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Former Mobile County Resident's Band Signs with Major Label

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<u>His Name was Yesterday</u>, a band out of Buffalo New York, with ties to the Mobile, Alabama area, finally got the break they worked so hard for. The lead vocalist and lyricist <u>John David Green</u> age 28 is a local young man, born in Milton, Florida, and raised in Citronelle, Alabama since the age of 6. John attended <u>Citronelle High School</u>, and <u>Faulkner state Community College</u>. He Joined the Army in 2002 until 2006. He was stationed at Ft. Drum in New York. After he did his tour in Afghanistan and was discharged from the Army, John set out for Buffalo, NY on a whim, with only \$200.00 in his pocket and a dream he meant to fulfill. John's intentions were to pursue music. Prior to joining the band <u>His Name Was Yesterday</u>, he was affiliated with a quite a few bands that didn't quite pan out for him, one of the bands he was affiliated with was a Culf Coast band, formally known as Dizter



HNWY BAND Frm L-R Ron Lepine, Charlie Beyer, John Green, Andy Watts, and Mike Kauffman~2010 Photo: Photo/Courtesy of HNWY

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While in Buffalo, John faced some roadblocks. After struggling from job to job, he auditioned for several bands including the band <u>Stemm</u>, who was looking for a replacement for TJ Frost. Unfortunately he wasn't chosen by <u>Stemm</u> and was actually on the verge of giving up and returning to Citronelle. Three days before acting upon his decision to go back home, he received a phone call from a guy named <u>Mike</u> <u>Kauffman</u>, who is the Drummer and founder of the band <u>His Name was Yesterday</u> wanting John to join their band. Finally the struggles paid off and what he didn't know at the time, that phone call changed his life forever. Three years later, <u>His Name Was Yesterday</u> signed with <u>Catch 22 Recordings</u> on September 13, 2010, and <u>MVD Entertainment</u>.

With <u>John David Green</u> on board as the Lead vocalist, the other band members for <u>His Name Was</u> <u>Yesterday</u> are, <u>Mike Kauffman</u> of Medina, NY, on drums,. They have two guitarist, <u>Andy Watts</u> also of Medina, and <u>Ron Lepine</u> of Niagra Falls. The bassist for the band is <u>Charlie Beyer</u> of Lockport, Ny. <u>His Name was Yesterday</u> have shared the stage with many well known bands such as, <u>Korn</u>, <u>Rob Zombie</u>, <u>Five Finger Death Punch</u>, and <u>Framing Hanely</u>. They also toured with <u>Stemm</u>, in the UFC's Jagermeister "Ride or Die Tour 09" Where they performed most of the country from Montanna to Florida, and also the mid-west. Also on their own they toured the Gulf Coast, North East region of the country, and the mid-west.

As mentioned before, <u>His Name Was Yesterday</u> released their EP in 2007 "Witness to A Dying World" was produced by <u>Doug White's Watchmen Studios</u>. <u>Doug White</u> also produced <u>Gym Class</u> <u>Hereo's</u>, and a band called, "<u>Every Time I Die</u>"

On September 21, 2010, <u>His Name Was Yesterday</u> released their single "Again and Again" John stated, "The lyrics to this song are about overcoming your struggles in life, and empowering yourself to face adversities" that single is now available thru <u>iTunes</u>. Their brand new album, with <u>Catch 22 recordings</u> will drop November 9, 2010. It will be available at all retail stores worldwide and at <u>iTunes</u>. You can also preorder their self titled album now at <u>Amazon.com</u> and also on <u>iTunes</u>. Their official tour is set to begin in the spring of 2011. They are hoping for a mini tour in the Winter of 2010 but not sure if that will be a possibility. John David Green said he would like to come back to the Gulf Coast soon to perform again, and to see what they can do for the oil spill disaster. For more information on <u>His Name was Yesterday</u> to find out where they will be in your area, for ticket information, News and and merchandise, you can check out their website at <u>www.hisnamewasyesterday.com</u>, their myspace page,

<u>www.myspace.com/hisnamewasyesterday</u>, their Twitter page is <u>@HNWY</u> and you can also check out their facebook page, <u>www.facebook.com/hisnamewasyesterday</u>. For booking Information for <u>His Name</u> <u>Was Yesterday</u>, you can conatact <u>Streamline productions</u>.

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