

Not at a glance

Man pleads guilty to trying to extort \$9 million from Babyface

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A man claiming to be Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds' illegitimate son will spend six months in a halfway house after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor intimidation charge for trying to extort \$9 million from the Grammy-winning musician.

John Travis Clark, 24, also was sentenced to six months probation as part of the plea agreement filed Thursday in Marion Superior Court.

Clark, who has already spent 98 days in jail since his arrest in May, was charged this spring after he contacted an attorney for the singer and threatened to go public with his story.

He offered to "keep his mouth shut" in exchange for \$20 million, according to court documents.

Clark later lowered his demand to \$9 million and met with attorney William Briggs at an Indianapolis restaurant on May 19.

During the meeting, Clark read and signed a fake but detailed 8-page non-disclosure statement the attorney had drawn up. He then accepted a bogus check for \$9 million and was arrested as he left.

Clark will get credit toward his sentence for the three months he's spent in jail awaiting a trial.

"I want to make it emphatically clear that John Clark is not my son," Edmonds, who did not attend the hearing, said in a statement. "John Travis Clark sought to ruin my reputation by broadcasting his lies to the entire country, which would not only destroy my family but would resonate loudly in the music industry."

Edmonds' hits as a singer include Whip Appeal and Change the World. He has also written hits for Whitney Houston, Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, Bobby Brown and others.

Man who harassed black neighbor ordered to move

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A white St. Albans man who waved a gun at his black neighbor, yelled racial slurs and threatened to run him off has agreed to move.

In signing a consent order, Romie Larry Dailey admitted making racially motivated threats against Bryan W. Smith and violating court orders to stay away from Smith's family.

The decree filed Monday in Kanawha Circuit Court safeguards the Smith family and sends a message to racists, said state Deputy Attorney General Paul Sheridan.

"I think this proves that the system, over the course of time, can provide protection to the victims of racism," Sheridan said.

The harassment began in 2004 after Smith and his fiancée, Sharmin Kilgore, moved into a house owned by Kilgore's parents outside St. Albans.

The consent decree requires Dailey to stay at least a quarter mile away from Smith and his family, complete an anger management program and pay a \$500 fine.

Sheridan said it is unusual for a civil rights order to require someone to move away, but Dailey was unwilling to live peacefully next to a black neighbor.

Lawsuit filed in shootout of Proof

DETROIT (AP) — The family of Army veteran Keith Bender has sued the estate of rapper Proof for the shootout that left both men dead.

Proof, 32, whose legal name was Deshaun Holton, had allegedly got into a fist fight with Bender at the CCC, an after-hours club on Detroit's Eight Mile Road, and it escalated when shots were fired.

In the suit filed last week in Wayne County Circuit Court, Benders family said that Proof is liable for attacking and fatally wounding 35-year-old Bender in the April 11 incident. He died a week later.

The suit does not name a specific amount sought for the alleged damages.

An earlier suit filed in the incident was dismissed.

Prosecutors say Bender's cousin Mario Etheridge, fatally shot Proof in an act of self-defense after Proof killed Bender.

Proof, who died that night, was a member of D12 and Eminem's best friend.



Proof

Black churches aid Norfolk State

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Black church support was critical to Norfolk State University's founding. Now the churches are pitching in again.

Five black congregations in Portsmouth and Norfolk have pledged a total of \$232,500 to the publicly funded university over the next five years, aiding in a \$15 million capital campaign at the historically black university.

"We think their role is critical for the success of the campaign," said Phillip D. Adams, associate vice president for development at Norfolk State.

The participating churches in Norfolk are First Baptist Church on East Berkley Avenue and Second Calvary Baptist Church and First Baptist Church on East Bute Street. Third Baptist Church and Grove Baptist Church are in Portsmouth.

Local black pastors helped organize the school in 1935 as the Norfolk branch of Virginia Union University, a Richmond institution with Baptist connections.

According to a school lore, black congregations raised scholarships for the first students, clergy taught biblical literature courses, and faculty spoke to black congregations at Sunday services to promote the school.

In the 1940s, the school became independent and publicly supported — typically something that spells an end to any church ties. Representatives at nearby Old Dominion University and The College of William and Mary said they don't target the faith community for financial support.

But some in area black churches see aiding the campuses that educate their youth as a duty.

Infamous rapper discusses past

Campbell now coaching young people

BY ADRIAN SAINZ
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI LAKES, Fla. — Luther Campbell's fame has long been intertwined with raunch.

From his days as the leader of the rap outfit 2 Live Crew — whose sexually explicit songs tested the limits of decency all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court — to his solo albums and burgeoning porn business, Campbell is not what you would think of as family friendly.

So it may surprise people to see him walk on a neighborhood football field to oversee a bunch of kids in his new National Youth Football League. He has joined forces with the Orange Bowl's youth foundation to create the league, which Campbell hopes will grow beyond his home in Miami-Dade County.

On a recent evening, about 750 people were watching the first two games, and almost everybody there knew Campbell; People lined up to take pictures with him and he doled out advice to 10-year-olds wearing helmets and shoulder pads who know him only as Uncle Luke.

But there is another side of Uncle Luke — which Campbell details with the recently



Luther Campbell at last year's MTV Video Music Awards in Miami.

Photo by Kathy Hutchins / Hutchins Photo

released "Uncle Luke: My Life & Freaky Times," an audio book which also comes with a CD soundtrack. The tales he tells on the disc are certainly not for children's ears — some adults

may not be able to stomach all the exploits he describes in graphic detail.

But approve or disapprove of his lyrics and music videos, few can accuse Campbell of

holding back or censoring himself.

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Patrick tries to make Massachusetts history

Former Clinton Administration officials is running for governor

BY GLEN JOHNSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — As a child growing up on the South Side of Chicago, Deval Patrick used to rotate beds nightly with his mother and sister. They'd go from top bunk to bottom bunk to bedroom floor in the apartment they shared with grandparents.

As a student at Harvard, Patrick lived with his friends in a suite overlooking the Charles River. In a former era, it came staffed with a valet.

As an adult, Patrick and his wife, Diane, live in a \$1.8 million home in Milton. They're also building a hilltop vacation house on 77 acres in the Berkshires.

Over the course of his 50-year life and career, Deval Patrick has overcome long odds to achieve great success, but the former Clinton administration official is still casting himself as a longshot amid his first campaign for elective office.

It remains his rallying cry despite polls consistently showing him atop the Democratic field for Massachusetts governor as the pace quickens toward the Sept. 19 primary. If he succeeds this fall, he would become the first black elected governor in Massachusetts and only the second black elected governor in the nation.

"We, through you, have built

the broadest, deepest, most energized, most effective grass-roots organization this state has ever seen," Patrick said recently as he addressed about 100 supporters celebrating the opening of his western Massachusetts campaign office.

"But you know and I know that on the day that on your behalf I take the oath of office next January, there will still be people saying, 'He can't win.'"

The crowd laughed, but



Deval Patrick

Patrick said such doubts are emblematic of a political culture he's trying to change with his campaign, which has adopted the slogan, "Together, we can."

It's also emblematic of the way he has overcome life's challenges, and of the manner in which he hopes to govern.

"Standing on the brink of an uncertain future, with all the challenges we face today in Massachusetts, all I know how to

See Patrick on A9

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