

Knight's gang feuds

Marion "Suge" Knight glorified gang violence and hired gang members as he built Death Row Records into the world's leading rap label. Along the way, he became entangled in bloody gang feuds.

Summer 1996

Knight fires one of his bodyguards after police inform him that the man, a Compton gang member, had orchestrated several killings. The man vows revenge against Knight.



June 1, 1997

Aaron "Heron" Palmer, 30, a member of Knight's inner circle, is shot dead while stopped at a red light in Compton.



April 4, 2000

William "Chin" Walker, 37, is killed and Wardell "Poochie" Fouse, 40, a Knight associate, is seriously injured

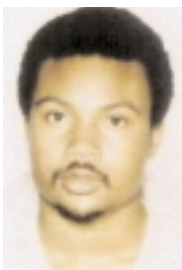
when assailants shoot into their Chevrolet van on a dead-end street in Compton.



April 27, 2000

Vence "V" Buchanan, 35, an alleged drug dealer and member of the Bloods gang, is found dead near a Compton graveyard.

Buchanan's friends, including the fired Death Row bodyguard, blame Knight for ordering the killing. Knight denies any involvement.



March 25, 2001

David "Brim Dave" Dudley, 29, is fatally shot in front of a house owned by a close friend of Knight's. Dudley was rumored to

have participated in the killing of Buchanan.



April 3, 2002

Alton "Buntry" McDonald, 37, Knight's best friend and chief bodyguard, is shot dead at a gas station in Compton. The slaying sets off

tit-for-tat shootings among rival factions of the Bloods.

June 7, 2002

Eric "Scar" Daniel, 29, a Compton gang member, is shot and killed. Police say it was in retaliation for the slaying of McDonald.



Oct. 16, 2002

Henry "Hen Dog" Smith, 33, a longtime friend of Knight's who designed the Death Row logo, is shot dead near a fried-

chicken stand in South-Central L.A. The connection to the earlier slayings is unclear.

Oct. 22, 2002

Police say they intervened to prevent a Death Row employee from shooting a member of the Denver Lane faction of the Bloods.

May 27

Armed assailants open fire on the deserted headquarters of Death Row Records in Beverly Hills at 2:30 a.m., tearing holes in the facade and shattering windows.



July 24

Fouse, the Knight associate who survived a previous ambush, is shot and killed while riding a motorcycle in Compton.

Sources: Law enforcement records, Times interviews