

In the summer of 1989, Isaac Wright Jr. was a twentyeight-year-old independent music producer who'd struck out on his own and become one of hip-hop's early success stories. With his dance crew Uptown Express, Wright won recognition on *Star Search*, toured with Run-D.M.C., and transitioned into management, cofounding The Cover Girls, the musical group of his wife, Sunshine. They'd settled in the New Jersey suburbs to raise their six-year-old daughter, never imagining that Wright would fall victim to gross misconduct by police and a corrupt district attorney.

Accused of being a drug "kingpin" and incarcerated in Somerset County while the prosecutor and police built their case of lies against him, Wright realized he would get no help from any defense attorneys—white men uninterested in uncovering the truth or in proving the innocence of a Black man. Pressured to take a plea deal offer of twenty years behind bars, Wright chose to take the law into his own hands by educating himself in the legal system so he could represent himself in court.

Studying statutes and cases in the jail's law library, Wright developed an adept legal mind. But despite acquiring knowledge that he put to use in defending his fellow inmates, he lost his trial and was sentenced to Trenton State Prison for life, plus seventy years, in 1991. For the next five years, Wright would continue learning law, become a paralegal with the prison's Inmate Legal Association, and appeal his case. Threatened by corrupt correction officers and convicts, his family falling apart, Wright fought for his life with every legal means at his disposal, eventually uncovering the smoking gun that unraveled the conspiracy perpetrated by law enforcement officials against him.

Marked for Life is not just the story of how Isaac Wright Jr. won his freedom. It is the story of how he found his true calling as a gladiator fighting on behalf of the oppressed and marginalized communities victimized by an unjust system of law.

ISAAC WRIGHT JR. now practices law in the same courtroom where he was sentenced to life behind bars. Isaac's remarkable story was the basis for the ABC drama series *For Life*. As a lawyer at the law firm of Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley, he focuses on defending the wrongly accused and going after corrupt institutions. Continue to follow Isaac's story and obtain updates on his journey, social justice initiatives, and appearances by following him on:

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