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Rapper "The Game" Pleads to Assaulting Off-Duty Officer During Basketball Game

Rapper "The Game" pleaded no contest today to assaulting an off-duty police officer during a basketball game at a high school in Hollywood, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jayceon Terrell Taylor, 37, entered a no contest plea to one misdemeanor count each of criminal threats and battery. Taylor also pleaded no contest to one felony count of grand theft.

Deputy District Attorney Deann Rivard said the rapper was immediately sentenced to three years of formal probation, 120 hours of community service and 26 anger management counseling sessions.

On March 29, 2015, Taylor and an off-duty Los Angeles police officer were on opposing teams in a basketball game when the defendant intentionally fouled, then sucker-punched the victim who had just stolen the ball from the defendant and scored a basket, the prosecutor said. Taylor threatened to kill the victim once the defendant was ejected as a result of the punch, the prosecutor added.

Weeks later on April 11, 2015, Taylor grabbed and threatened a man filming him being served with legal papers outside of his house and kept the victim's camera, the prosecutor said.

Case BA436951 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division.

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