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Da Rumor Mill

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What up doe! Happy New Year! The year 2020 isn't lookin' so merry for some. It's already appearing to be a year for catchin' cases.

Rapper DaBaby may have to man up this year. He was recently arrested in Miami for an alleged robbery. He is accused of robbing a concert promoter. Word has it that DaBaby thought the promoter had shorted him out of several thousand dollars. Seven police cars reportedly came to the scene and arrested DaBaby. He dodged a lot of mess in 2019. We'll have to wait to see, if he's able to continue.

When it comes to dodgin' a case, talk show host Tavis Smiley hopes to dodge some of his own. The media personality has been accused of sexual harassment. PBS canceled his "Tavis Smiley" show, when he was accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a woman on his staff. The #MeToo movement has reportedly been putting the claims on blast. Tavis is accused of asking a former employee about her bra size and offering to take her to Victoria's Secret. Several women reportedly admitted to having consensual relations. Another producer on his show was allegedly told to keep their sexual relationship a secret and then was fired. Another woman supposedly said that Tavis asked her why she was "playing hard to get" on a business trip. In 2000, a woman claimed that Tavis grabbed her butt during a photo session. And, an accuser says that when she went to his home, he opened the door butt naked and asked her to join him in a threesome with an executive producer. Am I trippin'? Or, does most of the accusations

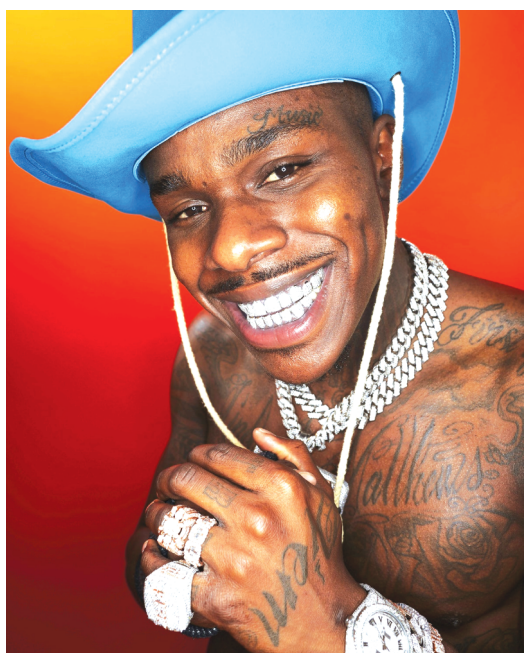
sound like bogus claims in an attempt to bring down another black man? He didn't force any of them to say "Yes".

Speaking of sayin' "Yes", singer and jailee R. Kelly reportedly hoped his brother Carey Kelly would say "Yes" to a \$50,000 bribe to take the fall for him in a child sex tape scandal. "Perjure myself in a court of law and risk jail time for some stuff that didn't have anything to do with me," Carey said.

"He was saying, 'Man I'll buy you a car, I'll buy you a record deal, I'll give you \$50,000,' I said, 'Let me tell you, something man. You ain't got enough money for me to say that's me because it ain't worth me selling my soul.' That's right. What good is it to have money, if you can spend it behind bars? Besides, isn't there a limit on how much you can spend on commissary? I'm just sayin'."

Rapper Young Buck (aka David Darnell Brown), of the G Unit, probably wishes he had enough money to bribe someone to take a fall for a recent child abandonment case he caught. He was reportedly arrested last month in Tennessee on an outstanding felony fugitive warrant that was issued in Georgia. He's reportedly being held without bond and is awaiting extradition to Georgia. Fans are asked to donate by signing up for a Securus account and can participate in a live video chat. If he had bit his tongue and not started a verbal feud with 50 Cent over comments made about his relationship with a transgendered woman, maybe 50 could have given him some of that Power money.

And, we're headin' back to da street to make our own loot - hustlin' for the New Year. Peace out!



Bounce Trumpet Awards

PRNewswire/ -- Martin Lawrence, Cedric the Entertainer, Marsai Martin, Ambassador Andrew Young, Hydeia Broadbent and Phylicia Fant were named as honorees for the 28th Annual Bounce Trumpet Awards, an exciting and inspirational night celebrating African-American achievements and contributions.

Hosted by EMMY® Award-winning comedian, actress and writer Wanda Sykes, the gala black-tie honors took place Dec. 4 at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood and will world premiere on Bounce on Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 p.m. ET. Bounce, the fastest-growing African American network on television, exclusively owns, produces and telecasts the star-studded event. Visit www.trumpetawards.com for more information.

Among the artists scheduled to appear, perform or present: Anthony Anderson, Niecy Nash, Steve Harvey, Vanessa Bell Calloway, George Lopez, Mike Epps, Faith Evans, NAS, Rapsody, and more.

About this year's honorees:

Iconic comedian and actor Martin Lawrence will be given the Luminary Award, which honors an individual who has risen to the top of their field and has illuminated and inspired others along the way. Lawrence became a household name with the success of his hugely-popular self-titled television series, Martin, while going onto star in an impressive list of blockbuster movies including Bad Boys, Blue Streak, Big Momma's House and Life.

Cedric the Entertainer, one of the "Original Kings of Comedy" and star of the popular CBS sitcom The Neighborhood, will be honored with the Excellence in Enter-

tainment Award. With a career spanning 30 years, Cedric's universal appeal, versatility, and tremendous career successes in film, live performance, and television have solidified his standing as one of the top entertainers.

Fifteen-year old actress Marsai Martin, currently starring on the hit ABC series Black-ish, will receive the Rising Star Award presented by McDonald's, which recognizes a young person who is quickly establishing themselves by making a significant impact in their particular field.

Civil Rights icon Ambassador Andrew Young will receive the Xernona Clayton Award of Distinction presented by the 2020 Census, named for the legendary Trumpet Awards founder which recognizes individuals who have succeeded against immense odds and heralded change and prosperity to enhance and enrich the world. Young's work for civil and human rights, his many years in public office as Congressman, United Nations Ambassador and Mayor of Atlanta, his leadership of the Atlanta Olympic Games, his advocacy of investment in Africa through GoodWorks International and much more are among the highlights of his extraordinary life of service.

The Community Activist Award, which recognizes an individual who dedicates their time and energy to raising awareness of an important cause or issue and to fight for change in their community, will be presented to HIV/AIDS activist and public speaker Hydeia Broadbent. Broadbent has spent her life spreading the message of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention as a distinguished international speaker.

The Lighthouse Community Center Presents

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