

The End of a Hip-Hop Dynasty

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Hip-hop entrepreneur and CEO of the legendary rap record label Death Row Records, Marion "Suge" Knight is back in the headlines again.

It seems everyone is speculating that the powerful rap record mogul's not showing up in court Saturday, for a hearing on his assets, is setting the stage for the Death Row 'catalog' to be auctioned off. This would mean that classic music from hip-hop and rap legends the likes of the late rap icon Tupac Shakur (2Pac), ex Ruthless Records label and ex Death row label rapper and producer Dr. Dre, legendary Snoop Dogg and many many others will see their 'masters' of their early work fall in the hands of bidders. The press is predicting the fall of a hip-hop dynasty.

Marion 'Suge' Knight's attorney, Dermot Givens, is quoted as saying when asked why Mr. Knight did not appear in court; "We try our cases in the court and not in the press." Dermot Givens also did not appear at the hearing.

That sounds like a good answer. The press has always been eager to jump on the band wagon to hate on and misconstrue things when it comes to Suge Knight.

So we will see how the courts decide things. We will see what weight a convicted drug dealer, Michael 'Harry O' Harris and his lawyer Steve Goldberg, and his ex wife Lydia Harris really have and then the court can work it out – not the press.

The Harris' lawyer is quoted as saying this could be "a death sentence for Death Row Records."

Suge Knight and Death Row records have been looked at as the 'hood bank' for many people in the past. Numerous lawsuits to get into Mr. Knight's pockets have been filed by many people – many of whom no one would have ever heard of if it was not for Marion 'Suge' Knight.

Suge Knight built one of the biggest black owned money making businesses. He took a little label and ran with the majors – he became a major.

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From Funky Enough Records to FutureShock Records to Death Row Records, Suge Knight has become an icon, not only in hip-hop history or in the world of west coast gangsta rap and hip-hop; but also in the music industry itself.

Everyone should show a little respect and let this play out in court – where it belongs.

We will update this situation when the court decides what it is going to do.

For more on Suge Knight and Death Row Records please visit [HERE](#) .