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EXCLUSIVE: Cain McKnight, Witness in Diddy Civil Case Dies Under Suspicious Circumstances in Dallas



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The Fixer Who Knew Everything: Cain McKnight, Diddy's Dallas, and a Death That Doesn't Add Up

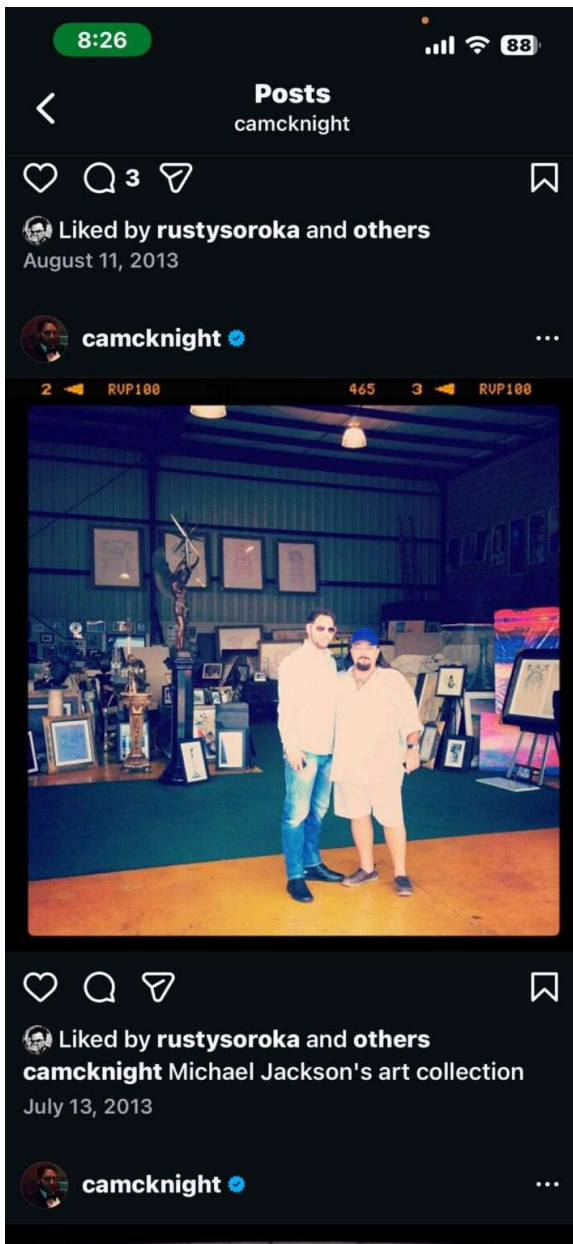
EXCLUSIVE: [Cain McKnight](#) is dead at 51 – just days after his name was provided as a witness to defense counsel in a civil **Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs** case.

His [Celebration of Life](#) was held today in Hurst, Texas — just miles from the **Dallas mansion** where **Sean “Diddy” Combs** and **Kristina Khorram** ran a satellite empire, and where **McKnight** was a frequent guest, trusted contact, and essential operator.



According to music industry [publicist and producer Jonathan Hay](#) — who knew McKnight intimately, worked alongside him for years, and spoke exclusively to this publication — McKnight’s death bears all the hallmarks of something far darker than an accident. And with it, a critical witness in Hay’s ongoing legal dispute against **Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs, C.J. Wallace, Willie Mack and the Notorious B.I.G. estate.**

McKnight is now allegedly the fifth person linked to **Diddy’s Dallas mansion to die under suspicious circumstances.** **McKnight was a partner with Wallace, Mack, Combs and Hay**, in the Notorious B.I.G. cover project, **‘Ready to Dance.’** The project was a dance cover album of songs by the deceased rapper, **Christopher George Latore Wallace**, better known as **The Notorious B.I.G.** Hay states the project was mainly active between **2020 and 2021**, overseen and collaborated on by **Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs, Johnny Depp, Shawn Carter (Jay-Z)**, and others.



A Death That Doesn't Add Up: "He Has a Tester"

Hay does not believe McKnight's death was accidental, and his reasoning is specific.

For someone who had spent decades operating in the highest and most dangerous tiers of the drug trade, **McKnight was not the kind of person who would die from a careless mistake.** The [Los Angeles Times reported](#) that "Prosecutors believe that McKnight, who was arrested in April 2000 in Texas, used strippers and cocktail waitresses to smuggle as many as 2 million of the pills into the country from **March to December 1999 as part of a larger drug trafficking organization.**"

Cain found himself in new legal trouble in 2023, [charged by the SEC in an \\$8.4 million investment fraud scheme.](#)



Jonathan Hay y su socio, Cain McKnight.



McKnight's son Jedai and Hay shared the same birthday—December 16—a coincidence that Hay says deepened their personal bond while they worked intensely together in **Dallas and Los Angeles between 2020 and 2021**.

"We all worked together in a business partnership with The Notorious B.I.G. Estate and Bad Boy Records," Hay said. "In March 2021, we left that partnership". The falling out between Hay and the Notorious B.I.G. Estate and Combs, is the subject of Hay's current pending lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

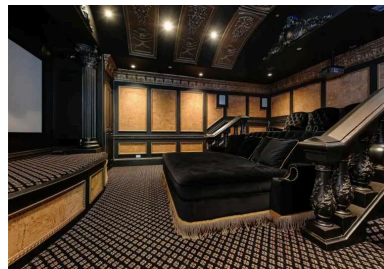
The Dallas Operation

Sean Combs' company, [Combs Global](#), was based out of Dallas, Texas — a fact that has received remarkably little media attention given the magnitude of the criminal case surrounding its founder. According to our source, McKnight was allegedly at the center of that Dallas operation.



Left to right: JT Barnett, Don Klein, Jonathan Hay, un-named person, and Cain McKnight, photographed at the Diddy mansion in Dallas, TX. Source: Instagram camcknight.

“Cain was the boss of Dallas that got everything set up police-wise,” the anonymous source said — describing a man whose underworld connections made him indispensable to Combs’ infrastructure. McKnight was a frequent guest at Diddy’s Dallas mansion. He lived nearby in his own mansion. He brought women to the property. He set up deals. And critically, he dealt directly with Kristina Khorrām — known as “KK” — Combs’ chief of staff, who prosecutors in the federal trial have since labeled an **“agent and co-conspirator.”**



The rented Dallas TX, mansion.

“Combs and Cain would hold drug competitions to see who could do more,” the anonymous source said. “They were friendly with each other — he was Diddy’s drug go-to.” **McKnight was the drug dealer to the Hollywood stars according to the source.**

Allegedly, **McKnight supplied ecstasy for Combs’ notorious “freak offs” and what insiders called “(Wild) King Nights”** — the drug-fueled sexual events that are now the centerpiece of the federal racketeering and sex trafficking case that has landed **Combs a 50-month sentence.**

McKnight is allegedly now the fifth death connected to Diddy's Dallas mansion. Among the previous deaths was Lorenzo Washington — a 6'2" former football player providing security at the mansion, known as "Zo" and "Lolo" — whose death, like the others, was never satisfactorily explained. Washington was [reported dead](#) from **suspected carbon monoxide poisoning**.



Former Sean 'Diddy' Combs security guard, Lorenzo Washington, [died at 34 years old](#).

The Biggie Connection

McKnight's role reportedly extended far beyond drugs. He was alleged to be **one of the primary go-betweens for Combs and the Notorious B.I.G. Estate** — a position that made him a **critical witness** in Hay's legal case against Combs, C.J. Wallace (Biggie's son), and the estate itself.

In 2020 and 2021, McKnight worked alongside Hay and animator Michael Fukunaga of FUNimation on a series of music projects tied to the Biggie legacy. The projects involved C.J. Wallace, his brother Josh "Jahad" Wallace, Combs' son Christian "King" Combs, and extended to business dealings involving Jay-Z (Shawn Carter) and others.

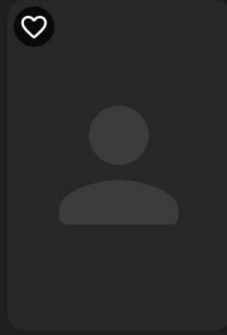
"Cain was essential to Diddy because of his underworld connections," the anonymous source said. McKnight was not merely a participant in these projects — he was the connective tissue between the street-level operations and the boardroom-level deal-making that characterized the Combs syndicate.

Hollywood's Former Supplier

McKnight was a **West Coast figure** who had built relationships across the entertainment industry's highest echelons over decades. He worked as an executive producer on several [documentaries](#), including 'Unsolved: The Murders of Tupac and the Notorious B.I.G.' Ironically, Sean 'Diddy' Combs has been alleged to have been [involved in the murders](#) of both.

Cain McKnight

Producer



Originally from Dallas, Texas, Cain McKnight is an Emmy-award-winning executive producer whose work has left an indelible mark on the film industry. Among his notable projects are "Lap Dance," a star-studded ensemble featuring Stacey Dash, Nia Peeples, Carmen Electra, and Omari Hardwick, and "Kid Cannabis," featuring Jonathan Daniel Brown, Kenny Wormald, Ron Perlman, and John C McGinley... >

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Known for



Kid Cannabis

★ 6.4

Producer

2014



Lap Dance

★ 4.6

Producer

2014



Unsolved: The Murders of Tupac and th...

★ 7.8 TV Mini Series

Producer

2018 • 4 eps



Cobain: Montage of Heck

★ 7.5

Producer

2015



Cain McKnight, [IMDB](#).

"He was a West Coast guy—he knew **Nipsey Hussle**, **The Game**, and other big names. He entered clubs through the back door. **Everyone loved him and respected him.**"

The source described **McKnight's Hollywood connections** in stark terms. In Los Angeles, McKnight was connected to **Leonardo DiCaprio**, **Matthew McConaughey**, **Johnny Depp**, and **Marilyn Manson (Brian Warner)** — keeping them supplied. **Robert Downey Jr.** was a frequent presence in these circles, though it's been noted the actor had cleaned up many years prior.

McKnight arrived in **Los Angeles** around **February 2021** to continue work on the music projects, staying with Hay and others in rentals. During that period, McKnight attended a listening party at **Johnny Depp's Sweetzer home alongside Hay and other collaborators**. **Depp** was one of several artists involved in the [related music productions](#) — including the **Nirvana Reimagined** project that emerged after a planned **Marilyn Manson** cover project was cancelled. The music projects seemed to all revolve around **Johnny Depp, and his nephew Billy Rassel**, who were business partners with **Cain McKnight** and **The Biggie Estate**. Johnny Depp has a music recording studio at his home in West Hollywood, which was used by the likes of **The Foo Fighters**, **The Red Hot Chili Peppers**, and others. Depps reportedly close relationship to Sean Combs is key, says the source.



On McKnight, the source stated: "He had connections to **Scoter Braun**, **Michael Becker**, and was involved in the movie **Twilight** — he helped get money together for the film."

McKnight was also close to **LA Lakers players, including LeBron James and his manager Rich Paul** — both of whom maintain **documented ties to Combs**. Through his company, **FOA**, McKnight was connected to numerous sports agents. "He owned the company, but couldn't put his name on it," the source said — a detail that speaks to the shadow nature of McKnight's entire professional existence.

In Brooklyn, McKnight and Hay rented a house from **former NBA star Lamar Odom** — "who he felt bad for."

A Pattern That Demands Investigation

Cain McKnight's death does not exist in isolation. It exists within a documented pattern of people connected to **Sean 'Diddy' Combs** dying under circumstances that have never been adequately investigated.

It exists within the context of a federal trial that has already exposed a criminal enterprise built on drug-fueled coercion, trafficking, and systematic abuse — an enterprise that, according to Hay and the evidence presented in court, ran through Dallas just as aggressively as it ran through Miami and Los Angeles.

And it exists within the context of an ongoing legal dispute in which **McKnight was a named witness** — a man who could testify to the inner workings of the **Combs-Wallace business machinery**, the drug supply chain that powered the "freak offs," and the relationships between Combs, Carter, and the broader network of entertainment figures who benefited from McKnight's silence.

That silence is now permanent.

A Celebration of Life for Cain McKnight was held today, **March 6, 2026**, at [Lucas Funeral Home](#) in Hurst, Texas. He is survived by his son Jedai, his partner Genevieve Gurchak, his mother Nancy, his brother Brent, his sister Harmony, and numerous extended family members.

He was 51 years old.



Cain McKnight

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