

DJ QUIK

by Scott Bejda

It is a funky simple raw street record! ..

What is the name of your new album?

It is called *Trauma*. It is a real street record. I'm going back into the direction that I started. I'm heading back home!

How many albums does this make for you?

This makes my seventh studio album, but if you count the greatest hits it is eight. I even forget sometimes.

So you are coming with that old gangsta Compton shit huh?

Yeah you should hear that instantly as soon as you put the record on. It is definitely fight music.

Are you coming harder than "way 2 Fonky", & "Safe & Sound"?

It is more like where it is in that era. It is like in between "Quik Is The Name", & "Safe & Sound". It is not angry though, but it is gangsta party music. It is real street, but the lyrics are real thoughtful though. It is not just pussy, shoot the nigga up, & lets ride on the police, but it is real thought provoking. It is the current street scene, because I'm still in the streets. I'm a street reporter, and I write what I see.

What label is it coming out on?

Actually we are negotiating right now. It is suppose to come out thru Warner bros., but I don't know how real that is now. The bottom line is it is coming out on a major, and not on an independent.

You got some of the old cast members with you?

Just "AMG" really! It is kind of a mix of guest artists from Chingy to Wyclef to T.I. to B-Real, to Nate Dogg! It is a street record! It is a street ghetto record, but it is funky.

Are you real close with AMG?

Yeah he is like my brother!

You produced some of "Bitch Betta Have My Money"?

Yes I did. I met him roughly about a year and a half before "Bitch Betta Have My Money" came out. It seemed like back then time was moving real quick. We gelled as soon as we met, and we just started vibing. A year later here we were touring the world.

Did that fame hit you pretty hard?

Yeah it hit us quick!

What was Eazy-e like as a person?

E was super cool! I never saw Eazy-E

angry. I never saw him mad because he was like so business, & so laid back. Even before he came out you knew he was destined for greatness because of his attitude. Dude had the right attitude about everything all of the time.

No one was really reppin him after he died, why do you think that is?

I don't know! Probably because of the circumstances of which he died, and it scared the hell out of people, but also on my new mix tape I did "Quiker Said than dunn" again, but I freaked the lyrics.

Tell me about the mix tape?

It is nobody else's beats, and I put this hidden track from digging in the crates. It is a funky ass mix tape.

I interviewed MC Eiht last year and he had a lot of positive stuff to say about you?

Like wise!

When did ya'll squash the beef?

A few years ago, and we even had a chance to vibe in the studio for a little bit. He is a super talent! The Compton scene in hip hop wouldn't be fortified with out him in it. He was banging at that same time NWA was bangin, and actually he was out before me.

Why don't 2nd II None come out with some more shit?

I don't know man, times change, and people change. It is difficult sometimes, and if you cant keep up with the times then you find yourself behind the times. I respect them for not just trying to put anything out right now just to be out. I understand that they are working on some new stuff, and I hope it works for them. They were to me like the first Dogg Pound!

What about Hi-C, you messing with him at all?

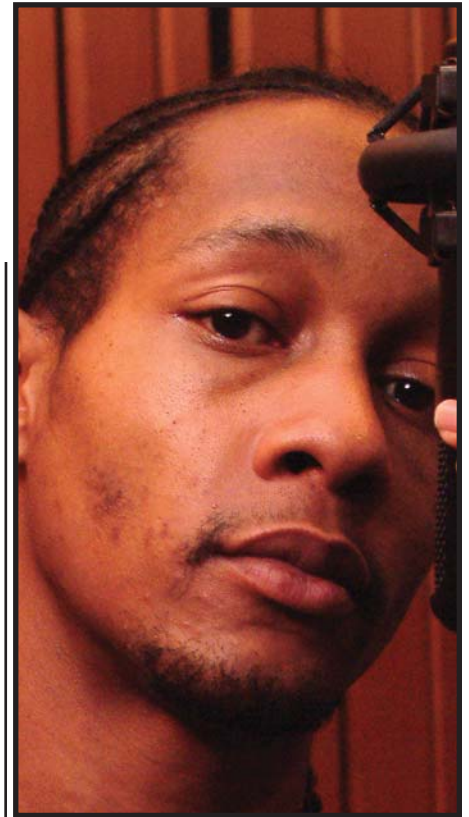
Not lately, Crawf is doing his thing trying to get his movie stuff off the ground. I wish him well! We all kind of grown up and gone in these all crazy directions. We are all still brothers!

How many tracks are on "trauma"?

On this one I got fourteen, and I think I'm about to ad another one.

Did you do all of the production?

Yes sir!



Do you have another "Quik's Groove" on there?

Yep! It is called "Quikstumental something to think to".

What will the people hear when they press play?

As soon as they press play they will hear a cool intro not too long, and then they will hear these horns, and after about one and a half seconds after the horns hit they wont be able to stop. There is gonna be an involuntary neck jerking because this shit is rocking!

You know the old heads like me will bump the hell out of it, but can the younger cats get into it as well?

The kids will bump it too! As a matter of fact while I was producing it I let my kids listen to a lot of it. A lot of the stuff they like! Opposed to my older albums with all the cussing they couldn't listen to soo this one is a little bit lighter with the subject matter on some songs, but then again I'm still DJ Quik so I gotta be uninhibited on some songs. There are some songs that kids wont be able to listen to on this album at all! It is like nc-17 type records!

Would you ever do a remix to "Safe + Sound"?

No, that album is a classic for its time, & I just leave it there. When I go back and listen to it I trip out!

Are you doing beats for other cats?

Yeah a bunch! I don't want to talk about because it seems like every time I