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The Gorilla Convict Blog

America loves its bad guys, it's like a national obsession with us. Pop culture has been fascinated with outlaw heroes since the Old West. The mythical legends of Billy the Kid, Jesse James and Butch Cassidy still resonate today. They are icons in modern society. And in the 20th century we had a different breed of bad guys- gangsters like Al Capone, Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger- all the way up to more present day icons like John Gotti and Pablo Escobar. All these characters have ingrained themselves on popular culture and the American national consciousness.

And now for the 21st century I give you the new bad guys with names like Supreme, Silk, Pistol Pete and Boy George. Hustlers extraordinaire with hitman mentalities and get mine or be mine attitudes. These street legends are a big part of hip-hop culture and they are making inroads on mainstream culture. Before pop culture ever heard of them though they were an integral component of gangsta raps lyrical lore. Artists like 50 cent, Jay-Z and Nas have dropped their names in verse but now you can read their real stories. With films like American Gangster, documentaries like Mr Untouchable, TV shows like BET's American Gangster, magazines like Don Diva and books like Seth Ferranti's Street Legends there is a whole American Gangster movement ready to take over where the mafia and cocaine cartel stories fell off. You've heard of New Jack City but these are the real new jacks. The black and Latino gangsters from the crack era and inner city underworld are taking their place in the pantheon of outlaw history. They are the Billy the Kids and Al Capones of the Y2K era.

And you can read about their exploits and see rare photo of them on the Gorilla Convict Blog. This blog features their voices and tales from inside the fences. Check out stories on street legends like Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff, Wayne "Silk" Perry, Anthony Jones, Pappy Mason, Peanut King, Frank Matthews and more. If you want to get the 411 on these druglords who have been romanticized in verse and are idolized in the hip-hop world then check out the Gorilla Convict Blog. Go to **www.gorillaconvict.com** and click onto the blog. For more information or to do a story on this blog email **Diane@gorillaconvict.com**. A sample of what is on the blog is enclosed here for your perusal. If you want to feature or do a profile or interview with the writer of this blog, photos and other materials can be provided. Thank you and take care. Contact us at the email above and check out the site. I look forward to seeing you feature the Gorilla Convict Blog and our books in your magazine.

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