



THE STORY OF A BMF DRUG TRAFFICKER

MILES IN THE LIFE

A SHAUN M MATHIS FILM

MILES IN THE LIFE: THE STORY OF A BMF DRUG TRAFFICKER. EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY JABARI HAYES & SHAUN M MATHIS
PRODUCED BY LACONIC PRODUCTIONS & JUSTIN TOULON STARRING WESLEY ROBERTS AND ZAVIERE SAMPSON DIRECTED BY SHAUN M MATHIS
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SYNOPSIS

Using the cover of an Atlanta limousine driver, Jabari Hayes trafficked large quantities of cocaine across the country for the then largest African American drug organization in the southeast known as Black Mafia Family, often referred to as BMF.





DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Growing up in Waterbury, Connecticut, a town known for its low employment opportunities and high crime rate, I was always thought that drug dealers are the worst kinds of people walking the earth. My mother & aunts painstakingly instilled in me that if I were ever decide to sell drugs, there was only 2 ways out of that life. They were prison or death. It were those 2 outcomes that kept me out of the streets and as far away from the trappings of drugs as possible. But I was always intrigued by the minds of drug king pins.

Movies like New Jack City, American Gangster, Cocaine Cowboys and countless crime documentaries fed my fascination for our countries underworld. I love the "from nothing, to something" stories and to see these men, some women, reinvent the business and do the things they did amazed me. However, I always noticed that these stories were told from the prospective of law enforcement, judicial branches or victim but rarely the people actually involved. I thought that to be rather odd, especially when many of these people were still alive.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

When I began film making, I never set out to make a documentary such as Miles in the Life. My only aspiration was to make dope content and tell compelling stories. Anything pertaining to crime or drugs was the furthest from my mind, but the opportunity presented itself via Jabari Hayes. When I met Jabari I still had the notion that any individual involved with the drug game were terrible people unworthy of second chances. Jabari is jovial, a charismatic people person and ran his business with the culture of customers first. He's a father, a husband, a mentor, a loving son, just an all around great person to know. Which shocked me to learn of his involvement with an notorious drug cartel.

After I evaluated the friendship he and I developed over the past 2 years and after finishing his book, my idea that drug dealers were the scum of the earth completely changed. Before me was a man that was raised in fire, climbed his way out of unimaginable circumstances to become a college graduate. He made some bad decisions that landed him in prison but upon his release, Jabari turned his life around. He was given a second chance and he made the very best of it. There was no malice in his heart, he wasn't violent and he wasn't without remorse. Jabari wasn't the worst type of person imaginable as I was taught him to be.

I realized that my mother and aunts were wrong and I thought just how many other people believe what I was told for so many years. Deciding to do this documentary was to show people that people involved in the drug game are not evil people. They are not all violent, murderous thugs that society should lock up and throw away the key. Most importantly I want people to walk away not judging individuals with a criminal background because we are all one mistake, one situation, one heartache away from making a decision that will change our lives forever. I want viewers to walk away feeling hopeful that people can and do change everyday. I want the drug dealer, the crack addict, the ex-felon, the kid who has a parent addicted to alcohol or drugs to understand that no matter how bad life is now, if Jabari can make it out and change his life, you can too.

THE PLAYERS

CO-CONSPIRATOR



Wayne "Way" Joyner

Allegedly introduced the Flenorys to their Mexican cocaine connection. Scheduled for trial Nov. 26.

WITNESS



Harold Wilcox

Cooperating co-defendant against Terry. Pleaded guilty to cocaine and money-laundering charges; faces up to 135 months.

WITNESS



Benjamin Johnson

Cooperating co-defendant and friend of the Flenorys in their early years. Charged with cocaine distribution; not yet pleaded guilty.

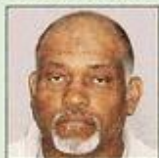
WITNESS



Charles Parson

Cooperating co-defendant against Terry. Pleaded guilty to cocaine and money-laundering charges; faces up to 87 months.

CO-CONSPIRATOR



Charles "Pops" Flenory

Father of Meech and Terry. Pleaded guilty to money laundering; faces up to 37 months.

THE KINGPINS



Demetrius "Big Meech" Flenory

Alleged leader of BMF's Atlanta hub. Scheduled for trial Nov. 26.



Terry "Southwest T" Flenory

Alleged leader of BMF's L.A. hub. Scheduled for trial Nov. 26.

WITNESS



Marc Whaley

BMF associate allegedly threatened for giving statements to the feds. Sentenced to 30 months for money laundering.

WITNESS



Eric Bivens

Cooperating co-defendant against Terry. Charged with cocaine distribution and money laundering; not yet pleaded guilty.

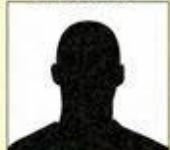
CO-CONSPIRATOR



Jacob "The Jeweler" Arabov

Owner of swanky New York jewelry store Jacob & Co. Pleaded guilty to falsifying documents and making false statements; faces up to 46 months.

WITNESS



Karream Sheard

Cooperating co-defendant against Meech. Charged with cocaine distribution and money laundering; not yet pleaded guilty.

CO-CONSPIRATOR



Barima "Bleu Da Vinci" McKnight

Sole rapper signed to Meech's record label. Charged with cocaine distribution; not yet apprehended.

CO-CONSPIRATOR



Chad "J-Bo" Brown

BMF's alleged second-in-command. Pleaded guilty to cocaine and money-laundering charges; faces up to 235 months.

CO-CONSPIRATOR



Tremayne "Kiki" Graham

BMF associate and ex-son-in-law of Mayor Shirley Franklin. Sentenced to life imprisonment on cocaine charges; under investigation for a double homicide.

WITNESS



Damon Thomas

Grammy-nominated music producer and cooperating witness against Terry. Charged in a federal "superseding indictment" with making false statements to agents, an indication he'll bypass indictment and plead guilty.

VICTIM



"Prince" Drummond

Shot to death in 2004, allegedly by Daniels, in the parking lot of a now-defunct Midtown club.

CO-CONSPIRATOR



Fleming "III" Daniels

BMF's alleged third-in-command. Charged with the Velvet Room murder and with cocaine distribution in two separate indictments.

WITNESS



William "Doc" Marshall

Former BMF C.F.O. cooperating in at least four investigations, and witness to the Velvet Room homicide. Sentenced to 100 months for fraud and money laundering.

VICTIM



Ulisses Hackett and Misty Carter

Hackett, a co-defendant and prospective federal witness against Graham, and Carter, Hackett's 24-year-old girlfriend, were shot to death in 2004 — allegedly on orders from Graham.

WITNESS



Arnold Boyd

Cooperating co-defendant against Terry. Pleaded guilty to cocaine and money-laundering charges; faces up to 121 months.

JABARI HAYS

WESLEY ROBERTS



JABARI EX-WIFE

ZAVIERE SAMPSON

BIG MEECH

GEORGE CASH BOYKIN





DIRECTOR, WRITER & EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

SHAUN M. MATHIS

Shaun M Mathis is an Atlanta based writer, director, producer and is the co-owner of Laconic Productions. Shaun got his start in 2012 when he began interning for Studio 11 Films, Eyeam Cinema and Ralph Wilcox Productions which led to him writing on several independent projects. In 2014, Shaun wrote & directed 2 web series Threesome & Rich Brothers that has won a combined 27 film festivals. Also, in 2015 Shaun co-wrote & co-produced the short film, "Take Over Your Trap", starring Grammy nominee 2 Chainz, that premiered at the 2016 SXSW Film Festival. Currently, Shaun is working on several new projects and Miles in the Life is his first documentary & second feature film.

ASSISANT DIRECTOR & PRODUCER

JEMONIQUE MILLER

Born and raised in Atlanta, Jemonique, also known as Jem, received her Bachelors of Arts in Communications and Media Studies with a concentration in film production from Clayton State University. She began working in the sports broadcasting field working on productions such as "Thursday Night Football" and "The Final Four Games," but soon crossed over to film working on the hit web series "Threesome" and "The Single Life" Season 2. She has worked on many other projects as assistant director and continues to build her portfolio and resume as a future director.



PRODUCER & EDITOR

JUSTIN TOULON

Justin Toulon, co-founder of Laconic Productions, doubles as the ever-adaptable lead Director of Photography and endlessly clever Editor. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from LIU C.W. Post, May 2011 in Film, and his Master's of Business Administration from Dowling College, May 2013. His initial passion in film was to be an editor until stepping behind the camera and being a Director of Photography as well. Justin worked for the top-rated television show "Inside Edition" as a Junior Editor until July 2014 when he moved to Atlanta, Georgia. Justin runs the Atlanta branch of Laconic Productions. Since arriving in Atlanta, Justin has been behind the lens for many music videos, films, and web series.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

JABARI HAYES

In 1999 Jabari Hannah was an All American track athlete, graduate of Morehouse College, and young entrepreneur of an up-and-coming valet service in Hotlanta. The American dream was his to have. But only five years later he becomes entwined within the top ranks of the infamous Black Mafia Family, one of the most lucrative and dangerous black drug cartels of this century. When Jabari Hannah's father shipped him out of Brooklyn and away from a crack-addicted mother, the hope was that living with family in St. Louis would keep him away from the pitfalls of urban life. But it was in this small, slow-moving city that he would become close with his Uncle P who would ultimately give Jabari a passport into the drug world he was supposed to have escaped. Always entrusted to holdup to his family's expectations, Jabari soon finds himself slipping more and more into the drug-running lifestyle of luxury cars, sprawling mansions, strippers and prostitutes, but yet still maintains a detest of drug dependency and a philosophical introspectiveness which separates him from the gun and pill popping gangsters surrounding him.

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DURATION

96 MINUTES

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