

Kelly

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The scandal initially appeared to derail his career. A joint album with rapper Jay-Z was heavily hyped before the scandal. But then it was released with little promotion and sales were modest.

After his arrest, Kelly released a single, "Heaven I Need A Hug," but the song did not get widespread radio play.

"It was a novelty record because of what it was," said Ross. "(But) most R&B stations didn't take him off the week the scandal broke."

While in the months following the scandal, artists such as Jay-Z distanced themselves from Kelly, support for the singer in the industry seems to have rebounded.

Epic Records had no problem with the teen R&B quartet B2K recording his song "Bump, Bump, Bump," which Kelly also produced. It proved to be a lucrative decision; the song, which also features P. Diddy, recently hit the No. 1 spot on the Billboard charts.

"The way that came about was he sent us some music for the guys, and that record really stood out," said Max Gousse, a vice president at Epic. "We definitely did weigh it (the scandal), but as you can see with it being the No. 1 record, it was undeniable - a hit record is a hit record."

"R. Kelly has constantly

been known as a creative genius. He's still out there," said Massenburg.

"I do think that he's an immensely talented artist," Mitchell said. "He has a beautiful voice, he has an uncanny way of putting lyrics together, so definitely his music has something to do with it."

But she says Kelly is still a moneymaker - and that's the main reason he's gotten support. "I'm not surprised that his records are still getting played because there's money involved. ... Radio is about money."

"Chocolate Factory" contains celebrity guest appearances from rappers Fat Joe and Ja Rule (although a representative for Ja Rule said it was unclear whether the song was recorded before the scandal).

Though few would speak on the record about the singer - his record company, Jive, declined to comment - Fat Joe, who's collaborated with Kelly in the past, issued a statement of support for the embattled singer to The Associated Press:

"R. Kelly is the greatest at his craft, no one is more talented. I feel that music overcomes all obstacles that are thrown in an artist's path."

The suggestive first single from Kelly's upcoming album is a hit; "Ignition" peaked at No. 2 on the R&B charts and has risen to No. 12 on the pop charts. The video made its debut last week.

"They love R. Kelly," AJ, the co-host of BET's video countdown show, "106 & Park," said of his youthful audience. "It's a hot song. R.

Kelly is loved by the streets. ... He puts out extremely good music." Mitchell says there have been protests against Kelly - but they haven't got-

ten much media attention.

She says Kelly's success is just another example of celebrity worship.

"Short of killing someone

and getting caught with the gun in your hand, celebrities can get away with practically anything, and that's unfortunate."

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Case No. D284877
Dept. No. K

SHINDONA ALLEN

Plaintiff, vs

LEROY RUSSELL JR.

Defendant

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for the families who have lost their loved ones at the hands of the murderous police. The officers who rampage against our people must be convicted and imprisoned for their criminal acts."

Enslaved Africans built this nation, he said. Many were buried under Wall Street, an area today that signifies the wealth that lies beneath that financial district and that which was created by the labor of those kidnapped folk. He invited the Diallos to take part in the November World Tribunal on Reparations for African People in Philadelphia, where testimony will be heard regarding police brutality.

Said Becktemba, "We must build a movement for peace, built on social and economic justice, and on freedom and self-determination for African people, indigenous people and all oppressed peoples. There can be no peace on the plantation."

Nayaba Arinde writes for the Challenge Group.

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