Dr. Mutulu Shakur to Release CD on 35th Birthday of His Son 2Pac (Tupac)

TLA-PROnline.com Release/Las Vegas/Toronto – Incarcerated civil rights icon Dr. Mutulu Shakur will be releasing a CD entitled "A 2Pac Tribute: Dare 2 Struggle" on June 16th, 2006, commemorating the 35th birthday of his son Tupac Amaru Shakur, the best-selling rap musician of all time.

Mutulu Shakur has been imprisoned in US penitentiaries the past 19 years for activities in support of the Black Panther Party. "A 2Pac Tribute: Dare 2 Struggle" is the first ever compilation to feature incarcerated rappers alongside hip-hop heavyweights. Such a compilation project was actually conceived by 2Pac during his prison meetings with Mutulu, when they wrote the "Code of the Thug Life" constitution with Tupac's brother Mopreme to help decrease gang violence.

Their peace-making efforts were cut short when 2Pac was killed in Las Vegas on September 13th, 1996. In addition to featuring the first ever printing of the "Code of the Thug Life", half the CD proceeds will be used towards Mutulu Shakur's inner city health and education initiatives, as an attempt to pick up where his son's efforts left off.

This music CD also breaks new ground in the growing urban publishing industry, by including a booklet with an exclusive preview chapter of Mutulu Shakur's new historical fiction novel about 2Pac entitled "N 2 Da Gutter", alongside cover artwork by Tupac's photographer Gobi and new music by Tupac's family (Mopreme, Outlawz, Nzingha), closest colleagues (Johnny “J”) and contemporary musician admirers (TQ, Slick, Imaan Faith, T-Jay) among others.

Executive Produced by Dr. Mutulu Shakur and Canadian hip-hop activist Raoul Juneja (a.k.a. Deejay Ra), "A 2Pac Tribute: Dare 2 Struggle" is being released by Las Vegas based KENT Entertainment's rap imprint FIRST KUT (Morey Alexander and Tristan "Doc" DuBois), in association with Juneja's Lyrical Knockout Entertainment, based in Toronto.

Kent's President Morey Alexander, a music industry veteran with a past roster spanning from B.B. King and Tina Turner to Ice Cube and Dr. Dre, is proud to have also put together a tribute

song for the album.

"Since You"ve Been Gone" was written, recorded and produced by Slick, a rap artist/producer of Italian heritage by way of Atlanta and California, currently living in Las Vegas and signed to FIRST KUT.

"The world lost a guiding light when the flame of life went out of Tupac," says Alexander. "Put your twos in the air "till Makaveli the Thug's back!" adds Slick.

For more details about Dr. Mutulu Shakur or Deejay Ra visit www.DareToStruggle.org and www.LyricalKnockout.com
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