

# Jailed music producer linked to death of rapper Notorious B.I.G.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police suspect that jailed music producer Marion "Suge" Knight played a prominent role in the ambush slaying of rapper Notorious B.I.G., the *Los Angeles Times* reported today. Authorities declined to give details on what evidence they have linking Knight to the killing, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified police sources. No charges have been filed against Knight in the case.

Today, Police confirmed that search warrants were served this week but described Knight as only a possible suspect. "He was in custody at the time, so he didn't pull the trigger," said Lt. Al Michelena of the department's robbery-homicide unit. "We are investigating the possibility of him being implicated in this. We would certainly consider him a possible suspect."

Michelena told The Associated Press he would have to remain vague. Affidavits filed to obtain the search warrants have been sealed, he said.

Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was riding in his GMC Suburban when he was shot several times on March 9, 1997.

He was pronounced dead at the hospital. On Tuesday, detectives served search warrants on four locations linked to Knight.

Police seized a Chevrolet Impala that matches witnesses' description of the car used in the drive-by killing, the *Times* said.

Police also searched the offices of Death Row Records, the company Knight founded and built into one of the hottest rap labels in the country.

Knight is currently serving a

nine-year prison term for probation in connection with a 1992 attack on two persons in a Hollywood studio.

Knight's lawyer, who declined to comment, said at the time of Wallace's shooting, Knight was in Death Row and Wallace was in a New York-based entertainment.

Wallace's shooting was payback for problems between the two. *Times* quoted police as saying, "This was a personal source told the newspaper."

Six months before death, rapper Tupac Shakur was in Las Vegas with someone fired on there. Knight's manager, later died of

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While most students have completed a bachelor's degree before enrollment in the College of Medicine, some students enroll with a minimum of 60 semesters hours, and others with 90, according to information provided by the College of Medicine.

Students applying to the College of Medicine must submit a minimum of two evaluations from professors, in addition to letters of recommendation from previous work supervisors, medically related preceptors and research mentors.

Applicants to the College of Medicine are interviewed by faculty admissions committee members, student admissions committee members and faculty guest interviewers.

Denise Boudreaux, a representative for Women in Medicine and a first year student at the College of Medicine, said the application process can be overwhelming.

"The medical school application process is very intricate and very strenuous," Boudreaux said.

"We hope to prepare the students mentally for what medical school will be like."

"The interviewing process is not a direct process. There are things you need to think about, in an interview-oriented manner. It is almost difficult to put into words."

## RESEARCH

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cholesterol-bearing particles — low density lipopro-

teins (LDL) and high density lipoproteins (HDL). Cockrill said that when people normally eat, the physicians take blood samples of the patients' total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels. The measurements assess heart disease risks.

"A formula exists to estimate LDL cholesterol that is suitable for most people," Cockrill said, "but it doesn't always work."

"We've developed a method that assesses more than just lipid levels. Rather, it determines the complete density profile of all lipid-bearing particles in a thumb prick."

Cockrill said the new procedure can be done in four hours what previously took 72 hours. Additional analyses are performed to characterize and measure the composition of HDL and LDL.

These components include lipids and proteins known as apolipoproteins.

Once the team has identified the additional factors, Cockrill said the information can be used to screen individuals for treatment and prevention of heart disease.

"We're aiming to get the entire analysis done in a matter of minutes, which is more viable," he said.

Stephens said better assessment of heart disease would impact her life by giving her a clearer understanding of her risks.

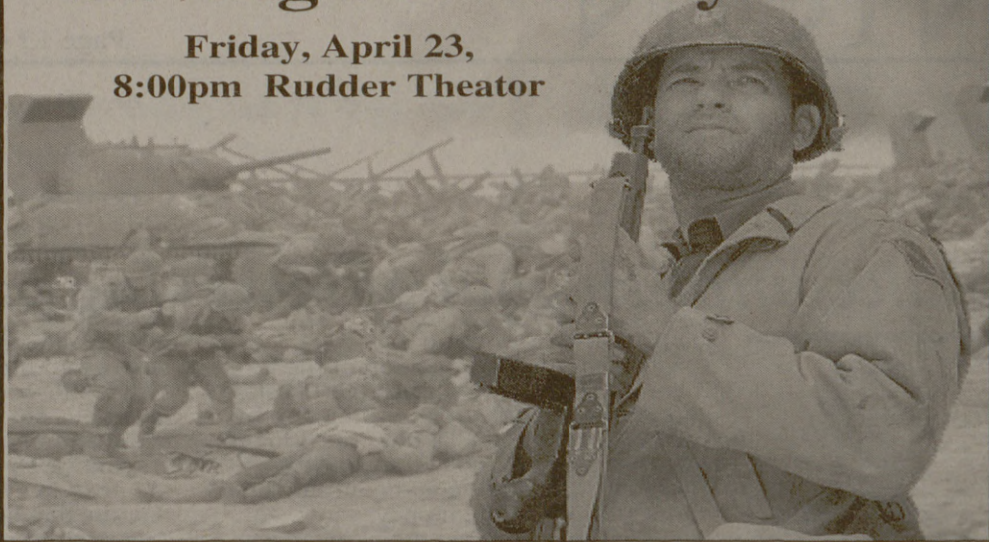
"I don't like living in this limbo world of uncertainty," she said, "not knowing if my arteries are clogging with every bit of food I put in my mouth."

More information about the research can be found on the A&M researchers' website at <http://www.chem.tamu.edu/rgrgroup/>

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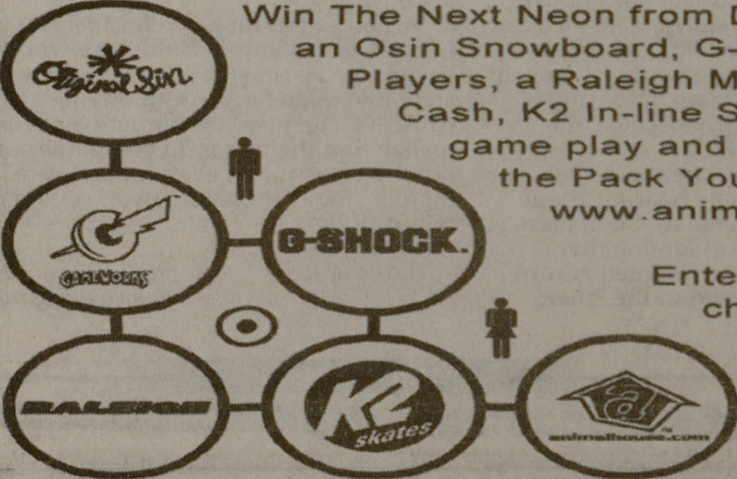
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