

The-Dream, Producer for Beyoncé and Rihanna, Accused of Rape and Abuse

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Terius Gesteelde-Diamant, a songwriter and producer under the name The-Dream, has been accused of rape and sexual battery by a former protégée. The-Dream has been a producer behind hitmakers like Beyoncé and Rihanna. Chanaaz Mangroe, who performed under the name Channii Monroe, filed the lawsuit today, June 4.

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In her lawsuit, Mangroe alleged that Gesteelde-Diamant coerced her into an abusive relationship with promises to promote her career in 2015. While tied to Gesteelde-Diamant, she explained that he would force her to have sex, strangle her, and at one time recorded an intimate encounter and used it as blackmail, threatening to share it with others, according to a report from the [New York Times](#). Mangroe's suit also includes claims of sex trafficking.

Gesteelde-Diamant is an eight-time GRAMMY winner and one of the most powerful producers in the music industry. He has produced Rihanna's "Umbrella," Justin Bieber's "Baby," and Mariah Carey's "Touch My Body." He also has a close working relationship with Beyoncé, having a part writing or producing each of her studio albums since 2008.

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