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Dre Finds Another B

PIONEERING G-FONK producer Dr. Dre was about to call his new post-Death Row label Black Market when another record company, which already had the name, sent his attorney, Los Angeles-based Gary Watson, a cease-and-desist notice alerting him about possible copyright infringement.

"Since Dr. Dre is so famous, I didn't want my client to get lost in the shuffle after using that name for the last six years," says Angela Robinson, attorney for Sacramento, Calif.-based Black Market Records, which has a distribution deal with Priority.

Black Market's roster includes Brotha Lynch Hung, Cold World Hustlers, Foe—whose forthcoming set, "Scissorhands," combines a dank-dark New York flow with heavy West Coast boom—and Raided X, who is serving 25 to life for a murder he vividly describes in a track on "Psycho Active," his debut album.

Black Market owner Cedric Singleton says, "I'm not trying to sue Dr. Dre unless he pushes the issue." Calls to Watson and Interscope were unreturned by press time.



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