

## Jadakiss Agrees To Plea Agreement

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NY Rap / hip hop artist Jadakiss will have charges of marijuana and gun possession dropped if he stays out of trouble for the next three months under a plea agreement reached in Cumberland County, North Carolina court.

Jadakiss, whose real name is Jason T. Phillips, was given a deferred prosecution on the misdemeanor charges at a hearing Wednesday before District Court Judge Ed Donaldson.

Jadakiss, 29, of Yonkers, N.Y., was charged last July when he was in Fayetteville, North Carolina for a club performance.

An off-duty officer stopped the rapper's recreational vehicle after he spotted someone throwing firecrackers from the window, and during a search found less than an ounce of marijuana and a pair of loaded .45-caliber Ruger pistols.

Under the plea agreement, Jadakiss paid \$900 to cover a fine, restitution and court costs.

If Jadakiss, whose most recent album was "Kiss of Death," doesn't violate his probation, the charges will be dropped. This is a common arrangement for first-time offenders.

Under the unsupervised probation, Jadakiss must destroy the guns, submit to searches and drug testing at the request of a probation officer, not use or possess illegal drugs and not break any North Carolina laws.

A drug assessment of Jadakiss by the director of a Fayetteville alcohol and drug counseling clinic concluded his marijuana use was isolated. Jadakiss passed a drug test.

Jadakiss is due back in court June 14.

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