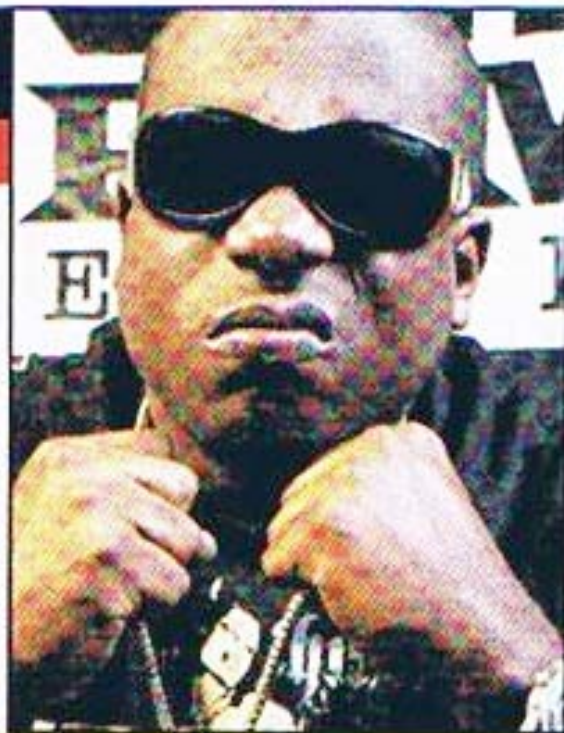


SAM SCARFO

PLAINFIELD, NJ



Rapper Sam Scarfo got his mob moniker from his neighborhood, "It was back when Wu-Tang was out, we used to throw gangster names around at each other on the block and mine stuck." Sam Scarfo was born in Plainfield, New Jersey and moved to the Bedford Stuyvesant, section of Brooklyn. From there Sam then moved to the South side of Jamaica, Queens, New York. "I'm definitely influenced by all those places." Sam says of his rap style.

Unlike many rappers today, Scarfo hasn't been rapping since he was a teenager, he actually began honing his skills at twenty-two years old. He was signed at the age of 26 after serving several months in prison for a drug offense. Four years from start to sign is a relatively short time in any genre of music, but this is especially true of rap. Sam had no deep interest in pursuing a rap career, in fact it was at the constant encouragement of his peers that he began to entertain the idea. "It was from people pushing me and pushing me to do it. It wasn't me chasin' that dream, like I woke up and said, 'this hip hop is something I really wanna do.'" In spite of that lack of intent and a late bloom Sam Scarfo is signed to Def Jam and is awaiting a release date.