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PATRICE O'NEAL/Mr. P: Following in that freewheeling, shoot from the hip lineage that runs from Redd Foxx to Richard Pryor to Chris Rock, O'Neal obviously left us too soon as he was just really making his mark. This record captures a performance from soon before he recently died that finds him riffing in-the-moment hilarity that uses the audience the way Gallagher uses sledge hammers. An unyielding steamroller that takes it to the streets and says what's on his mind, as well as what's on everyone else's mind, O'Neal will bowl you over with his energy before you even digest the jokes. It seems like he was more well-known to comedy insiders and hipsters, unfortunately ala Bill Hicks, and if you might have missed this comedy comet at least he left this behind so you can hitch a ride on his tail. Check it out.

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