

# DMX rhymes after plea of not guilty

PHOENIX (AP) — DMX rapped for reporters outside a Phoenix courtroom last week after pleading not guilty to felony charges of theft and identity theft.

Then he plugged an album.

Authorities allege the 37-year-old rapper, whose real name is Earl Simmons, gave the name "Troy Jones" and an incorrect Social Security number to a Scottsdale hospital in April to avoid paying \$7,500 in medical expenses.

When reporters asked for comment following the hearing in Maricopa County Superior Court, Simmons rapped: "If and when you ever fall down, get back up... Stand for something or fall for everything. Wait for the right pitch, you'll miss every swing."

His lawyer, Charles Kozelka, then pulled him away as Simmons urged reporters to look for his next album. He has a hip-hop album, "Walk With Me Now," slated for release Oct. 14 and a gospel album, "You'll Fly With Me Later," in the works.

The rapper's record label, Bodog Music, is sticking by its artist.

"We wouldn't work with DMX period if we didn't believe he was just a victim of circumstance," said Peter Karroll, president of Bodog. "The sheriff in Phoenix is definitely targeting him. It's unbelievable."

The theft and identity theft charges come after months of trouble for Simmons. He was arrested at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport earlier this month on outstanding warrants after he failed to appear in court.

The week before, he was arrested in Miami on charges of attempting to purchase cocaine and marijuana.

Simmons also faces multiple charges of drug possession and cruelty to animals in Phoenix. He is due in court Aug. 12 relating to those charges.

## Book offers how-to on music industry

**All You Need to Know about the Music Business**

Sixth Edition; By Donald S. Passman, Esq.; Free Press; Hardcover; \$30.00; 462 pages; Illustrated. ISBN: 0-7432-9318-5

By Kam Williams  
Sentinel-Voice

"In the music business, the key to success lies in knowing how to protect yourself. To do that, you need the best and most up-to-date advice available... This latest edition of what the L.A. Times called 'the industry bible' will lead novices and experts alike through the fundamental practices as well as the new, uncharted territory of one of this country's most dynamic industries..."

For fifteen years, *All You Need to Know about the Music Business* has been universally regarded as the definitive, essential guide to the music industry. Now in its sixth edition, it has been completely revised and updated with crucial, up-to-the-minute information on the industry's major changes in response to today's rapid technological advances and uncertain economy...

It's a book that no musician, entertainment lawyer,

agent, promoter, publisher, manager, record company executive — anyone who makes their living from music — can afford to be without."

— Excerpted from book jacket cover

Although I no longer practice law, there are two types of people who still routinely approach me for legal advice: convicts behind bars and aspiring musicians. Unfortunately, I'm simply too busy to take on any clients, however, I do have good news for the latter group, a state-of-the-art handbook which breaks down every aspect of the business in relatively-plain language.

Author Donald Passman is a Harvard-trained attorney with over 30 years of experience in the field. His impressive client roster includes such A-list acts as Janet Jackson, Green Day and R.E.M., to name a few. His user-friendly, how-to tome is apt to be of most use to up-and-coming unknowns trying to kickstart their careers, a time when naïve performers are most likely to be exploited and make critical mistakes out of an eagerness for fame  
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## BUST A MOVE

Students from the Performing & Visual Arts Camps rehearse for final performances slated for Tuesday at the House of Blues inside the Mandalay Bay Resort Hotel, Thursday at the Clark County Library Theater on 1401 E. Flamingo Road and Saturday at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. The annual performances showcase what students learned via summer-long instruction in theater performance, dance, theater technology, media and music. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information call 507-3989.

## Your Horoscope Says... July 30-Aug. 6

### ARIES

Partnerships continue to be featured this week. This week is especially favorable for a fresh start or a new beginning for you in love. Avoid distractions at work this week and you'll get much accomplished.

Soul Affirmation: There is a funny side to everything I see.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 17, 37

### TAURUS

Friendship remains highlighted; you may be attending a social event with good friends, or may be planning one. Whichever, it will be a very happy occasion. Be happy! You've got many loving friends.

Soul Affirmation: Hope is a beautiful jewel. I enjoy owning it.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 26, 31

### GEMINI

You may find out this week that the project you didn't really want to work on has been scrapped. That leaves you plenty of time to finish up the stuff you want to work on! Money concerns ease up. This week a romantic get-together will remind you of what bliss really is!

Soul Affirmation: He who asks might seem foolish for a while.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 17

### CANCER

Keep an eye on your budget this week, but also indulge your creative senses with the visual and the tactile. You might find yourself wanting to "feel" something new in your hands. Just the feeling may be enough; you don't necessarily have to spend money to satisfy your artistic urge this week.

Soul Affirmation: Happiness is my only goal this week.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 15, 22

### LEO

Call early in the week and make a date so you can catch the person that you want to spend time with this week. An old love may turn up in your romantic mix, and romance will be very sweet if you rise above the temptation to remember why you split in the first place!

Soul Affirmation: What I need to be is fully present inside of me.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 36, 43

### VIRGO

Your vibes are calling to you this week to think fondly of all the love you are now giving and have given. Love itself makes you a better you. So act the fool and love with all your big sunny self. If things get stressful repeat your magic word to yourself: LOVE!

Soul Affirmation: Freedom of mind is the greatest gift for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 15, 33

### LIBRA

Some quiet time could fill the bill nicely for you this afternoon. You need some space to let your creativity spread out, so keep enjoying the moments of solitude and make your necessary phone calls later. Relax!

Soul Affirmation: I let myself be the cheerful me.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 43, 54

### SCORPIO

Take a positive and sensible stance this week where co-workers are involved. Situations could be tricky, but you'll do fine if you don't commit yourself to anything that you really don't want to do.

Soul Affirmation: The earthiness of my being reflects the sunshine of my soul.

Lucky Numbers: 28, 36, 48

### SAGITTARIUS

A positive, alert attitude will draw opportunities to you this week. You'll see more of the big picture if you take a mental step backward. You'll hear exactly what you need to hear if you take the time to listen.

Soul Affirmation: Jewelry reflects the beauty of my feelings about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 21, 39

### CAPRICORN

Guard your words this week, and let peace and harmony rule where they may. It's not the time to point out the character flaws of a higher-up. You can make this a very productive week if you apply your industrious spirit to your work.

Soul Affirmation: Facing down challenges makes me feel good about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 23, 37

### AQUARIUS

Good deeds are in order this week. Perform all the random acts of kindness that you can. Everything you do this week is going to come back to you in triplicate, so enjoy storing up some future blessings!

Soul Affirmation: Another week in which to rejoice is upon me. ah-h-h-h!

Lucky Numbers: 2, 32, 45

### PISCES

You can help out a friend this week if you plan your schedule so that you've got time for kindness built in! Embrace your generous side while getting your own work finished. You are excellent at multi-tasking!

Soul Affirmation: A new way of looking at things make all things new.

Lucky Numbers: 26, 38, 41