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Judge Revokes Rapper's Bail, Day After U.S. Judge OKs Treatment

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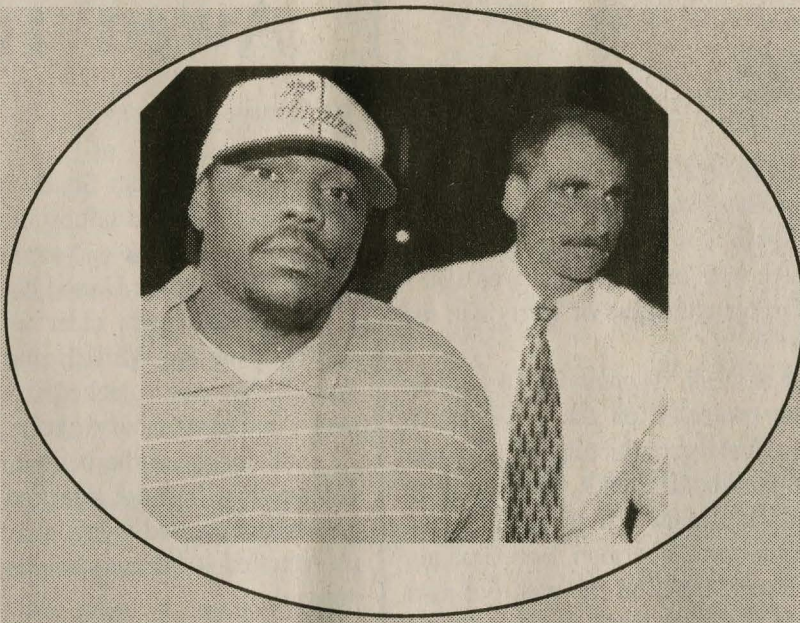
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Rapper Beanie Sigel's plan to leave jail for drug treatment was thrown into doubt Friday after an alleged shooting victim and his girlfriend testified that they had been receiving threats about the case.

Following hearings in both state and federal courts, Sigel's bail situation remained unresolved and was scheduled for another hearing on Monday.

Sigel, the 29-year-old South Philadelphia native born Dwight Grant, has a pending drug and gun case in federal court and two pending cases in state court, including an attempted murder charge.

Terrance Speller, who was allegedly shot by Sigel, and his girlfriend testified Friday morning that they have been receiving daily threats about the case. None came directly from Sigel, they said.

"They received phone calls from people on a daily basis, (saying) that their lives are in danger because of their cooperation in this case," Assistant Philadelphia District



Hip-hop artist Beanie Sigel, left, is shown in this AP file photo being escorted by Philadelphia police Lt. Michael Chitwood after surrendering to the police July 3, 2003, in Philadelphia. Sigel's two albums broke the Top 10 on Billboard charts, but the South Philly native's legal problems, including three arrests this year, are catching up with him. AP Photo/Sabina Louise Pierce, file.

Attorney Deborah Robinson said.

Sigel attorney Brian McMonagle dismissed the alleged threats as merely rumors.

Common Pleas Judge Carolyn E. Temin originally revoked bail at Robinson's request Friday, but then vacated the order. At a hearing later Friday, a federal judge then

asked for clarification of the state judge's order before moving forward, Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis Douglas said.

Sigel has been held in federal custody without bail since July 14, but Thursday won the right to attend a residential treatment program for drug and alcohol abuse and anger management.

To attend the program, Sigel agreed to post a \$1 million federal bond, including \$150,000 in cash, his \$400,000 suburban Philadelphia home and four other properties.

He hoped to go home after the four-week program to finish up work on a third solo album, "The B-Coming," which had been scheduled for release this month, as well as on film and cartoon projects.

Defense lawyer Fortunato N. Perri Jr. did not immediately return a phone message Friday.

Sigel's rap sheet includes nine arrests as an adult but just one conviction, for simple drug possession, and two juvenile assault convictions.

He allegedly shot Speller outside a West Philadelphia strip club on July 1, when he was out on bail for allegedly punching a man outside a Chinese restaurant, breaking his left eye socket.

Sigel, whose two solo albums have sold more than 1 million copies, missed most of a summer "Roc the Mic" tour with Jay-Z, Memphis Bleek and other Roc-A-Fella label stars after he was taken into federal custody.

The federal charges stem from an April 20 traffic stop in which Sigel allegedly tossed a semiautomatic pistol from a black Cadillac Escalade. As a convicted felon he is not allowed to carry a gun.

He was caught with two large bottles of cough medicine, about 50 Xanax, Percocet and other pills, and a small bag of marijuana, Philadelphia police said.

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Since then, Glover, 56, became the national spokesman of Anemia Lifeline, an organization that helps people with the condition that stems from diseases like kidney failure, diabetes, cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, HIV and AIDS.

Glover is joining a kidney walk here to raise awareness Saturday. He said his father was on dialysis after kidney failure.

"When he was diagnosed with anemia and treated, it changed the quality of his life," Glover told Nashville television station WSMV.

Anemia, a blood condition that causes the body to circulate less oxygen because of a reduction in red blood cells, affects about 3.4 million Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Glover said he did 10 kidney walks last year, and the organization's Web site had received heavy traffic.

"It's been extraordinary with people coming in and being tested," Glover said.

He also said it's important for people suffering with anemia, which can be detected with a simple blood test, to not just accept the problem as a condition of their disease.

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