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Tonight Boston rapper turned reality star Raymond “Benzino” Scott is expected to take the stage at a Brockton nightclub for what is being dubbed on social media as a Columbia Point reunion.

But it’s the song that is being used to promote tonight’s event at Max Blue’s Café that has raised the eyebrows of the feds who swept through the Columbia Point development last June arresting the leaders of a prolific heroin-dealing organization led by the Love & Hip Hop star’s longtime associate William “Willie” Berry.

The rap starts with a voiceover from a news reporter about the federal takedown dubbed by officials Operation Rising Tide:

“Associates of the Columbia Point Dawgs were indicted on drug and gun charges. They say the gang started operating out of the Columbia Point housing project in the Dorchester section of Boston in the 1980’s.”

The Facebook clip ends with what appears to be a confession from the Benzino crew of affiliation with the drug dealing, gun-toting gang members known as the Columbia Point Dawgs that wreaked havoc throughout Dorchester and distributed deadly heroin all over the Commonwealth.

<https://www.facebook.com/YIMEAN/videos/vb.1223745288/10206423588648219>

***“I turned on the news
The FEDS came through
Dismantled my crew
But the sack got through”***

It remains unclear what “sack” the rap refers to but the same FBI, DEA agents and BPD detectives who took down the Berry crew last summer are now examining the song itself. And some of his former street compatriots believe that the investigation – like so many others – will come up empty.

“Benzino is the black world’s Whitey Bulger,” said one ex-con. “He’s coming back to Boston and it’s not to play duck duck goose.”

Benzino does have friends in high places. The newly-appointed Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office under Steve Tompkins, True See Allah, has known the hip-hop star and *Source* magazine founder for decades. True See Allah runs the reentry program at the prison after serving nearly nine years in prison for his role in the 1989 shooting of a man who was left paralyzed and later died. At the time True See Allah was a member of the notorious crack dealing Castlegate gang.

In 2014, former Governor Deval Patrick granted True See Allah a pardon and he is now earning \$95,000 a year in the Suffolk County Sheriff’s office and will earn a Group Four retirement reserved for law enforcement put in harm’s way. That same year his friend Benzino was shot while driving in his mother’s funeral procession on a Massachusetts highway by his nephew Gai Scott who continues to insist it was self defense.

I shot at him; I was in fear for my wife and a baby,” he said at his arraignment. “He’s been threatening my life.”

True See Allah posed with Benzino and two other notorious Castlegate gang associates last summer shortly before the arrest for a photo obtained by Michelemphee.com.



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