

## **Soulja Boy Now ‘Deeply Sorry’ for Anti-Military Lyrics**



After angering some Army vets with some choice words in his new single “Let’s Be Real,” rapper Soulja Boy has issued an apology. “Let’s Be Real” lyrics include, “F–k the FBI and the army troops ... fighting for what? Be your own man...”

Retired Marine and current LA County Veteran’s Advisory Commissioner Fred A. Flores demanded an apology from the “ungrateful” artist, telling TMZ, “It’s a very offensive statement... especially with the 10th anniversary of 9/11 coming up. He should apologize to ALL armed forces.”

Soulja Boy apologizes and explains the context of those lyrics in an essay on GlobalGrind.com. He writes:

“As an artist, I let my words get the best of me. Sometimes there are things that we feel, things that we want to express, and when we put them on paper and speak them out loud, they can come out wrong. When I expressed my frustration with the US Army, not only did my words come out wrong, I was wrong to even speak them. So, I write this to give my sincerest apology to all members of the United States military services, as well as their families that were offended by my most recent lyrics.”

“As a young man who grew up in the post-9/11 era, I have watched our country fight two wars that seem like they are never going to end. I have seen thousands and thousands of our brave men and women get killed in battle and often times I think, for what? A lot of people in this country are struggling to make ends meet and I think a lot about what if we had never gone to war. Where would our economy be? Our schools, our after-school and work programs, our streets? I mean, damn, 48 people got shot in New York City just this past weekend ... in 3 days

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... I'm not saying that it is just because of a bad economy, but at a certain point we have to take care of our own people."

"In no way would I ever want to offend those who are protecting our freedoms ... a lot of homeboys who I grew up with, a lot of people who come from the neighborhoods we live in ... In no way do I want to hurt any of our honorable soldiers who put their lives at risk, regardless of how they feel about the two wars we fight in. I am just frustrated that we haven't been able to bring you all home quick enough and my frustration got the best of me. I am deeply sorry."

### Venus Williams says she 'absolutely' will return



Venus Williams revealed that she has been diagnosed with the autoimmune disease Sjogren's syndrome. Williams also added that she "absolutely" plans to return to tennis.

Williams withdrew from the U.S. Open before her second-round match because of the illness, which can cause fatigue and joint pain. She was slated to play Sabine Lisicki, who is a decade younger than the 31-year-old Williams.

In an interview Thursday with ABC's "Good Morning America," Williams said: "I think the best thing that could have happened for me this summer was to feel worse so I could feel better."

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Williams, who has won seven major titles including two U.S. Opens, told the New York Times that she hoped to return to the tennis court later this month during the Asia swing of the women's tour.

"That's my goal," she said. "I'm going to do the best I can."

Dr. John FitzGerald, an assistant clinical professor of rheumatology at UCLA, told the Los Angeles Times' Diane Pucin that most Sjogren's patients have an inflammatory phase and a chronic phase.

"An athlete might see a very dramatic drop in his or her level of performance, even once the disease is under control," Matteson said. "I'd love to see her back at the top of her game, but I don't think it's a guarantee."

### **T.I. heads back to jail less than a week after release**



After being released early from federal prison rapper T.I. landed back in the slammer.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons wrote on their website Friday that the rapper, whose real name is Clifford Harris, is staying at the Atlanta penitentiary and is set to be released September 29.

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Although the Federal Bureau of Prisons can't comment on the exact reasoning for the charges, T.I.'s attorney, Steve Sadow commented that it regarded his transportation. "The Federal Bureau of Prisons appears to have an issue with the circumstances surrounding TI's transportation from Arkansas to Atlanta."

He also told the The Associated Press that authorities still haven't issued a formal notice of imprisonment.

The rapper was escorted out of his eleven month sentence and began his trek to Atlanta on the private motor coach Wednesday.

TMZ reported that no drugs or alcohol were present on the bus at the time of the arrest.

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