

KURUPT

DOGG POUND by Styles photo by Barry Underhill



WestCoastRydaz.com: So you left Death Row, and we have the westcoast conference. Why don't you talk about that for a bit. How that came about, you and Daz reuniting. There was alot of bad blood going on there and you put the word out through the site that you wanted peace. He reached out through various outlets and you guys finally came together. raptalk.net

Kurupt: Yeah. We put it all together. It was long overdue. We chopped it up. Basically everybody really missed each other. The homies missed me, I missed the homies. It was time to put the bullshit aside and time for us to fly.

Was it hard to get past any of the harsh things that were said about each other?

Kurupt: Nobdoy wasn't givin' a fuck. We was just like, the past is the past. We push it, and no need to really discuss all that. We got back together and

started flying. Like old times, it was crackin. We went to the studio, knocked out a couple records and just started making some plans. Going over what we gonna do next as an entire organization and getting ready to run over this game. It's alot of people out right now that's doing so well, rap game is so huge. Rappers need to start supporting each other. Alot of people trying to tear down hip hop in it's entirety. We not helping it with the little petty fueds that we have. But you know, everybody has they reasons for what they do. We can't really speak on nobody else's beefs. What they going through. We can just help by us staying high and dry from the bullshit.

Do you think the conference was a success in itself?

Kurupt: I think it was a total success. One, it got the Dogg Pound back together. Two, it was alot of other things that got squashed. Jayo talked with Xzibit, which was a good thing. It was

alot of good things. Alot of people got things off they chest. The main focus of the Western Conference was to show that we gonna take the first step to this positive push here. We need to all support each other on the west coast. Get off ya chest what you gotta get off and alot of people got things off they chest that they been holding in.

Do you think we need another one?

Kurupt: Oh definitely. Definitely.

Things are starting to stir up a bit here and there.

Kurupt: It's record time now. It's records. We did the first step. I think for the next step everybody else need to do the steppin. We can't really have too many sit downs and conversations and everybody be on the same page it was before the conversation. It's like, the main thing I think Snoopy was saying was, Snoop's always gonna do Snoop. He's always gonna stay in the game and stay right. Everybody can't really blame their success, whether they made it or not because Snoopy ain't here fuckin with him. Or Snoopy ain't there fuckin with him. **Cause Snoop is gone! He's travelling, he's working, he got a family to feed. He's about getting his money. He's like everybody else need to step they game up and do some deals with these companies they dealing with and drop some good albums. That helps everybody.** Cause this is a business most importantly. It's not about, oh hey I want this guy on my record. Oh he won't get on my record, fuck em. Naw that guy's working. That guys out there getting his money, getting his game off. You should be doing the same thing. Alot of people don't wanna open no doors to the west coast artists. Alot of people feel there's alot of violence, they afraid. You can see the west coast took a chill pill and that type of stuff is gonna be there regardless. With it being directed toward us. We gonna set an example with there records.

So you went on tour with Snoop. What was that like?

Kurupt: It was crackin. It took me a little time to grasp it all. Like damn this is for real. Me and the homies is really back together. It was an exciting thing.

Who basically put this album together?

Kurupt: Me and Daz. Daz basically took control of the musical side. lchange. Also to get them ready for this big Dogg