

Meek Mill supporters convinced judge has ‘vendetta’ against him

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Supporters of imprisoned rapper Meek Mill are convinced the judge who sent him to jail has a “vendetta” against the star — plus a bizarre connection to his ex-manager Charlie Mack.

Meek was a rising rapper in Philadelphia when Judge Genece Brinkley sentenced him to prison and five years’ probation on drug and gun possession charges. He’s been back in her court many times for violating his probation, for what he claims are minor missteps, such as traveling without court permission. This year, Meek, 30, had an airport altercation and was seen doing wheelies on a bike in NYC.

Charges were dropped in both cases, but they were the last straw for Brinkley, who sent him to prison for two to four years. Meek’s tough sentence has sparked protests in Philly, while stars including Jay-Z — who signed Meek to Roc Nation in 2012 — have spoken out for justice reform.

Oddly, Brinkley’s asked Meek many times to drop Roc Nation and return to Mack, a well-known Philly entertainment figure. In a 2014 hearing, Brinkley said, “While Mr. Mack [had him], there were fewer problems.” Although managing Meek now would be lucrative, Mack insists to Page Six he doesn’t know Brinkley, saying, “I have talked to you more than I have the judge.” But Meek’s lawyers say Mack previously told the rapper, “If you are with me, I could help you with the judge.” Brinkley didn’t respond to request for comment.

Page Six has also learned Brinkley overturned an armed robbery conviction in 1999 against Kevin Sanchez after Mack testified as his alibi in a post-trial motion. The Superior Court later reversed Brinkley’s decision.

Meek’s power lawyer Joe Tacopina believes Brinkley has a “personal vendetta” and is punishing Meek for not returning to Mack.

“Judge Brinkley has asked over a dozen times in open court for Meek to drop Roc Nation and sign with Mack. We don’t know the details of the link between the

judge and Mack, but we believe there is a relationship. She has been incredibly biased against Meek.”

As Page Six reported, the FBI is also probing the judge’s link to Mack.