

## BARN, HERE TO CHANGE THE GAME

OTHE MOMENT CHANCED ME, IT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY.

he soon to be superstar, Barn, has had a rapid rise to fame. He's flown on to the music scene and hasn't looked back since, producing song after song and consistently finding his way to the top of the charts, finding himself in the number 1 spot twice in the space of 4 months! After bursting onto the scene he has had many big labels come to him with extraordinary offers, even more extraordinary when it's his first deal. This is something which makes it even crazier, especially when it's all been achieved from his own little bedroom in Compton.

Coming from Compton he had a rough childhood, moving from house to house whilst experiencing drug abuse and gang violence first hand, with his first memories dating back to when he was just 8 years old. He speaks on his experiences and childhood a lot in his music, bringing a storytelling mood to some of his songs. The most notable event which Barn truly sees as a changing point in his life, is when he was about 15. He was playing basketball with a few of his friends, when a 'gang' pulled up to the court.





The gang he believed them to be were the 'Bloods', a notorious gang which dates back to the 60's, stemming from his hometown Compton. These guys were all shouting, running around, strapped. Then, they started shooting, 20 metres away from Barn, gunshot after gunshot, pure commotion. Barn was shaken; he was in shock and he stood there in awe, foolishly. Stray bullets started to spray and scatter across the court. Barn hid, kneeled behind a random car peeping through the window at the ongoing commotion, 'I was just watching life leave bodies, bodies slowly seeping into the blood ridden floor', to put it in his own words.

Barn talks about the moment as one of the most terrifying but vital experiences of his life. It made him realize that the path he was slipping down was dangerous, the constant drug use, or petty beef and fighting with school colleagues. This event showed him he needed to find an escape, and for him that was music. He knew he'd never make it as a sportsperson/athlete, and he enjoyed listening to music, so he decided to focus and divert some time towards it, hoping to make something out of it. At first he claims he only spent a couple hours per week on it, but as he got more into it, the couple hours per week turned into a couple hours per day and they just continued to increase with every song he made. Now, 4 years down the line the hours dedicated to his music are evident.