

## Hip-Hop Rap Group Junior Mafia Inks Deal

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The hip-hop rap group Junior Mafia is set to release their sophomore album on May 17, 2005 on the newly formed label Mega Media Records. The album features rap icons, Beanie Siegel, Memphis Bleek, Jadakiss, Prodigy of Mobb Deep, and the late Notorious B.I.G.

Roget Romain, President of Mega Media says, "We're very excited about Mega Media's partnership with Hip-hop's first family, Junior Mafia.

They are one of the most respected groups out there and we're extremely happy they've decided to join the Mega Media team."

The new album, 'Riot Music' includes production by the Heatmakers (Cam"Ron and Lil" Flip) and features guest appearances by Method Man (on "Nothing Wrong") and Prodigy of Mobb Deep (on "Yap-Yap").

The latest Junior Mafia installment is a long time in the making. Back in 1995, rap artist The Notorious B.I.G. hand-picked the nine member Brooklyn crew that once boasted the now infamous Lil" Kim. Together, they crafted hits such as "Player's Anthem" and "Get Money," making Junior Mafia (JM) one of Hip-hop's first families. Now, with Biggie providing spiritual guidance, Junior Mafia members, Lil" Cease, Banger (formerly Larceny) and Klept will carry the legendary Brooklyn crew to new heights.

Riot Music blends Junior Mafia tradition with an updated sound that still makes the group just as relevant today as they were years ago. Lil" Cease says, "On Riot Music we wanted to take it back to the Crunk days. That's what the title of the album means? cause we've been doing that rowdy stuff for years. Loud guitars and chattin" hooks? we made the record not just for our hood but for every hood out there. You've got to be versatile and that's what Riot Music is about."

JM doesn't follow the trends - they set them. The group always churns out original beats and they have a modern sound that will make your brain and body move. That's something the Hip-hop community can always count on. "All these rappers coming up now, they learned from us," says Bang, "I can't see us tryin" to fit in when everybody is just now doing what we did," he adds.

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Back in the day, Junior Mafia was responsible for the basketball jersey fashion craze as well as the era of button-ups and blazers. JM was also the first rap family to spotlight a solo female emcee. It is Lil' Cease who sums up the group's phenomenon best when he says, "Junior Mafia is a brand name? it's a name that will never go away. We just want to make good music, we don't want to diss anyone. It's about the creativity, the ideas and the energy."

Junior Mafia's 'Riot Music' Hits Stores May 17, 2005