

FBI HAS NO INVESTIGATION; JUST HARDCORE RHYMES WITH THEIR OWN FLAVOR

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Paul Macklin, Mike Williams, Sean Brandon and Al Williams, (no relation to Mike). These names may be unfamiliar to you unless you recognize the group they're in and their actual stage names - lets try again: Pauly Mac, DJ Mike, NYC and Al-Ski, a.k.a. FBI (Funky Beats Incorporated).

The local based group, which has been together for six years, has accomplished much more than people might think, and is continuing to strive for their big break.

FBI is currently a member of Ice T's Rhyme Syndicate. They've toured with Ice T on several occasions, can be seen in a number of videos, and have performed in front of 65,000 people in Seattle.

DJ Mike, their co-producer and dee jay, is most popular with the 18-and-under audience. His unique style has given him a title of "the Best." He has won all DJ battles dating back to 1986 and presently holds a reign that only one other DJ can claim fame to, Rob Hathcock, a.k.a. DJ R.O.B.

Macklin, the leader of the group says ever since Thats Entertainment, (the teenage nightclub that was popular in the early '80's), Rob and Mike have been the only DJ's to be labeled "the Best."

Macklin describes his group as 'Hardcore With Their Own Flavor.' FBI's music is their own and Macklin does not like to hear comparisons, nor does he think rappers, such as himself, should be looked upon as role models.

"I don't want to be looked at

as a role model. I'm human too, and there may be one day that I might be seen with a beer in my hand," explains Macklin.

Pauly Mac feels that the kids these days need to just be themselves. He says that kids shouldn't be doing what rappers say, just understand what the music is about. He also feels that the older generation are filling kids' minds with the wrong idea.

"It is the older generation that is telling the youth that it is not right to be involved with minorities.

"Just be yourself. Go to school, get an education and be a productive citizen; Not 'cause I said so, but because you want to."

All the members of the group are much more than just rappers

though. All four have jobs and have ambitions, realizing that music won't always be around.

Macklin, who is studying to be a teacher, works at the Clark County Community College and spoke of the education that is being taught in schools today.

"I think there should be more classes about everybody's culture. Then maybe we'd all understand more about each other.

DJ Mike is currently employed at Caesars Palace and is studying to be a slot technician.

Brandon is working in the construction field but hopes to open a bodyguard service soon.

Williams is contemplating a move to the Army.

"Sean and Al are basically the Flavor Flavs of the group," explains Mike. "They get the crowd hyped, and make us all look good on stage. They also rap periodically throughout the show."

FBI will performing on stage this Saturday at the Huntridge Theatre with a number of other groups. The concert is being called "The Las Vegas Peace Jam."

"We want everyone to come



PAULY MAC, DJ MIKE, NYC AND AL-SKI, A.K.A. FBI (FUNKY BEATS INCORPORATED).

out and have a good time - PEACEFULLY," said Macklin.

The group will be headlining, along with Gangster Blacc and the Poetic Hoodlums. Seven other groups will also perform

that evening.

The show begins at 8:00 p.m.

and of course ends with 'no investigation,' just a 'hardcore rap group - with their own flavor,' FBI - Funky Beats Incorporated.

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problems that affect our communities should sometimes be dealt with in a similar fashion. THAT'S RIGHT, TAKE BACK OUR STUFF! DON'T LET THEM TAKE OUR PASSION BECAUSE WE ROCK THE WORLD. AND YOU CAN QUOTE ME ON THAT!! Now, I am really HYPED ABOUT THE HIP HOP COMEDY JAM, LAS VEGAS STYLE!! I have to give some SERIOUS DAP to A.J. JOHNSON who opened the HIP HOP SHOW. A.J YOU HAVE IT REALLY GOING ON. Laughter filled the air with your joking declaration on "HOW GANG MEMBERS DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK TO WOMEN." According to you some gang member's RAP goes a little like this, "HEY, BABY I'LL TAKE YOU PLACES YOU AIN'T NEVER BEEN. I BET YOU AIN'T NEVER BEEN ON A DRIVE BY." Well, I GUESS YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE THERE TO GET THE JOKE, BUT WHY NOT "COME IN FROM THE RAIN" AND LAUGH! FASON, the all-star voice of ROBIN HARRIS in BEBE'S KIDS, was the closing act. FASON YOU ARE ON YOUR STAR-LIGHT WAY. I must reiterate for all OF THOSE VANILLA ICE PEOPLE AND FOR THOSE VANILLA ICE CREAMY AFRICAN AMERICAN FILLINGS WHO AREN'T AWARE OF WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON; that there was not one incident of violence at the HUNTRIDGE THEATRE THAT HIP HOP EVENING. Well, MR. WADE, who is twenty three years of age, I GIVE YOU THE ROYAL "KIMBERLY'S ENTERTAINMENT NEWS THREE SNAPS IN A HEART SHAPED CIRCLE FOR A JOB WELL DONE!" Until we HIP HIP AGAIN, remember LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU IN 1992 AND THEN SOME!!

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