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# Now on DVD: Tupac Shakur: His Final Hours

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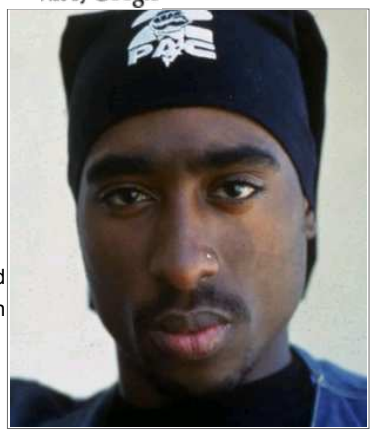

Interested in following a "psychological detective story attempting to uncover the mystery of why" Tupac Shakur, "king of rap" and "angry voice of urban America," died on September 7, 1996, in Las Vegas? If you are, pull up a chair, grab your favorite beverage, and pop *Tupac Shakur: His Final Hours* in the old DVD player.

The problem with this detective story is that it hasn't ended yet. Fourteen years after Shakur's death, no one has been arrested. Does anyone know who killed him? Well, his killer does, and it's likely that there are quite a few others who have been clued in. But, officially, the only known reason for his murder is that he had enemies--in the music business, in gangs, and those he had alienated in the drug business.

Another in the dramatization series, *Final 24*, this dramatization/documentary follows the career of the "most successful hip-hop artist of all time" up until his death, using archival footage, dramatic re-enactments, and interviews with friends and family. Those interviewed are cousin Jamala Lesane, mother Afeni Shakur, Big Syke (Outlaw Immortalz), E.D.I. Mean (Outlaw Immortalz), friend Ray Luv, *Vibe* magazine editor-in-chief Danyel Smith, personal assistant Molly Monjauze, and bodyguard Frank Alexander.

September 7, 1996, Shakur drove to Las Vegas with his cousin, girl friend, and other associates. He was going to attend a Mike Tyson fight and then perform at Club 662. He and his cousin were also celebrating their birthdays. To kill time before the fight, Shakur and a few friends gambled and enjoyed drinks together.

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Following the Tyson fight, Shakur returned to his hotel room to change for his show. He decided not to wear his customary bullet-proof vest, possibly because it was too warm. At 11:17 p.m., on the way to Club 662, a white Cadillac pulled up next to his BMW, spraying bullets into his car. Shakur was taken to a hospital where he underwent two emergency operations. His right lung was removed and a coma was medically induced. Six days into the coma, Tupac Shakur died; he was 25 years old.

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