



ASK DEANNA!
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Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I'm a faithful churchgoer who met a man at a club. He gave me his number and I called him the next day and left a message. He called me back but I didn't answer the phone. Later we met at a coffee shop and talked. Although we've just met, he's getting sexual asking about my lingerie. His birthday came up a week later, so I bought him a card. I called him to see how I could get the card to him but he wasn't helpful. Now, I don't know if I should give him the card because he didn't go out of his way to try and receive it.

Anonymous
Inglewood, CA

Dear Anonymous:

Good little church girl, you found a devil in the club that sees you as a tease. He knew you were playing around by not answering the phone when he called. You're doing too much, too fast by giving him a card after a week. He thinks you're going to give up the booty just as fast because he's getting personal with the lingerie questions. Keep the card, have a few more cups of coffee and get to know him better before taking another step.

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Dear Deanna!

I need help approaching my 15-year old daughter who may be in a lesbian relationship with a 16-year old girl. At one time, my daughter expressed curiosity and desire towards boys. I found letters talking about kissing and the older girl willing to teach her things that were so graphic it blew my mind. I've talked with the other parents, who are also surprised. We agreed to speak with our daughters openly and seek counseling.

Concerned Parent
Dallas, TX

Dear Parent:

Approach your daughter with love and your honest feelings. Don't pass judgment as you seek her opinion and understanding of why she wants to be with girls. Once she's shared her feelings, you can tell if it's a fad, peer pressure or confusion. Your daughter is young and with faith, God's word, and counseling, you can teach her the right way to go concerning sex. However, as an adult, she'll choose her own path and you need to be there regardless of which way she swings.

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Dear Deanna!

I want to comment on the response you gave Samantha in Hickory NC. You suggested she get a tree switch and spank her brother's kids because they were misbehaving. I disagree because your method is abusive. All it takes is a few conversations and eventually the children will behave.

Marjorie
Chicago, IL

Dear Marjorie:

You're right. My response was off. I should've said knock some sense into the kids by slapping them in the head. Our society has increased gang bangers, pregnant teens, and drug dealers because the parents aren't keeping kids in check with real discipline. You can keep talking on your end and be happy when there's another Jeffrey Dahmer out there. To other parents, get Biblical with your discipline and know if you spare the rod, you spoil the child.

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Arrests turn heat on music label

NEW YORK (AP)—Just before dawn on a crisp November morning, federal agents converged on a two-story home in suburban Maplewood, N.J., and woke up Cynthia Brent. They told her to get dressed for court.

Brent, a soft-spoken accountant for rap label The Inc., was facing charges of laundering more than \$1 million in drug money.

Over the next eight days, federal and local agents swept from New Jersey to Manhattan and Queens, making arrests in a probe linking one of rap music's hottest labels to one of New York's most notorious gangsters.

After filing charges against seven suspects, including rap star Ja Rule's manager, federal prosecutors appear to be closing in on their ultimate targets: The Inc. founder Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo and convicted crack kingpin Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff.

Convicted criminals and artists alike long have boasted about the links between the industry and the drug underworld, but no major charges have ever been filed against a label as successful as The Inc., which has sold about 20 million records behind flagship artists Ja Rule and Ashanti.

Prosecutors have declined to discuss the case. But defense attorneys and law enforcement officials said Brent, Ja Rule manager Ron "Gutta" Robinson and two alleged McGriff associates are under pressure by the government to provide information about the rap mogul and McGriff.

The arrests signal that the investigation, after a yearlong lull, is "gaining momentum," said one of the law enforcement officials, all of whom spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Longtime friends, Gotti and McGriff are suspected of laundering money from McGriff's cocaine and heroin operation through Gotti's platinum-selling label, according to court documents filed in support of search and property seizure warrants.

McGriff, 44, founder of one of the city's most violent drug crews, allegedly returned to his old ways when he was released from prison in 1997. He had served about nine years for drug conspiracy.

A police official said investigators believe that once free, McGriff set about reviving his drug-dealing operation. They also suspect he

and his associates could be responsible for a dramatic rise in homicides there, the official said.

The number of killings in the Queens neighborhood in which he operated defied a citywide downward trend last year by rising to 29, compared to just 13 a year earlier. So far this year — with McGriff behind bars for a minor gun possession conviction — killings total 16.

Cooperating witnesses have told investigators that

McGriff admitted to the 2001 revenge slaying of up-and-coming rapper E-Money Bags in New York and arranged the Baltimore killing one month later of an informant in his drug organization.

A security camera captured a luxury sport utility vehicle registered to a McGriff associate dropping off another shooting victim's body at a Queens hospital in 1999, court papers said.

McGriff hasn't been

charged in any of the killings, and he's denied any wrongdoing. His attorney, Robert Simels, said his client has become a scapegoat for unsolved murders based solely on his criminal history as boss of a former gang known as the Supreme Team.

"I think he's a convenient person to point to because of the lore of the street," said Simels, referring to the gang's reputation in rap circles.

"When you hear talk of (See Arrests, Page 10)

Marley could be national hero

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — He's received countless musical accolades, inspired millions with his message of "one love" and is even hailed as a prophet by some.

Now, members of Bob Marley's estate are lobbying the government to proclaim the dreadlocked reggae singer a national hero, Jamaica's highest honor. Marley died of cancer in Miami in 1981 at 36, and some of his family members have lived in South Florida.

"Anywhere you go in the world the first thing people think of when they hear Jamaica is Bob Marley," said Jacqueline Knight-Campbell, who is organizing the campaign for the Bob Marley Foundation.

The foundation is also seeking to have his birthday — Feb. 6 — declared a national holiday. The group is planning special celebrations, including a concert and a block party in the capital of Kingston, to mark his

60th birthday next year.

Only seven Jamaicans have been named national heroes, including Black civil rights leader Marcus Garvey and former Prime Minister Alexander Bustamante.

Past efforts to bestow Marley with the honor have failed, but support has grown in recent years as Marley's music enjoys a resurgence worldwide. The BBC recently named his "One Love" song the anthem of the century, and Time magazine called 1977's "Exodus" the album of the century.

Born in rural St. Ann parish in 1945, Marley rose from the gritty shantytowns of Kingston to global stardom in the 1970s with hits like "No Woman, No Cry" and "I Shot the Sheriff."

Marley was awarded Jamaica's third highest honor, the Order of Merit, in 1981, one month before he died.

We are grateful for the warmth of your friendship and wish you and your family a holiday season filled with peace, hope and joy.

Lynette, Steven, Adam and Rachel McDonald

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