiser, lawyer said she and lawyers for other victims initially went to court last fall to have Shyne's assets frozen. Their bid came after they learned from the Crime Victims Board that the hip-hop rap artist had inked a recording mega deal, already received \$500,000 in advance and had also released a new album.

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