

Blacc Wolf Cartel

BAND STORY

"One might say to get something you've never had, you have to do something you have never done". That is the sentiments of this young up and coming hip hop artist whose birth name is Rufus Swift, but whom we come to know as Blacc Topp. He started his musical trail at the age of 13. He was inspired by the sounds of the Run DMC and NWA.. Blacc Topp states "I always had a vision of performing in front of a live audience and got my first amateur performance at my sisters wedding reception". He states further, when I grabbed the mic I choked. Everyone was laughing at me and I said this would never happen again". Blacc Topp has kept that promise. From recording in the studio to live performances, he has the uncanny ability to move the crowd through his mesmerizing lyrical style. Blacc Topp was a solo act until he decided to formulate a group. He hooked up with two (2) talented artist; Solja Boi and Young Goody. With the three talents together Blacc Topp states, "I know we have what it takes to make it in this industry." From that moment his vision became very crystal. Blacc Wolf Cartel. A group that has a "Don't wait for opportunity to come knocking; go kick in the door" attitude. "It wasn't always easy for me as a child", he says. "My father died when I was thirteen. He was always strong and encouraging. I miss him a lot. After my father's death I had to grow up fast and start making decisions about my life". My mother was an educator and very strict. I loved my mother; however, I didn't want a lot of restrictions at that point in my life. So when my mom moved back to Florida after my father's death, I decided to



STATS

Visits	Plays
453	1,002
Streams	Downloads
1,002	0

Featured Songs

- 1 ? Sex Wit You Rap
- 2 ? Wait A Minute Rap

father's death, I decided to stay in Texas with my godparents. It was myself and my godbrother Dirty Ray who first started rappin' together in a group called the Blacc Boyz. While growing up in Dallas I was influenced by the fast money, fast cars and street credibility. I decided to become a member of the Crip gang. For several years I struggled with good and evil. Before the death of my father, I grew up in a Christian environment. The strong presence of my parents, one being a minister and the other an educator, I was often convicted by my way of life. Becoming a man on the streets was a struggle everyday for survival and morality. Life in the fast lane took me down a long road to prison life." For seven years the artist we know as Blacc Topp was known to others in the penal system as inmate 655144. Top was incarcerated in 1992 where he served a seven year prison sentence. While in prison this artist/inmate decided to make time work for him and not waste seven years of his young adult life lifting weights but reading books. He decided to make the system work to his advantage. His words turned into reality in 1999, when he was released from prison with two (2) Degrees and six (6) Trades. Topp turned his life around and started making his way towards the Sunny Florida. Topp now has a profession as an Engineer and Hip Hop Artist. Now spending countless hours writing lyrics and producing beats, he's set to make his mark on hip hop.

“ Failure is not part of my vocabulary, only success is.”

Biography: Solja Boi Roll with me or get rolled over cause the tank doesn't stop. This former US Army Soldier went to war in Iraq but is now ready for war in the entertainment industry. This jazzy style easily charming rapper-producer has a natural swagger for producing beats and flipping them lyrically.

“ Solja Boi , born Deonta Ponds says

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“because I remain focused and hungry for a different lifestyle, it allowed me to set the pace for my musical career.”

“Life hasn’t turned out the way I expected it,” He states. Music was the escape hatch, his path to achieving the kind of dreams not even he imagined.

“Life has always been music.” His musical influences started very early in life with hip hop and Rhythm & Blues legends such as Run DMC, Rakim, George Clinton, Stevie Wonder etc., etc... At the age of three his grandfather bought him a Casio keyboard. He knew he was musically talented when he taught himself to play each note on the keyboard separately and started to formulate chords on his keyboard. Solja states, “My ear for music was given to me by the spirit of god.” Solja set a steady pace to aggressively pursue his musical career when he met Blacc Topp. The two quickly became close friends.

This was a start of much collaboration, which opened up an opportunity to form a rap group. Posing as “Partners in Rhyme”, the two talented rappers sought the lyrical talents of Young Goody. Goody brought with him his own set of visions and the three meshed so well, they began working on a label deal. During the interim of recording an album, they met Bin FranQ; finalizing the quartet’s ammunition that would enviably allow them to storm their way onto the hip hop scene. Solja contributes his flair for music and rhymes through his life experiences in the military. Seeing death and destruction on all levels around the country, experiencing the lifestyles of different countries and cultures, opened a porthole of possibilities to be expressed through his music. Solja states he admires the blueprints of hip hop greats such as Scarface, Spoon, Tupac, TI, Young

Deontae, Snoop, Tupac, T.I., Young
Geezy and Ludacris. He states,
“ I plan to pattern my career
based on different successes each of
those artists acclaimed.”
Through continued hard-work,
dedication to the streets, and a strong
management team, you are going to
see a lot of Blacc Wolf Cartel. Special
honorable mention to a close friend
who lost his life in Iraq;
“ RIP Simeon
Hunte October 1, 2003. To young to
die. Also “ RIP
Charles Jackson a.k.a.
Jack Boy
Biography: YOUNG GOODY
“ Age ain't nothing but a
number is what I heard as I
went through my right of passage to
hip-hopism. Young Goody is his stage
name, but his birth name is Devon
Goodloe. Young Goody states his
alias was derived from his last name
(Good) and he is the
“ youngest in the
group. Goody has always enjoyed
listening to hip hop; however he never
imagined himself as becoming a
lyrical artist. . “ I was heavy
into sports and wanted to go all the
way . Then, I walked Hip
Hop and like most affairs it was love
at first sight. Goody started his
musical journey with a jokingly
approach to one of the guys in the
Blacc Wolf Cartel group. “ Put
me on the track is what
Goody exclaimed in a playful manner
with his long time friend, Deonta
Ponds, who we will come to know in
the music industry as “ Solja
Boi . Solja took him on and
sampled his flavor. It was impressive
enough for Solja Boi to invite Goody
to a meeting and sit in on a set with
the group. Goody was then
introduced to Rufus Swift, who the
group’s leader a.k.a.
“ Blacc Topp .
“ And then there were
three . The search was
over. The group had found the talent
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who joined Blacc Wolf Cartel in 2004. Pre-music, Goody was an athlete. Playing football was a passion he developed over the years from his grandfather. Goody is the eldest of five brothers and sisters. With his athletic ability, Goody knew his chances of making it out the ghetto was through sports. This was his opportunity for personal growth, self awareness and financial freedom from the drug infested neighborhood where he grew up. Goody's environment was dismal. It was a cesspool of temptation and undesirables. Goody knew he had to make a quantum leap over his surroundings. Instead of succumbing to the pitfalls of his environment, he chose football as his anti-drug. "I want to be able to enjoy life and travel the world. Goody expresses his need to experience everything possible and have the finances to support it. "Life is good and wonderful. " People, well they are good to have until you get crossed by them. I like real people. These are the sentiments that Goody holds true to heart. Since arriving to hip-hop, Goody attributes some of his most inspiring moments from the founder of Blacc Wolf Cartel, Blacc Topp. "We are so much alike. I can talk about things to him and he's introduced me to things in the music industry that I didn't know. He has faith in my abilities; he believes in me. Goody believes that close friends have ability to see past your pain and help you find your way. The honesty and respect that is given from friendship, has to outshine any false illusions that stands in front of the truth. I believe no matter what happens to me in life they will always be there. "Thanks Topp. " For the most part, life has turned out the way I have expected so far. Although he still has a passion for

Although he still has a passion for football, he's decided to make yards instead of running them and trade in his football for a ball point pen. Although he has an ever so smooth lyrical delivery, Young Goody will definitely flow his way through the hip hop's ride of a life time. "

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