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DRAMA CONTINUES FOR CHIEF KEEF & ALKI DAVID'S TROUBLED HOLOGRAM CONCERT

Shortly after Chief Keef and Alki David announced they were rescheduling Keef's hologram after cops shut it down on July 25, Madison Square Garden has severed its involvement with the concert.

By **Billboard Staff**



Chief Keef performs as part of the Rock the Bells Tenth Anniversary at San Manuel Amphitheatre on Sept. 7, 2013 in San Bernadino, California.

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UPDATE: Despite Alki David’s claim that Madison Square Garden severed a verbal agreement to participate in **Chief** (<https://www.billboard.com/artist/299119/chief-keef/chart>)**Keef** (<https://www.billboard.com/artist/299119/chief-keef/chart>)’s beleaguered hologram concert, Madison Square Garden denies having *ever* been involved with Keef and David in the first place.

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“We stand by our earlier statement that there was and is no agreement or

partnership in any way,” an MSG spokesperson tells Billboard. In a follow-up phone call, Alki reiterated his claim.

Keef's concert to raise money for those affected by gang violence has been marred from the start by pushback from many Chicago officials, including Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who doesn't seem to believe the gang-affiliated rapper has changed his ways. The attempted July 25 concert in nearby Hammond, Ind., was stopped by local police.

[Chief Keef vs. Chicago \(https://www.billboard.com/articles/news/6649099/chief-keef-chicago-concert-shut-down-rahm-emanuel-mayor-hologram\)](https://www.billboard.com/articles/news/6649099/chief-keef-chicago-concert-shut-down-rahm-emanuel-mayor-hologram)

Here's David's original statement, which includes a claim that MSG roundly denies:

“Andrew Lusgarten and his team from Madison Sq Gardens were on the phone with us earlier this week and they couldn't be more excited about getting into the Hologram USA business. I mentioned Keef to them and his controversial image but they didn't seem to mind,” David says. “We had a verbal agreement to build the partnership and ‘agreed to agree on the exact terms’ but basically agreed to move forward with a mid September show as the first in a series Hologram USA specials.

“Apparently since doing their research The Madison Square Gardens people have bought into Rahm Emanuel's disturbing disregard for the 1st amendment rights. Personally I feel disappointed and but not surprised. Regardless the show will go on.”

The concert was set to be held simultaneously in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles this September. to be live streamed on FilmOn.com. David is the creator

and driving force behind FilmOn.com. The concert will raise money for families affected by violence as well as charities working to stop the violence in Chicago's South Side.

Reporting by Dan Hyman and Joe Lynch.

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