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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

**Petition for Cancellation**

Notice is hereby given that the following party has filed a petition to cancel the registration indicated below.

**Petitioner Information**

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**Registration Subject to Cancellation**

Registration No.	5052994	Registration date	10/04/2016
Registrants	Rodgers, Peter A. 360 E. 234th Street Apt 5F New York, NY 10026 UNITED STATES  Foster, Relva Chad 350A Quincy Street New York, NY 11216 UNITED STATES		

**Goods/Services Subject to Cancellation**

<p>Class 041. First Use: 2014/09/23 First Use In Commerce: 2014/09/23 All goods and services in the class are subject to cancellation, namely: Entertainment services, namely, audio recording in the field of music; Audio and video production, namely, mastering sequencing, editing and mixing of compact discs, phono records, cassettes, electronic recordings and other mediums of recording music; Production of music and sound recordings both domestically and internationally; Production of television programs; Production of motion pictures; Arranging and conducting of concerts; Production of musical sound recordings; Music composition for others; Music publishing; Entertainment services, namely, live, televised and movie appearances by a professional entertainer; Entertainment services by a musical artist and producer, namely, musical composition for others and production of musical sound recordings</p>
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**Grounds for Cancellation**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act Sections 14(1) and 2(d)
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No use of mark in commerce before application, amendment to allege use, or statement of use was filed	Trademark Act Sections 14(1) and 1(a), (c), and (d)
Abandonment	Trademark Act Section 14(3)
Registrant not rightful owner of mark for identified goods or services	Trademark Act Sections 14(1) and 1
Consists of or comprises a name, portrait, or signature of a living individual without written consent, or the name, portrait, or signature of a deceased president without the written consent of the surviving spouse	Trademark Act Sections 14(1) and 2(c)
Fraud on the USPTO	Trademark Act Section 14(3); In re Bose Corp., 580 F.3d 1240, 91 USPQ2d 1938 (Fed. Cir. 2009)

### Mark Cited by Petitioner as Basis for Cancellation

U.S. Application/ Registration No.	NONE	Application Date	NONE
Registration Date	NONE		
Word Mark	TEKASHI69 6IX9INE		
Goods/Services	entertainment, live performances, music and music recordings		

Attachments	Tekashi69 Petition to Cancel 10.11.18.pdf(208628 bytes ) Tekashi69 Canc. Exhibit A.pdf(2276554 bytes ) Tekashi69 Canc. Exhibit B.pdf(5875094 bytes )
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Signature	/William R. Samuels/
Name	William R. Samuels
Date	10/11/2018

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DANIEL HERNANDEZ	)	
	)	Cancellation No. _____
Petitioner,	)	
	)	In the matter of trademark registration
v.	)	Registration No. 5052994
	)	
PETER A. RODGERS,	)	For the mark TEKASHI69
RELVA CHAD FOSTER	)	
	)	Registered on October 4, 2016
Respondents.	)	

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Daniel Hernandez (“Mr. Hernandez” or “Petitioner”), believes that it is being damaged by the continued registration of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5052994 (“the ‘994 Registration”) owned by Peter A. Rodgers and Relva Chad Foster (“Registrants” or “Respondents”) for the TEKASHI69 mark (“TEKASHI69 Mark”), and hereby petitions to cancel the same. As grounds for its Petition to Cancel, Petitioner alleges the following.

**Petitioner’s Rights in TEKASHI69**

1. Mr. Hernandez is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the TEKASHI69 Mark, which he has continuously used since at least January 2014.
2. Mr. Hernandez is the recording artist professionally known as 6ix9ine and Tekashi69 and Petitioner has used the 6ix9ine and Tekashi69 marks (the “Petitioner’s Marks”) with entertainment, live performances, music and music recordings since 2014. Mr. Hernandez has given the exclusive right to Strange Entertainment, LLC a.k.a Tenthousand Projects, LLC to use his name/aliases, likeness, biography or other personal indicia in connection with the label’s distribution, promotion and other exploitation of his master recordings. *See Exhibit A.*

3. To be clear, Petitioner's Marks have been continuously and extensively used, advertised and promoted nationwide and internationally for more than 4 years, in connection with various of Mr. Hernandez's entertainment-related goods and services, including music composition, recording and performances, as well as for merchandise, including clothing.

4. During the last 4 years, Mr. Hernandez has made a strong public impact as an artist and performer under the 6ix9ine Marks that goes beyond the music industry. Mr. Hernandez has sold more than 4 million records in the U.S. and worldwide under the 6ix9ine Marks. His collaboration with culturally significant artists and musical acts, including Nicky Minaj, Kanye West, and the recording artist known as 50 Cent, demonstrates and confirms Mr. Hernandez's fame and success.

#### **Petitioner's Right of Publicity**

5. Mr. Hernandez has exclusive right to commercialize his name(s), images, signature, likenesses, and other indicia, including specifically his names 6ix9ine and Tekashi69 (the "Right of Publicity").

6. Use of any element of Mr. Hernandez's Right of Publicity without his permission constitutes a violation of those rights.

7. Mr. Hernandez currently has more than 12 million followers on Instagram under the handle "@6ix9ine"; 278,000 followers on Twitter under the handle @6ix9ine; and his official Facebook page has 732,244 followers under the name Tekashi 6ix9ine and Facebook Messenger handle @Official6ix9ine. This further proves Mr. Hernandez being commonly recognized and identified as 6ix9ine and Tekashi69. *See Exhibit A.*

## **PETITIONER HOLDS PRIORITY**

8. Petitioner's Marks have been continuously and extensively used, advertised and promoted in interstate commerce in connection with the entertainment-related goods and services, including music composition, recording and performances, as well as for merchandise including clothing, from a date prior to November 5, 2015, the filing date of the underlying application Ser. No. 86810352 ("Application") for the '994 Registration, and October 4, 2016, the registration date of the '994 Registration, as well as September 23, 2014, the alleged first use date from the '994 Registration.

9. As a result of Petitioner's widespread use, advertising, and promotion of Petitioner's Marks in connection with the entertainment-related goods and services, including music composition, recording and performances, as well as for merchandise including clothing, such marks have become a distinctive indicator of the origin of Petitioner's goods and services, have acquired a favorable reputation among relevant members of the purchasing public, and have become a valuable symbol of Petitioner's goodwill.

10. The Petitioner's Marks became famous as a source identifier denoting a connection with Mr. Hernandez at least as early as January 2014, before the filing date of the Application.

11. Notwithstanding Petitioner's prior rights in the Petitioner's Marks – derived from its use in connection with entertainment-related goods and services, including music composition, recording and performances, as well as for merchandise including clothing – and notwithstanding Petitioner's prior rights in the name "Tekashi69", Respondents, on November 5, 2015, filed the Application seeking registration of an exclusive right to use the TEKASHI69 Mark in connection with: Entertainment services, namely, audio recording in the

field of music; Audio and video production, namely, mastering sequencing, editing and mixing of compact discs, phono records, cassettes, electronic recordings and other mediums of recording music; Production of music and sound recordings both domestically and internationally; Production of television programs; Production of motion pictures; Arranging and conducting of concerts; Production of musical sound recordings; Music composition for others; Music publishing; Entertainment services, namely, live, televised and movie appearances by a professional entertainer; Entertainment services by a musical artist and producer, namely, musical composition for others and production of musical sound recordings.

#### **ADDITIONAL FACTS REGARDING RESPONDENTS**

12. In support of the application for the '994 Registration ("Application") Respondents' allegation that the mark TEKASHI69 was in use, Respondents provided screenshots showing use of the TEKASHI69 Mark by Mr. Hernandez. All the screenshots refer to Mr. Hernandez's musical work, performances and recordings, namely screenshot of a video and audio recordings of Mr. Hernandez's song titled "Scumlife", a collaboration video of the Petitioner with Bodega BAMZ, new video for "69", and a digital track for the song titled "Pimpin'" ("Specimen"). Upon information and belief, the Specimen does not reflect any bona fide commercial use of the mark by Respondents but instead demonstrates use by The Petitioner and was fraudulently created by Respondents solely to be submitted as proof of use with the Application for the purpose of obtaining registered rights in the mark TEKASHI69. *See* Exhibit B.

13. Upon information and belief, neither Respondents nor any other entity have used the mark TEKASHI69 in bona fide commerce in connection with the applied-for services by the date of first use claimed in the Application.

14. Upon information and belief, neither Respondents nor any other entity have ever used the mark TEKASHI69 in bona fide commerce in connection with the applied-for services.

**COUNT I**  
**Likelihood of Confusion**

15. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 14, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

16. The mark in the `994 Registration is so similar or identical to Petitioner's Marks in appearance, sound, meaning and commercial impression that the use and registration thereof by Respondents for and in connection with the services listed in the `994 Registration is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and deception as to the source or origin of Respondents' services and will injure and damage Petitioner and the goodwill and reputation symbolized by Petitioner's Marks.

17. Respondents' services are so closely related to goods and services provided by Petitioner under and by reference to the Petitioner's Marks and to entertainment goods and services provided by Petitioner under and by reference to the TEKASHI69 Mark that relevant consumers and others are likely to be confused, to be deceived, and to assume erroneously that Respondents' services are those of Petitioner or that Respondents are in some way connected with, sponsored by or affiliated with Petitioner, all to Petitioner's irreparable damage and injury.

18. Under the circumstances, continued registration of the mark in the `994 Registration for the claimed services is likely to cause Petitioner to lose control over the goodwill and valuable reputation represented by and derived from the TEKASHI69 Mark and the use in relation to overlapping and closely related goods and services.

19. Registration of the mark in the `994 Registration, in light of the prior rights of Petitioner in its TEKASHI69 Mark, is therefore likely to cause confusion, mistake and/or deception among members of the relevant purchasing public, resulting in damage and injury to Petitioner in violation of Section 2(d) of the Trademark Act. 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

**COUNT II**  
**15 U.S.C. §1125(a)**

20. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 19, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

21. Respondents' Mark so resembles to Petitioner's Marks in appearance, sound, meaning and commercial impression that the continued use and registration thereof by Respondents for and in connection with the services listed in the `994 Registration constitutes a false designation of origin, false and/or misleading description of fact, and a false and/or misleading representation of fact, which is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Respondents with Mr. Hernandez and/or origin, sponsorship, and/or approval of Respondents' services and commercial activities by Mr. Hernandez, and/or to cause confusion, mistake, and deception as to the source or origin of Respondents' services, and will injure and damage Petitioner and the goodwill and reputation symbolized by the name TEKASHI69 and Petitioner's Marks.

**COUNT III**  
**Dilution - 15 U.S.C. §1125(c)**

22. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 21 as if set forth in their entirety herein.

23. Through considerable investment and promotion by Petitioner, the TEKASHI69 Mark has become famous for entertainment services.



24. The TEKASHI69 Mark became famous prior to November 5, 2015, the filing date of the Application.

25. Because the mark in the '994 Registration is identical to Petitioner's Marks, its continued registration is likely to trade on the considerable goodwill associated therewith and dilute their distinctiveness.

26. Registration of the TEKASHI69 Mark for the services listed in the '994 Registration is therefore likely to cause dilution by blurring and by tarnishment of the Petitioner's famous TEKASHI69 mark, resulting in damage and injury to Petitioner in violation of Section 43(c) of the Trademark Act. 15 U.S.C. §1125(c).

**COUNT IV**  
**15 U.S.C. §1052(c)**

27. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 26, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

28. The TEKASHI69 Mark is comprised of a name that identifies a particular living individual, namely Mr. Hernandez, without his written consent.

29. Mr. Hernandez is so well known that consumers will assume a connection between Mr. Hernandez and the services bearing his name, resulting in damage and injury to Petitioner, in violation of Section 2(c) of the Trademark Act (15 U.S.C. §1052(c)).

**COUNT V**  
**Wrong Party Identified As The Respondents**

30. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 29, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

31. Upon information and belief, and based on the results of thorough investigation, Respondents had not used the mark identified in the `994 Registration for the services claimed therein as of the date of the Application, despite the Application being based upon the provisions of Section 1(a) of the Trademark Act (15 U.S.C. §1051(a)).

32. Accordingly, Respondents had not derived any rights in the TEKASHI69 Mark at the time of their Application, and therefore could not be construed to be its “owner.”

33. The `994 Registration is therefore void. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a).

#### **COUNT VI**

##### **Lack of Commercially Bona Fide Use**

34. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 33, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

35. Upon information and belief, and based on the results of thorough investigation, Respondents had not initiated use of the TEKASHI69 Mark in commerce for the services claimed in the Application as of the filing date of the Application, November 5, 2015.

36. Registration of the TEKASHI69 Mark therefore violates 15 U.S.C. §1051(a).

37. Based upon the foregoing, the `994 Registration is void. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a).

#### **COUNT VII**

##### **Respondents Does Not Offer the Claimed Goods**

38. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 37, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

39. On information and belief, and based upon the results of thorough investigation, Respondents do not and, at all times relevant to this proceeding, have not offered the services claimed in the Application, and registration should be denied as a result. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a).

40. Based on the foregoing, the '994 Registration should be canceled.

**COUNT VIII**  
**Specimen Not in Use**

41. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 40, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

42. In support of their Application, Respondents submitted therewith screenshots showing use of the TEKASHI69 Mark. All the screenshots refer to and depict Mr. Hernandez's use of the TEKASHI69 Mark with musical work, performances and recordings, including screenshot of a video and audio recordings of Mr. Hernandez's song titled "Scumlife", a collaboration video of Petitioner with Bodega BAMZ, a new video for "69", a digital track for the song titled "Pimpin'" ("Specimen") and represented that the Specimen had been used in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the November 5, 2015 by Respondents.

43. Upon information and belief, that representation regarding the Specimen was false.

44. Upon information and belief, Respondents had not used their Specimen in commerce in relation to the services claimed in the Application by the date of their application, nor by the date of first use claimed in the Application. In fact, Respondents have never used the TEKASHI69 Mark at all.

45. Registration of the TEKASHI69 Mark therefore violates 15 U.S.C. §1051(a), and should be cancelled.

**COUNT IX**  
**Fraud on the USPTO – Lack of Ownership**

46. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 45, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

47. In support of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, the Respondents signed and submitted the following declaration:

The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements, and the like, may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the Respondents; he/she believes the Respondents to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes Respondents to be entitled to use such mark in commerce; to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

48. Upon information and belief, and based on the results of thorough investigation, Respondents were not the owner of the TEKASHI69 Mark sought to be registered at the time of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035.

49. Upon information and belief, and based on the results of thorough investigation, there was no use in commerce from which rights could have arisen, and the supporting declaration is therefore false;

50. Nonetheless, upon information and belief, the signatory for Respondents represented Respondents as owner of the TEAKSHI69 Mark in order to deceive the USPTO into allowing the Application, Ser. No. 8681035 to proceed to registration.

51. These falsehoods are material to the registrability of the mark because if Respondents did not hold any rights based upon use in commerce or caused the Application, Ser. No. 8681035 to be executed by an unauthorized or non-existent person, the Application, Ser. No. 8681035 is void. 15 U.S.C. §1051.

52. Respondents' fraudulent representations effectively deny Petitioner the rights to which it is entitled, resulting in cognizable damage and injury to Petitioner.

53. Based upon the foregoing, the Application, Ser. No. 8681035 is void. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a).

#### **COUNT X**

#### **Fraud on the USPTO – Lack of Bona Fide Use**

54. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 53, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

55. In the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, Respondents submitted that they have used the TEKASHI69 Mark in commerce for the goods claimed in the Application since at least as early as September 23, 2014.

56. Upon information and belief, that representation was false.

57. Upon information and belief, Respondents had not used the TEKASHI69 Mark in commerce by the date of their application, nor by the date of first use claimed in the Application.

58. In fact, Respondents have never used the TEKASHI69 Mark at all.

59. Respondents' false representations as to use of the TEKASHI69 Mark are material to the registrability of the TEKASHI69 Mark because if Respondents had not used the TEKASHI69 Mark by the filing date of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, then registration would violate Section 15 U.S.C. §1051(a).

60. Upon information and belief, Respondents knew of the falsity of their representation.

61. Upon information and belief, Respondents represented themselves as having used the TEKASHI69 Mark in order to deceive the USPTO into allowing the Application, Ser. No. 8681035 to proceed to registration.

62. Respondents' fraudulent representation, if accepted, would effectively deny Petitioner the rights to which it is entitled, resulting in cognizable damage and injury to Petitioner.

63. Based upon the foregoing, the '994 Registration must be cancelled.

#### **COUNT XI**

#### **Fraud on the USPTO – Services Not Offered**

64. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 63, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

65. In support of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, Respondents represented that they had offered the services claimed therein.

66. Upon information and belief, and based on the results of thorough investigation, that representation was false.

67. Upon information and belief, Respondents had not offered the services as of the claimed date of first use, nor by the date of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035.

68. In fact, Respondents have never used the TEKASHI69 Mark at all.

69. Respondents' false representations as to providing of their purported services under the TEKASHI69 Mark are material to the registrability of the mark because if

Respondents had not offered their services by the filing date of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, then registration violates Section 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1).

70. Upon information and belief, Respondents knew of the falsity of their representations.

71. Upon information and belief, Respondents represented themselves as having offered the services listed in the `994 Registration in order to deceive the USPTO into allowing the Application, Ser. No. 8681035 to proceed to registration.

72. Respondents' fraudulent representations effectively deny Petitioner the rights to which it is entitled, resulting in cognizable damage and injury to Petitioner.

73. Based upon the foregoing, the `994 Registration must be cancelled.

**COUNT XII**  
**Fraud on the USPTO – Specimen**

74. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 73, above, as if set forth in their entirety herein.

75. In support of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, Respondents submitted therewith a specimen bearing the TEKASHI69 Mark and represented that the Specimen had been used in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035.

76. Upon information and belief, that representation was false.

77. Upon information and belief, Respondents had not used the TEKASHI69 Mark in commerce in relation to the services listed in the `994 Registration by the date of their application, nor by the date of first use claimed in the Application, Ser. No. 8681035.

78. Respondents' false representations as to their Specimen, as stated, are material to the registrability of the mark because if Respondents had not used the TEKASHI69 Mark

by the filing date of the Application, Ser. No. 8681035, then registration violates Section 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1).

79. Upon information and belief, Respondents knew of the falsity of their representation.

80. Upon information and belief, Respondents represented themselves as having used the Specimen in order to deceive the USPTO into allowing the Application to proceed to registration.

81. Respondents' fraudulent representations effectively deny Petitioner the rights to which it is entitled, resulting in cognizable damage and injury to Petitioner.

82. If the TEKASHI69 Mark remains registered, it will be a source of impairment and injury to Petitioner's rights to Petitioner's Marks and Petitioner's Right of Publicity.

83. Accordingly, Petitioner will be damaged by the continued registration of Registration No. 5052994, which should be cancelled in its entirety on the grounds that it has been abandoned, was never actually used, and/or was secured based on fraud.

The required fee has been provided.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that Registration No. 5052994 be cancelled with prejudice, that this Petition to Cancel be sustained in Petitioner's favor, and for such other and further relief as the Board deems just and proper. The cancellation fee in the amount of \$400 is submitted herewith.

Date: October 9, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

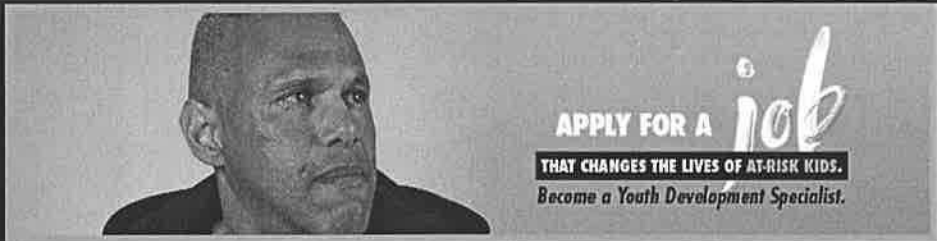
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# EXHIBIT A



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## Tekashi 6ix9ine Reveals The Meaning Behind "69"

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### Tekashi 6ix9ine explains what "69" in his name means.

Tekashi 6ix9ine is one of the most talked about people in the rap game right now. However, many have wondered where his name derives from exactly. Many have wondered the meaning behind "69" and even more people have assumed its a reference to the sexual position. Today, he took to Instagram to reveal exactly what "69" stands for.

Tekashi 6ix9ine took to Instagram to share the meaning behind what "69" stands for and it's probably not what you thought. He shared the explanation along with a photo of him hugging an older lady during his trip to Dominican Republic recently.

"I never lost sense of where I came from. That's what makes me 69. The true meaning of 69 is just because you're right doesn't mean I'm wrong YOU JUST HAVENT SEEN LIFE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. Turn the 6 upside down it's 9 but remains the same in a different perspective. Open your mind and heart ♥️" He wrote.



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His explanation comes shortly after he shared footage from his trip to the Dominican Republic. The trip was seemingly eye opening for the rapper.

"I always thought I knew the meaning of being poor, 'til I got to DR and it showed me and gave me a realization of what being poor really was." He said in the clip. He later shared footage of him giving \$100 bills to the children in the country. Peep that here.

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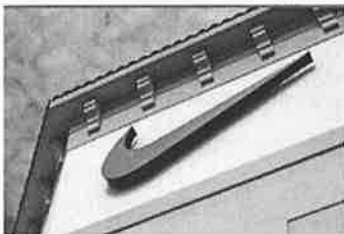


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**Who's Making Noise 1?** @RapCatchUp · Sep 28  
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Chiefy Sah @chiefysahh · 5h  
Court later they gone lock me up cause im tr3yway #Tekashi69

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Pdby @DibyPhilip · Sep 23  
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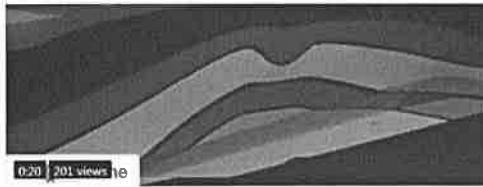


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Six9ine 🥰❤️❤️ THIS WAS BACK WHEN U GUYS MADE FUN OF ME FOR BEING FAT :/ I lost all that weight in 3 weeks because I'll read the comments for motivation 🙏🙏

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**DJ NCENDIO** @DINCENDIO · Sep 28  
El Paso TX are u ready it's Treywaaay!!! 🙌 #tekashi69 @ El Paso, Texas  
[instagram.com/vy/BoK3a8dH\\_93/](https://www.instagram.com/vy/BoK3a8dH_93/)


**Blair Bryngelson** @blairbryngelson · 9h  
🙌 Tekashi out here gettin that #Nintendo money!! @six9ine @nintendo @mariokart8deluxe #tekashi69 #tekashi9ine #nintendoswitch #switch #mariokart #mariokart8deluxe

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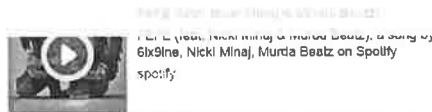
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# Meet 6ix9ine: The First Rap Star of 2018 Is Easy to Hate, Impossible to Ignore

In an age of problematic artists, this Brooklyn rapper redefines the conversation

By Donnie Kwak | Mar 1, 2018, 2:49pm EST

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Let's start with "Gummo," because that's where it started for me, about 130 million YouTube views ago, before I knew anything about the colorful, controversial Brooklyn rapper who calls himself 6ix9ine.



"Gummo" is a boastful, gun-heavy street anthem from the borough that practically invented the form. While the aggressive threats may seem mundane, the song's cohesive package—the cold open, the uneven structure, the sparseness of the beat—the darkness of the visuals—shows signs of a confident vision



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6ix9ine's lyrics aren't particularly clever, but they are slickly delivered and catchy. The sum effect of the track, at under three minutes, is effortlessly sinister.



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And then there's 6ix9ine himself. The 21-year-old rapper is of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage and resembles an anime character adopted by Bloods: half killer, half kawaii. He has the rainbow coif and face tattoos of his new-school contemporaries but none of their torpid, drug-induced languor. The sound is urgent and unapologetic. 6ix9ine's performative rage recalls Onyx or M.O.P., though his flamboyant style is born of the SoundCloud era.

Released last October, "Gunnmo" reached as high as no. 12 on the *Billboard* Hot 100, followed by the equally menacing singles "Kooda" and "Keke," both of which also charted. 6ix9ine's debut mixtape, *Day69*, which dropped last Friday, is projected to land in the top five on the *Billboard* album chart next week. He is undeniably an artist on the rise, and improbably, the rapper poised to bring New York back. **P**ower of attraction is woven in his ability to repel. There are myriad reasons to hate the first new rap star of 2018, but he is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.

**N**owhere is the "bad men making good art" debate more fraught than in hip-hop, where misbehavior is often celebrated. Rap is, as Jon Caramanica wrote in *The New York Times* earlier this year, "a genre in which tolerance of complicated histories tends to be high, and in which skepticism about institutions like law enforcement can reframe someone accused of a crime as an anti-authoritarian folk hero."

For some, 6ix9ine's transgressions are impossible to reframe. Three years ago, the artist born Daniel Hernandez, then 18, pleaded guilty to the use of a child in a sexual performance. The charges stem from videos Hernandez circulated on social media in February 2015 in which he appears with an underage girl and a separately charged adult man. In one, Hernandez stands behind the fully nude girl "making a thrusting motion with his pelvis and smacking her on her buttocks," per the criminal complaint. In the same clip, Hernandez is present as the other man forces the girl to make oral contact with his genitals. In another clip, the other man gropes the girl. Hernandez claimed to police that he believed the girl to be of legal age; she was only 13.

Hernandez accepted a plea deal in October 2015 to avoid jail time; his sentencing

Herandez accepted a plea deal in October 2019 to avoid jail time, his sentencing has since been adjourned several times because he has yet to obtain the GED required by the agreement. He's next due in court April 10, when he will either get probation or be sentenced to prison.

#### News of 6ix9ine's criminal charges

resurfaced—and were circulated by his many enemies—in the aftermath of the viral success of “Gummo” last year. By then, 6ix9ine had already cultivated a reputation as a provocateur, well before he had “69” tattooed all over his face and body. He grew up in Bushwick and dropped out of school in eighth grade when his father was shot and killed. His internet notoriety originated as a Hypebeast meme, was furthered as a profane social media troll, and evolved into a musical persona. 6ix9ine's early raps, distributed by a Slovakian record label, were collaborations with Zillakami and Trippie Redd, artists with whom he has since fallen out. Those initial experiments helped mold his signature sound and style, culminating in the breakthrough of “Gummo.”

6ix9ine has been taunted with calls of “child rapist” and “pedophile,” but they have hardly slowed his career ascent, other than to provide those who subjectively dislike his music an objective reason to steer clear of it. In his essay about XXXTentacion, another controversial young rapper, my colleague Micah Peters concluded that there are an infinite number of artists more deserving of your attention than a man charged with heinous crimes. However, consciously avoiding 6ix9ine isn't as easy as shuffling to the next SoundCloud page.

Because of his physical appearance, unrefined musical aesthetic, and rapid rise, 6ix9ine has been lumped in with XXXTentacion and the emergent SoundCloud crop. But 6ix9ine's Brooklyn bona fides remain his dominant gene. In New York, validation arrives in the form of Flex-dropped bombs; being “the king” is a tangible achievement, not just an internet abstraction. 6ix9ine thus occupies the center of the Venn diagram connecting the disparate worlds of SoundCloud and NYC rap—and it's a space he has all to himself.

“Like many recent young rappers, [6ix9ine]'s been castigated as an augur of the death of ‘real’ hip-hop,” wrote *Vulture*. I'd disagree; 6ix9ine is an unconventional New York rapper who is abiding by New York rap conventions in a way that demands the attention, if not the respect, of its gatekeepers. (Swizz Beatz and Fat Joe are two of 6ix9ine's veteran cosigns.) Shock-value artists are content with infamy; 6ix9ine's goal is ubiquity, which puts him in line with every rapper who grew up where hip-hop lives. So 6ix9ine is more similar to fellow Brooklynite Bobby Shmurda than he is to Lil Pump. And like Shmurda, who's serving a recently extended prison sentence, things may yet end badly for 6ix9ine.

**E**ven with a spare 27-minute run time, *Day69* grows tiresome quickly. Its strength—repetitive brute force—is also its weakness. The best songs—“Billy,” “Gummo,” “Kooda,” and “Keke”—verge on great; the bad are nearly unlistenable. At a certain point, it becomes less like music and more like an angry young man yelling incessantly into your ear. It's a mixtape that suggests potential but is a work in progress—in other words, a debut.

Whether or not 6ix9ine is fit to be the new savior of NYC rap, or is even worthy of praise at all, is another matter altogether. If he eludes prison, there's a vision of 6ix9ine's future in which he leans into the controversial aspects of his past as fodder for his music, a DMX for the SoundCloud generation. There's another in which he becomes the new Stitches, screaming profanely into oblivion. Either

way, 6ix9ine will never escape his past; it's endemic to his story.

He is both promising and problematic, an increasingly common paradox that only intensifies his relevance, in rap and in the culture at large. In the *Times*, Caramanica wrote that "knowing the details of [rappers'] alleged criminal behavior makes listening a charged act." 6ix9ine's music is so urgent that it already feels charged, despite the context. Try as we might, it won't be so easy to

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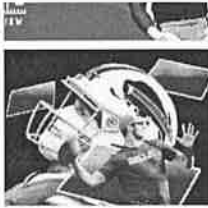
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## Review: Rapper Tekashi 6ix9ine Takes Dodgy Stage Dive Into Fame on 'Day 69'

The Brooklyn provocateur mixes toxic rants and a grim metal-influenced trap style.

★★★★★

By CHARLIE ADORN



America's unhinged hardcore warriors are never going to stop fighting for their right to party. Still, it's not too late to protest the viral contagion that has infected Tekashi 6ix9ine's Day 69 as the new soundtrack for that crucial rite of passage. Born Daniel Hernandez in Bushwick, Brooklyn, the 21-year-old rapper is the latest beat rock to skip across the ISPs of boundary-testing, (mostly male) adolescent music fans. But with this debut mixtape (which debuted in the Top Five of the *Billboard* albums chart), 6ix9ine's squall feels desperate no longer after impact. Shrieking about abusing women and drug-related violence, namechecking *Bleeds and Craps* to affirm his hood credentials, he makes Migos sound like Maya Angelou.

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Sure, the *Jams* a flood-like synth strings, *Stranger Things* ambience, gunshot sound effects, and simple 808 clap of Top 20 hit "Gummo" (created by Pierre Bourne, who also produced Playboi Carti's hit "Hugoboss") are laughably catchy. But this is 6ix9ine's show, as he makes painfully clear by repeatedly dropping a clip of him screaming "SCUMGANG!" in an attempt to hype his SCUMGANG69 brand. Posturing and cackling to decreasing effect, he carries around the record like a dejected Muppet having a make-up episode.

In the Internet-borne hip-hop world which has incubated 6ix9ine, best rises and disappears rapidly, so an instant to constantly strike the fire it takes in from the start. Previous "SoundCloud Rap" rease celebret/mega-trink XXXTentacion and Lil Pump exploited various social-media platforms (including YouTube and Instagram) to scoutlike potential fans and publicize their lo-fi DIY music. Such is the case with 6ix9ine's rise to prominence. Hernandez first grabbed online notice as a streetwear provocateur — sporting sweatshirts emblazoned with "PLUSS" and "HIV" — before gradually transforming into "Tekashi 6ix9ine," adopting a hardcore punk-and-dark-metal-influenced trap style from underground New York City graders like ZillaKami, Gauruonana, Tharaxx, et al., while incorporating rainbow hair extensions, a rainbow grill (also worn by ZillaKami), over-the-top face tats, and outlandish costumes. His music at that time, especially with ZillaKami ("Tokai," "Rolling Stones"), was a delicious riot, one framed that it seemed to mirror some computer-generated phantasies. He served as a colorful, yet racially ambiguous anime handi-garade in a genre challenging the distorted nihilism of XXXTentacion's crossover hit "Look at Me."

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6ix9ine's dodgy stage-dive into the spotlight launched when he joined up with this era's-punk rapper Trippie Redd, signing with Trippie's label Strange Entertainment, the Capital-distributed company founded by the son of Universal Music Group Chairman/CEO Sir Lucian Grainge. Trippie gifted her new labelmate with the "Gummo" lead (never consulting with Bourne the producer, who skirted afterward), yet when evidence emerged that 6ix9ine had taken part in a video featuring a male, 13-year-old girl, Trippie denounced him. It was later revealed that 6ix9ine, then 18, had accepted a 2015 plea deal from the Manhattan District Attorney's office after admitting his guilt on three felony counts of "use of a child in a sexual performance." All this unrecovered only created more buzz, adding to a chaotic tapestry of meme-ish stunts, gang-related beef, and cancelled shows.

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*Day 69* is the rapper's chance to redress his narrative. And though gruffly barked speaker-a-sounds like "Billy" and "Kooda" display his maniacal, metallic assault appeal, they also reach peak effect, as have the antics of so many gimmicky acts, when enhanced by visual accompaniment. In the videos for both tracks, shot on Brooklyn streets, the rapper is surrounded by mostly African-American youth, who are seen wearing red or throwing up the hand sign or red bandana that represents the Nine Trey Bloods gang ("Billy" or "Billy 6ix9ine" is slang for a Bloods loyalist). They point 6ix9ine as the blunt edge of an embattled community's diffuse rage, a mad prankster run amok. At least, that's the goal.

The result, heard over *Day 69*'s 11 tracks — counting the stray "Gummo" remix featuring Offset — is a grim dash. Unlike similarly cartoonish figures, like Offset or Waka Flo, 6ix9ine flashes no humor or attempts at phrase-making or, um, songwriting. Lex Luger is not in the studio showing him with authentic sharpness. His overly reverbed flow is little more than an uncontrolled gusher of bullying faux-nonsense ("Don't start no shit won't be no shit" is one playground-style attempt). We even have to endure absurd *date of importance* via pop-friendly guests Fetty Wap and A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie, who mouth inanities like "ditches surkin' dick and give" top on the regular" or "If I'm a b, over you a shit, noly peak." The whole project has the whiff of a flimsy live set, like *Cray Tony* or *Alan Aut Paris*, but without any prep candy for teenage girls. Instead, we get toxic behavior from a stunted kid whose little bar pealed. If we can learn anything from this record, it's that we should be more like 6ix9ine.

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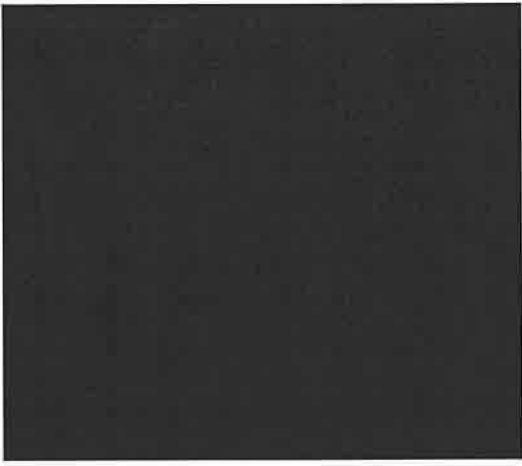
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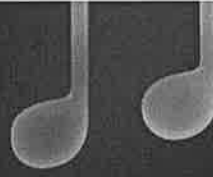
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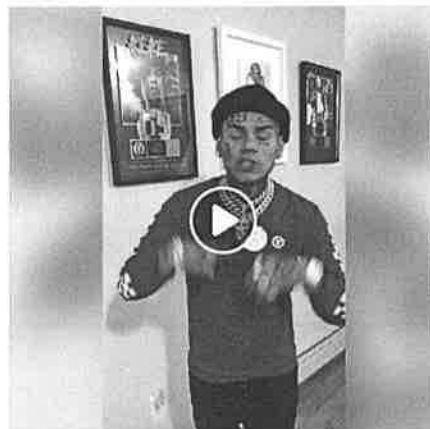
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**Daniel Hernandez** (born May 8, 1996), known professionally as **6ix9ine** (pronounced "six nine") or **Tekashi 6ix9ine**, is an American rapper. He is known for his unconventional appearance, controversial behavior and brute-force screaming technique in his songs.<sup>[1]</sup>

Hernandez rose to fame in late 2017 with the release of his debut single "Gummo". The song peaked at number 12 on the US *Billboard* Hot 100 and was certified platinum by the RIAA. In early 2018, Hernandez released his debut mixtape, *Day69*, which debuted at number four on the *Billboard* 200 album chart. He earned his first top-ten entry on the Hot 100 with "Fefe", featuring Nicki Minaj and Murda Beatz, which peaked at number three.

His legal issues have been a subject of controversy. In 2015, Hernandez pled guilty to using a 13-year-old child in a sexual performance when he was eighteen years old.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

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## Early life

Daniel Hernandez was born on May 8, 1996 in Bushwick, Brooklyn to a Mexican mother and a Puerto Rican father. He was raised by both his mother and father until the age of thirteen and grew up alongside his brother.<sup>[4]</sup>

Hernandez was expelled from school in 8th grade, and did not return.<sup>[17]</sup> In 2009, his father was murdered, which led to Hernandez working various jobs and selling marijuana in order to help his mother financially.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Career

### 2014–2016: Early career

Hernandez began releasing rap songs in 2014. Over the next three years, he released multiple tracks and videos with titles such as "Scumlife", "Yokai", and "Healing Station", drawing attention due to his aggressive rapping style and the use of anime as music video visuals. Many of his early songs were released by FCK THEM, a music label based in Slovakia.<sup>[8]</sup> Gathering fame as an Internet meme for his rainbow-dyed hair and rainbow-plated grills, he eventually became an associate of fellow New York rapper Zillakami<sup>[3]</sup> who later began a feud with the rapper following Hernandez allegedly stealing instrumentals and songs they had made together.<sup>[10]</sup>

The release of the song "POLES1469" in April 2017, which featured Hernandez alongside rising Ohio sing-rapper Tripple Redd, was the first song performed by Hernandez to receive significant views on YouTube.<sup>[9]</sup>

### 2017–present: Breakthrough and *Day69*

Hernandez rose to prominence on social media due to a July 2017 Instagram post that went viral on both Reddit and Twitter, where Hernandez's eccentric appearance (rainbow-dyed hair, a rainbow grill, and multiple versions of the number 69 tattooed on his body) turned him into an Internet meme.<sup>[11]</sup>

Hernandez's commercial debut single "Gummo" was released on November 10, 2017 and eventually peaked at number 12 on the US *Billboard* Hot 100.<sup>[12][13]</sup> It was certified platinum by the RIAA on March 5, 2018.<sup>[14]</sup> His next single "Kooda" debuted at 61 on the Hot 100 the week of December 23, 2017.<sup>[15]</sup> On January 14, 2018, Hernandez released his third single "Keke" with Fetty Wap and A Boogie wit da Hoodie.<sup>[16]</sup>

Shortly afterwards, Hernandez announced his debut mixtape, *Day69*.<sup>[17]</sup> The mixtape was released on February 23, 2018, and debuted at number four on the *Billboard* 200 album chart with 55,000 album-equivalent units, of which 20,000 were pure sales.<sup>[18][19]</sup> According to Jon Caramanica of *The New York Times*, the tape was an outgrowth of the "SoundCloud rap explosion", and was notable for its willingness to deviate from hip-hop's prevailing sound.<sup>[14]</sup> After the release of *Day69*, two songs from the album, "Billy" and "Rondo" both debuted on the *Billboard* Hot 100 with "Billy" peaking at number 50 and "Rondo" at number 73.<sup>[20][21]</sup>

In April 2018, Hernandez released the song "Gottf", a remix of a previous feature he did for artist Packman titled "Got It, Got It".<sup>[22]</sup> The song had a music video released on April 16, 2018 which involved Hernandez donating bundles of \$100 notes to poor citizens in the Dominican Republic.<sup>[23][24]</sup> The song was added to *Day69* as a deluxe song and debuted at number 99 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 before dropping off the following week, making it his sixth consecutive Hot 100 entry.<sup>[20]</sup>

Hernandez stirred up controversy in May 2018 when he was involved in a shooting with the entourage of fellow New York rapper Casanova as part of a feud; this led to Hernandez losing a five million dollar headphone deal and being banned from the Barclays Center.<sup>[25]</sup> Following the shooting, Hernandez went silent in terms of releasing music or teasing it before releasing "Tab" featuring DJ Spinkin in June, which debuted at number 43 on the *Billboard* Hot 100.<sup>[26]</sup>

In July 2018, Hernandez had his first *Billboard* Hot 100 top five, "Fefe", featuring Murda Beatz and Nicki Minaj. The song debuted at number four before peaking at number three in its second week.<sup>[26]</sup>

## Personal and legal issues

In October 2015, Hernandez pled guilty to one felony count of use of a child in a sexual performance. Hernandez was charged with three counts of the offense after a February 2015 incident where he had sexual contact with a 13-year-old girl and later distributed videos of the incident online. Three videos are described in the criminal complaint against Hernandez. In the first video, "the child engages in oral sexual intercourse with the separately charged defendant Taquan Anderson, while the defendant, Daniel Hernandez, stands behind the child making a thrusting motion with his pelvis and smacking her on her buttocks. The child is nude in the video." The other videos show the child sitting on the lap of Hernandez while her breasts are groped by Anderson, and later sitting naked across the laps of Anderson and Hernandez.<sup>[27]</sup>

In a November 2017 interview, Hernandez claimed to have "no sexual contact" with the girl and denied knowing she was a minor. Hernandez also claimed to be seventeen at the time of the incident, although the birth date listed in the complaint against him and in his statement to the police shows he was eighteen at the time.<sup>[28]</sup>

Under his plea deal, Hernandez must obtain his GED, refrain from posting sexually explicit or violent images of women or children to social media, and not commit another crime for two years, among other injunctions. If met, the plea deal would give Hernandez three years probation and he would not have to register as a sex offender; if not, Hernandez could face up to three years in prison. In a January 2018 court hearing, it was revealed that Hernandez had failed his GED test, but had his sentencing adjourned until April 10, 2018.<sup>[29][30]</sup> The court date was later postponed, reportedly because the court did not have a copy of Hernandez's GED.<sup>[31]</sup> Prior to his sexual misconduct charges, Hernandez served jail time as a minor for assault and the sale of heroin.<sup>[11]</sup>


On July 12, 2018, Hernandez was arrested in New York for an outstanding warrant related to an incident where he allegedly choked a 16-year-old in Houston's Galleria mall in January 2018.<sup>[32]</sup>

Throughout mid-2018, Hernandez has been involved in feuds with a number of Chicago rappers including Chief Keef and Lil Reese.<sup>[33]</sup> On June 2, 2018, Chief Keef was shot at outside the W Hotel in New York City but was not hit; no injuries resulted from the incident.<sup>[34]</sup> Due to the ongoing feud, Hernandez was confirmed to be under investigation by the New York Police Department for possible involvement with the incident, despite being in Los Angeles at the time of the shooting.<sup>[35][36]</sup>

In the early morning hours of July 22, 2018, Hernandez was kidnapped, beaten, and robbed by three unknown assailants in Brooklyn. He had finished shooting a music video when three armed assailants grabbed Hernandez outside of his home and pistol-whipped him. The robbers eventually took over \$750,000 in custom jewelry and approximately \$35,000 in cash. Hernandez escaped from their vehicle and summoned police help via a stranger. He was taken to the hospital.<sup>[37]</sup>

Due to his continuing legal problems in light of his plea bargain, the Manhattan district attorney's office announced Hernandez could face up to three years in prison and possible sex offender registration for his

**6ix9ine**



6ix9ine in 2018

<b>Born</b>	Daniel Hernandez May 8, 1996 (age 22) New York City, New York, United States
<b>Other names</b>	Tekashi 6ix9ine
<b>Occupation</b>	Rapper
<b>Children</b>	1(1)
	<b>Musical career</b>
<b>Genres</b>	Hip hop • SoundCloud rap <sup>[38]</sup>
<b>Labels</b>	ScumGang • Tri3way • TenThousand Projects
<b>Associated acts</b>	Tripple Redd • Swizz Beatz
<b>Website</b>	6ix9ine.com <sup>[9]</sup>

## Discography

### Mixtapes

Title	Details	Peak chart positions										Certifications
		US <sup>[19]</sup>	AUS <sup>[40]</sup>	CAN <sup>[41]</sup>	DEN <sup>[42]</sup>	NOR <sup>[43]</sup>	NZ <sup>[42]</sup>	SWE <sup>[45]</sup>	SWI <sup>[46]</sup>	UK <sup>[47]</sup>		
<i>Day69</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Released: February 23, 2018<sup>[18]</sup></li> <li>Label: ScumGang, TenThousand Projects</li> <li>Format: Streaming, digital download</li> </ul>	4	11	5	26	14	15	15	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIAA: Gold<sup>[14]</sup></li> <li>MC: Gold<sup>[46]</sup></li> </ul>	

### Singles

#### As lead artist

Title	Year	Peak chart positions						Certifications	Album
		US <sup>[49]</sup>	US R&B/HH <sup>[50]</sup>	US Rap <sup>[51]</sup>	AUS <sup>[52]</sup>	NZ Heat <sup>[53]</sup>	UK <sup>[47]</sup>		
"Gummo"	2017	12	7	6	—	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIAA: Platinum<sup>[14]</sup></li> <li>MC: Platinum<sup>[46]</sup></li> </ul>	<i>Day69</i>
"Kooda"		50	29	—	—	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIAA: Gold<sup>[14]</sup></li> <li>MC: Gold<sup>[46]</sup></li> </ul>	
"Keke" <sup>[54]</sup> (with Fetty Wap and A Boogie wit da Hoodie)		43	22	20	—	9	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIAA: Gold<sup>[14]</sup></li> <li>MC: Gold<sup>[46]</sup></li> </ul>	
"Gotti" <sup>[55]</sup>	2018	99	50	—	—	7	55		TBA
"Tati" <sup>[56]</sup> (featuring DJ Spinkong)		46	23	—	—	8	100		
"Fefe" (featuring Nicki Minaj and Murda Beatz)		3	3	3	8	—	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIAA: Platinum<sup>[14]</sup></li> <li>MC: Gold<sup>[46]</sup></li> </ul>	

#### As featured artist

Title	Year	Peak chart positions		Album
		GER <sup>[57]</sup>	SWI <sup>[46]</sup>	
"Zkittiez" (Gringo featuring 6ixtine)	2018	6	29	TBA

### Other charted songs

Title	Year	Peak chart positions				Certifications	Album
		US <sup>[58]</sup>	NZ Heat <sup>[59]</sup>	SWE Heat <sup>[60]</sup>	SWI <sup>[46]</sup>		
"Billy"	2018	50	4	1	93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIAA: Gold<sup>[14]</sup></li> <li>MC: Gold<sup>[46]</sup></li> </ul>	<i>Day69</i>
"Rondo" (featuring Tory Lanez and Young Thug)		73	8	—	—		

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- World Domination Tour (2018)<sup>[61]</sup>

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way to Minneapolis to show himself with



Tekashi has been known for his trolling ways, and this claim has still not been confirmed by anyone outside of the Instagram post. Young Thug happened to comment on the picture of the rappers, "Ur perfect...BTW." DJ Akademiks even teased a possible collaboration between 6ix9ine and Thugger on Twitter, "That Young Thug and Tekashi 69 collab coming soon... wait on it," he tweeted with the accompanying photo.



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of bottles and glasses launched at him on stage, while the 21-year-old's "Gummo" record bellowed in the background. 6ix9ine was forced to cut his set short and eventually left the venue. He later posted a since-deleted Instagram video early Monday (Feb. 5) letting fans know that he was alright, "STILL UNTOUCHED TALKIN MY SHIT YALL HATE IT ---- TALK OF THE CITY LOL," read the caption. Last month, 6ix9ine claimed he netted a deal worth \$7.5 million on Instagram.

*Billboard* has reached out to 6ix9ine's management for comment.

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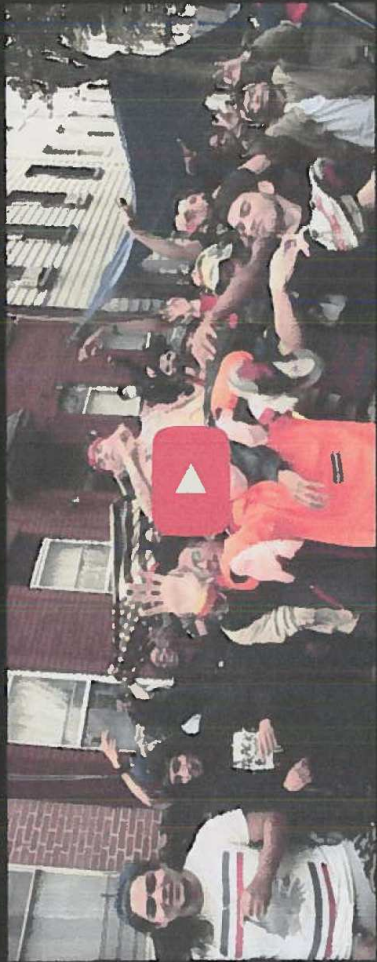
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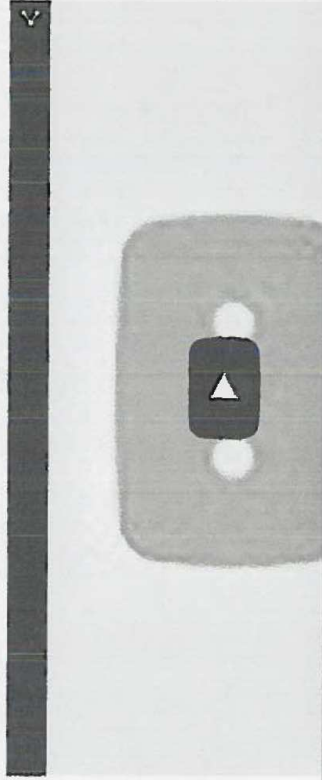
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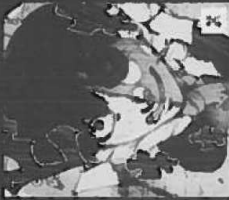
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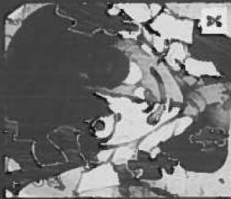
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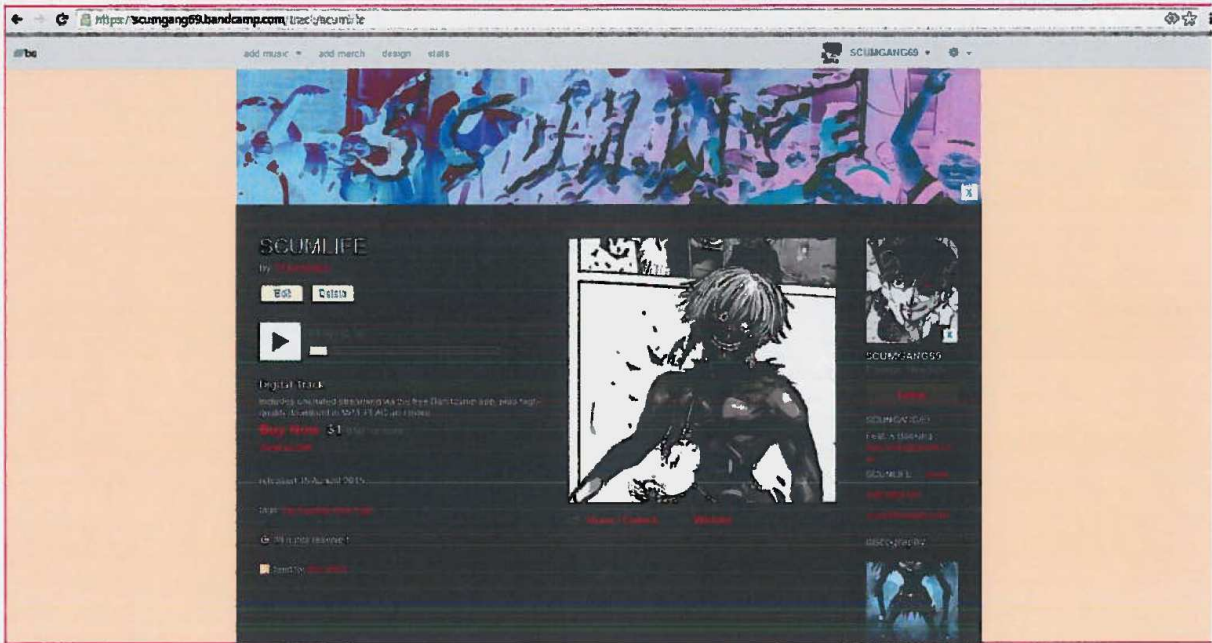
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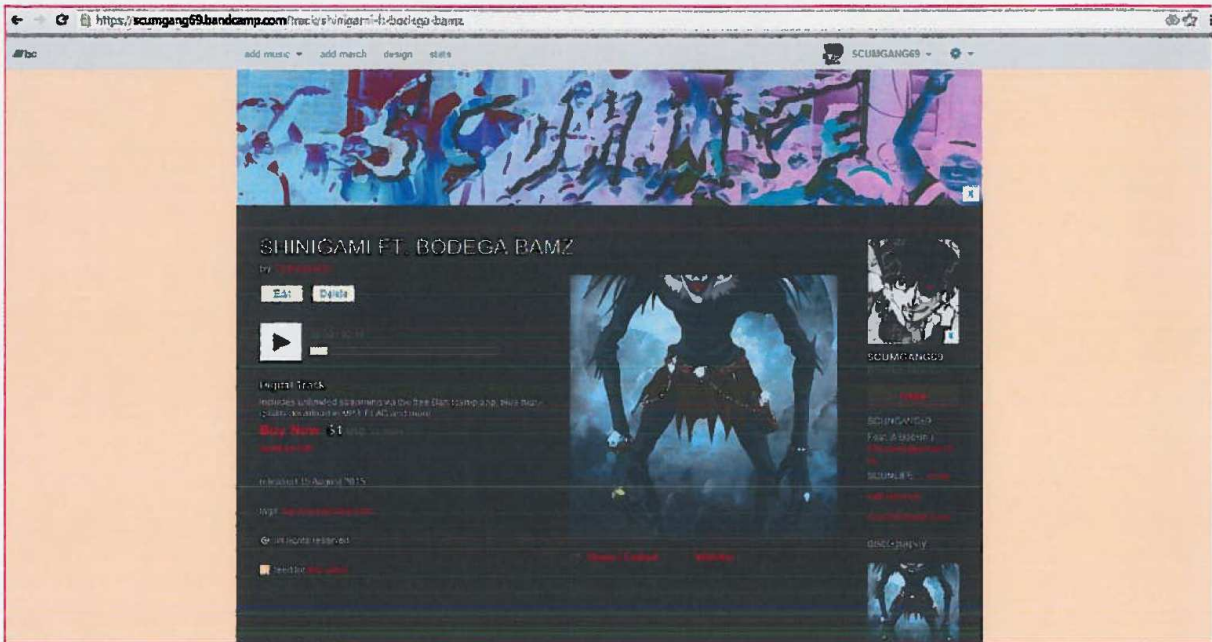
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