

Rap Artist Cuban Link Turns Actor

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Rap artist Cuban Link has turned hip-hop star/actor as he stars in "The Acts of Contrition," on an upcoming episode of Law & Order: Criminal Intent/ The rap artist will play the role of Eddie, a determined young man seeking justice for his older brother who was incapacitated after a racial hate crime.

Cuban Link's appearance on Law & Order: Criminal Intent comes on the heels of the rappers debut album, 'Chain Reaction'.

First heard alongside rap immortal Big Punisher (a.k.a. Big Pun) on the Beatnuts' smash "Off the Books" in 1997, Cuban Link subsequently cultivated buzz with memorable appearances on Pun's platinum-selling Capital Punishment ("Glamour Life"), Fat Joe's Don Cartagena ("Bet Ya Man Can't (Triz)") and the eponymous Terror Squad LP ("Tell Me What You Want"). His raw lyricism, edges rough enough for the streets and pretty boy appeal made him a hot commodity in the rap world.

But when Pun died suddenly of heart failure on February 7, 2000, Cuban Link lost his mentor and creative partner and seemingly, his career.

Having faced many obstacles struggling to regroup, Cuban resurfaced on independent label M.O.B. Records (Men of Business). Cuban Link views 'Chain Reaction' as an opportunity to fulfill a promise to Pun and fellow Terror Squad member and friend Triple Seis. Once collectively known as the Full-A-Clips crew, and also the Caribbean Connection, they swore they'd become the first Cuban, Puerto Rican (Pun) and Dominican (Seis) rappers to go platinum. "The dream lives on," says Cuban. "Pun took care of his job, now we gotta do ours."

With finally releasing his album, 'Chain Reaction', and a coveted role on Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Cuban Link is well on his way.

Cuban Link's controversial episode airs October 23rd.