



## ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I'm in a situation where I'm living with a man that drinks booze and he's verbally abusive. I live with him in his home and everything is in his name including my car. I'm afraid to leave because I'll have to run away with my small kids but if I stay, he might start beating on me.

Jasmine  
Dayton, OH

Dear Jasmine:

You have issues because not once have you mentioned being worried about the safety of your kids. Regardless of whose car, bus, or train you take, get your butt out of that situation while you can. Don't wait for him to sling one of your babies into a wall while he's drunk. Go to a shelter, or stay with your family and friends while you build yourself up and get on your way to being independent.

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Dear Deanna!

When a kid disrespects their mother, I think a backhand slap is enough to put that child in check. I've done this to my son and he has a cut lip to show for it. My best friend has threatened to turn me in to authorities for child abuse and claims she's going to bust my mouth if I hit my son again. Am I wrong for this?

Madge  
Dover AFB, DE

Dear Madge:

My bet goes to your friend who needs to give you a fat lip.

If you have to hit your son in the mouth on a regular basis for being disrespectful, something's wrong with your parenting skills. Take a look at what's causing the breakdown, be an adult and come up with a solution. You may need to seek counseling for both of you. As for that backhand swing, go chop some wood or swat a few flies and keep your hands to yourself.

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Dear Deanna!

A close friend of mine date's a girl who's using him. He works hard, gives her his paycheck and worships the ground she walks on because she's cute. She talks down to him, and has other men in the house while he's working. Now it's at the point where none of the guys visit because they don't want to deal with his girlfriend.

Stan  
Morganton, NC

Dear Stan:

Take your spoon out of your friend's Kool-Aid and mind your business. Has he raised his hand for help or come to you for advice? If he wants to work like a dog, look like a fool and feed other men off his paycheck, let him. They must be happy because she hasn't left and he hasn't kicked her out. You and your friends have the right to be concerned but he's a grown man and knows exactly what time it is.

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## Wonder headlining local Tiger Jam VIII

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Stevie Wonder will have Sin City "Dancing to the Rhythm" when the Grammy winner headlines the upcoming Tiger Jam VIII.

The annual benefit concert sponsored by Tiger Woods is scheduled for May 21 at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino.

"Stevie Wonder is a music legend, and I'm thrilled he's headlining Tiger Jam VIII," Woods said in a statement Tuesday. "He's very committed to social causes, which makes him a perfect fit to help raise awareness for the Tiger Woods Learning Center."

Counting Crows also will perform at the concert, which raises more than \$1 million annually for the Tiger Woods Foundation. SBC Communications also is a sponsor.

Proceeds from previous concerts have supported a variety of organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas and the VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

The Tiger Woods Learning Center is scheduled to open later this year in Anaheim, Calif. The 14-acre, 35,000-square-foot facility will feature seven classrooms, a computer lab, a multimedia center and a 250-seat auditorium.



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## Lil' Kim: I didn't mean to mislead grand jury

NEW YORK (AP) — Enduring a tenacious cross-examination at her perjury trial, tiny hip-hop diva Lil' Kim insisted on Friday that she never meant to mislead a grand jury with her eyewitness account of a 2001 gunfight.

"This was a very serious situation," Lil' Kim testified. "I could not come into a grand jury and purposely tell false statements and lie."

Lil' Kim — confronted by prosecutor Cathy Seibel with evidence she owes nearly \$1 million in back taxes — told jurors she leaves decisions about her finances to her manager and accountant.

She also claimed she signed a tax statement listing the value of her jewelry at \$40,000 without reading it. The real figure was about \$500,000. "If you're an entertainer, if you're in this business, this is how you delegate it," she said.

Lil' Kim later testified about coping with life's traumas, comparing getting caught in the middle of the shootout outside a rap radio station with the slaying of her legendary mentor, Notorious B.I.G., and even the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

It was "a heartfelt day — like the day Biggie as killed, and 9/11," she said when questioned again by her lawyer, Mel Sachs. "I'm the type of person, I just shut down and move on. I don't live in the past."

Lil' Kim, 29, known for her risqué wardrobe and raunchy raps, and her personal assistant have pleaded not guilty to perjury, obstruction of justice and conspiracy

charges. Closing arguments at their trial were expected next week.

Authorities say the gunfire erupted when Lil' Kim's entourage crossed paths with that of rival hip-hop group

Capone-N-Noreaga on Feb. 25, 2001, outside WQHT, or HOT 97. One man was injured as more than two dozen rounds were fired on the sidewalk.

After witnessing the

shooting, Lil' Kim allegedly lied under oath to protect two of the shooters — her manager, Damion Butler, and a friend, Suif Jackson — who since have pleaded guilty to gun charges.

## Court tosses trial order for C-Murder

GRETNA, La. (AP) — A judge's decision to grant a new murder trial to rapper C-Murder has been overturned by a state appeals court.

The ruling sets the stage for a sentencing hearing for the rapper, whose real name is Corey Miller, Jefferson Parish District Attorney Paul Connick Jr. said.

Miller, who faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole for second-degree murder, may still appeal, said defense attorney Ron Rakosky.

Miller was convicted in 2003 of shooting 16-year-old Steve Thomas to death at a nightclub in Harvey, a New Orleans suburb.

State District Judge Martha Sassone ordered a new trial in April, saying prosecutors withheld information that some of their key witnesses had criminal records, but two of the three judges on a panel of the 5th

Circuit Court of Appeal in Gretna disagreed.

Even without the testimony of the witnesses, "there was an abundance of other evidence which fully established Miller's guilt," Judges Sol Gothard and Clarence McManus wrote. Dissenting Judge Thomas Daley said the appeals court should rely on the judgment of the trial judge.

Last month, it was revealed that Miller, 34, had recorded parts of a new music video and compact disc in the Jefferson Parish jail, where he is being held. Sheriff Harry Lee said the taping had been done without his permission.

C-Murder's first recordings came in a trio called TRU, which had a 1995 hit "I'm Bout It, Bout It." His first solo record, 1998's "Life Or Death," sold nearly 1 million copies, but sales sank for the four albums that followed.



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