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Eminem's Wife Wants Cash, Kid In Divorce

Rapper Cuts Off Wife's American Express Card

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich., Updated 4:20 p.m. EDT August 22, 2000 -- Eminem's wife and mother don't get along, but they agree on one thing: The rapper should fork over \$10 million.

On Monday -- less than a week after Eminem sought to end his 14-month marriage to Kim Mathers -- his estranged wife sued him for \$10 million and claimed that he was unfit for even partial custody of their 4-year-old daughter, according to a report in the ***Detroit Free Press***



Mathers did not detail why Eminem should not be granted the joint custody that he sought in divorce papers that he filed Wednesday in Macomb County Circuit Court. Instead, her response focuses on the breakdown of the couple's marriage, which apparently culminated with Eminem's arrest June 4 outside a Warren nightclub. Police said that he used an unloaded pistol to strike a man whom his wife kissed in the parking lot.

Mathers has said that she gave an acquaintance an innocent peck on the cheek. Her attorney, Neil Rockind, wrote in her divorce counterclaim that the couple separated that day. He said that Eminem has spent only three nights at the couple's Sterling Heights home since then.

In the interim, he "threatened to ... evict her from the marital home and to leave her penniless," Rockind wrote. He added that, although Eminem recently received several million dollars (Rockind wouldn't specify the source), the rapper born Marshall Bruce Mathers III and known as Slim Shady cut off Kim Mathers' American Express card.

In addition to seeking full and permanent custody of the couple's daughter, Rockind wrote that Kim Mathers wants \$10 million from her husband because of his on-stage antics and for the lyrics of his song "Kim," which "depicts horrific domestic violence against the wife, resulting in her grisly murder."

Eminem's mother, Deborah Mathers-Briggs, sued the rapper for \$10 million last year and for

\$1 million earlier this month. She claims that he defamed her in songs and interviews. The lawsuits are pending.

But Rockind said that it wasn't just Eminem's words that hurt Kim Mathers.

During concerts, Eminem "has included violent and vile acts directed toward an effigy of the wife, in the presence of several thousand concert attendees," Rockind wrote.

He later told the **Free Press** that Eminem on several occasions has tossed an inflatable dummy dubbed "Kim" into the audience, where fans tore it to shreds.

Eminem, who was in Denver for the final stop of his Up in Smoke tour, was unaware of Kim Mathers' charges and unavailable for comment, said his manager, Paul Rosenberg.

Rosenberg said that Kim Mathers' charges are without merit and "songs like that are protected by artistic expression." He said Eminem would "go to the mat" for joint custody of his daughter and predicted that Kim Mathers' allegations would prolong the divorce proceedings.

"It changes the tenor. Em's not going to be happy with that," Rosenberg said. "Everybody on our side wanted to keep things low-key and work things out amicably."

Rosenberg said Eminem's major-label releases -- "The Slim Shady LP" and "The Marshall Mathers LP" -- have sold 3.75 million and 6 million copies, respectively.

Eminem is scheduled to appear in Warren's 37th District Court on Aug. 31 for a preliminary hearing on felony assault and weapons charges stemming from the June 4 incident.

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