

Nipsey Hussle written by Tony Tee aka Tony Paris

Nipsey Hussle aka Armies Joseph Asghedom was a rapper, writer, producer and business man.

His mother is from America and his father is from Eritrean, **East Africa**.

He was born in Crenshaw, California and attended Alexander Hamilton High School in Castle Heights.

His nickname came from his Hustling spirit. At age 11 he shined shoes to make extra money.

....this set a goal for himself to shine 100 shoes a day. Nipsey hustled for a dollar everyday, anyway he could.

This spirit also led him to selling tapes out the trunk of his car during his future endeavors.

At age 14, he joined the Rollin 60's **Neighborhood Crips** a sub group of the large Crips gang.

In 2004, Nipsey's father took him and his brother to his home town in East Africa for three months.

Nipsey was in awe of the culture and life style of his African heritage.

The trip inspired Nipsey to become a Community activist with a business man spirit.

In 2005, he Independently released his first mixtape "**Slouson Boy**" which led to him signing to Cinematic Music Group and Epic Records.

Nipsey's first album "Victory Lap" was released in 2018 and nominated for Best rap album at the Grammy Awards in 2019.

In 2007, Nipsey played a role in Bone, Thugs and Harmony film "I Tried"

In 2010, Nipsey left Epic Records and found his own label "**All Money In**".

He released the **Marathon Mixtape** and The Marathon continues which featured YG and Dom Kennedy.

Nipsey also starred in the film "Caged Animal", alongside Ving Rhymes, Gillie da Kid and Robert Patrick.

Nipsey Hussle, devoted a lot of his time to denouncing gun violence, he funded improvements to neighborhood schools,

spoke to students about gang culture, participated in panel discussions, he helped students take classes in science and math,

Helped with the planning of the Crenshaw Project and work with LAPD on solutions to stop gang violence.

In 2013 he released The Crenshaw mixtape, including the 9th wonder.

Nipsey Hussle collaborated with many artist like Drake, Jadakiss, Roddy Rich, Hit Boy, Snoop Dogg and many more....

In 2015, Nipsey had a cameo in “The Sexy getting ready song”, in an episode of “Crazy ex-girlfriend”

In 2018, Hussle released his first album “**Victory Lap**”

In 2019, Nipsey won Best rap performance and best rap/song performance at the **62nd Grammy awards**.

Hussle and his partners, Steve Carless, Karen Civil, Jorge Peniche and **brother Samuel Asghedom** launched the Marathon Clothing Store in 2017.

The Marathon Store is located in Crenshaw, California he wanted to invest and provide opportunities in his own community.

On March 31, 2019, Nipsey was fatally shot outside his store in South Los Angeles.

Nipsey Hussle was one of the most influential artist in the Hip Hop Culture.

He is survived by his daughter and a son by Lauren London.

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