

XXXTentacion, Drake & Kendrick Lamar

A Comprehensive Timeline

Why was Drake subpoenaed in the murder trial of XXXTentacion?

Why did Drake diss XXXTentacion after his death?

Why was Kodak Black on 'Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers'?

Why is Kendrick Lamar wearing an enormous 'X' chain on tour?

Why was the Superbowl stage shaped like a Playstation?

Why did Drake diss XXXTentacion after his death, again, and again, and again?

If you've ever asked any of these questions, this post should hopefully give you some answers, or at least point you in the right direction of where they can be found.

The feud between XXXTentacion and Drake was marked by public tensions and cryptic accusations. Following XXX's murder in 2018, the rivalry continued to fuel speculation. This speculation only intensified following Drake's back-and-forth with Kendrick Lamar in 2024, with fans noticing subliminal references to the Floridian's death across his recent material. Lamar's performance at the Superbowl Halftime Show in February 2025 would pour a gallon of gasoline onto these conversations, receiving a spotlight from respected journalists like Cole Cuchna (Dissect Podcast) & Justin L. Hunte (The Company Man, HipHopDX), and eventually leading to the creation of this document.

This timeline exhaustively covers the events of their conflict, as well as the aftermath of his death & its place in the back-and-forth between Kendrick & Drake.

Please feel free to reference this as a timeline in the future. If you have any suggestions for anything that has been missed - or you feel should be expanded on, please leave feedback in the comments. We will update with any developments or extra information that needs to be added.

Thank you,
Annie



The Timeline

2017

January

January 28th 2017 - Drake previews his song 'KMT' whilst XXXTentacion is in jail. [The internet explodes with people pointing out the similarities between the track & XXXTentacion's 'Look at Me'.](#)

February

February 18th 2017 - [Drake speaks in an interview with DJ Semtex](#), leading up to the release of 'More Life' (where 'KMT' would feature), claiming that he had no idea who X was.

This was later proven untrue, as Drake had [reportedly previously followed the Floridian on Twitter](#).

February 20th 2017 - X speaks about the situation in a series of tweets: *"I'm not gonna say no names but it's funny how one of my niggas hit me up saying "drake watched ur interview and fucks with you." Now this pussy nigga trying to play it save and play it innocent.."*



March

March 18th 2017 - More Life is released, featuring 'KMT'.

March 29th 2017 - XXXTentacion is released from jail

March 30th 2017 - [XXXTentacion immediately speaks about the situation in an interview](#): "He is not a man...he's a bitch, that's a bitch move...Especially when I was in jail facing life... If Drake would've came to my bond hearing...If he had showed that he's a hospitable person and that he's really in this shit for the culture.."

Later that day, X tweets: "Drake mom kinda cute, she could get it" & changes his profile picture to that of a childhood photo of Drake, replacing his father with a picture of his face. X also tweets: "time to make them hate us some more"



April

April 2nd 2017 - Offset [speaks on the situation on Instagram live](#), he doesn't name XXX, but X's interview is playing in the background: "How you unheard of talking about a nigga stole your swag? We ain't even heard of you, shorty. Get your ass out of jail and run that shit up. Whatever your name is. You tripping"

April 7th 2017 - XXX hosts his first show after being released from jail, [it explodes into a riot of people chanting "fuck Drake"](#).

April 9th 2017 - 600breezy [calls out XXX publicly](#) after featuring on *More Life*: "Motherfuckers don't understand how my voice ended up on this nigga's album. Cause Drake really fuck with me like that ... He make me wanna care about the rap shit. Every time I ask my homie can I get on somebody ass, he always say no. This time he just gave me shrug cause he tweaking. That's all I need,"

April ??? 2017 - 600Breezy travels to Florida to confront X in person

April 26th 2017 - Breezy tweets about X, claiming to have been in Florida looking for him.

He also shares DMs sent by XXXTentacion: "I aint on that postin s**t so ima say this to you once. You aint even know I had n****s in the club callin me bout ya dubb, u got spared walk light."

April 28th 2017 - [600Breezy posts a video where he claims](#): "I'm in Miami though. I'm all over, in every f****g county," Breezy said. "If a n***a is f****g looking for me, and you talking that gangster s**t, n***a. And I'm blicked up."



May

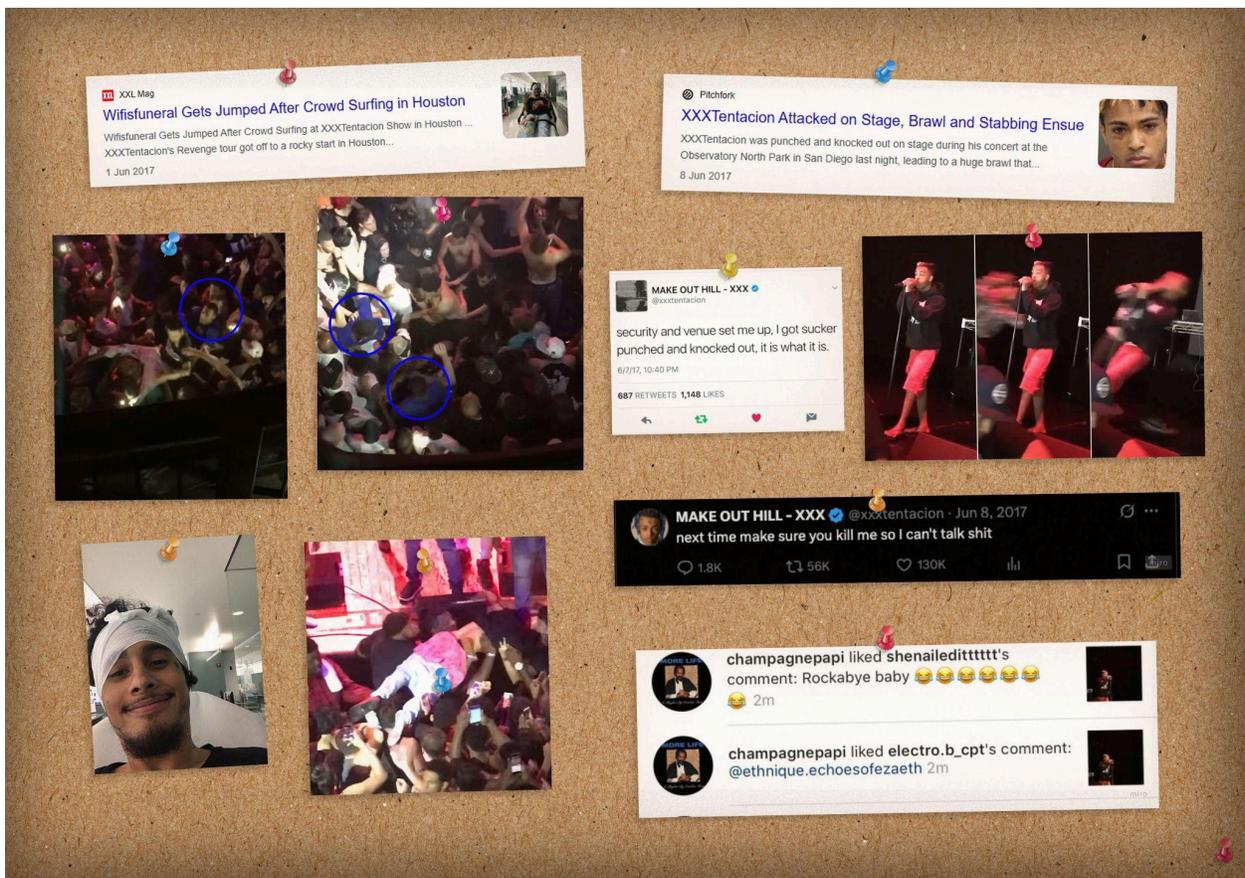
31st May 2017 - XXXTentacion's first & last tour: 'The Revenge Tour' kicks off in Houston, Texas.

XXXTentacion collaborator [Wifisfuneral is attacked](#) by a group of men in Houston after attempting to crowd-surf. The incident is caught clearly on camera by fans.

June

7th June 2017 - [XXXTentacion is jumped on stage in San Diego](#). Drake likes comments laughing at the incident on Instagram.

13th June 2017: XXXTentacion is featured on the cover of XXL's 2017 Freshman Class (the "10th spot," fan-voted). His inclusion draws controversy in light of his pending abuse case.



August

25th August 2017 - XXXTentacion releases '17'

25th August 2017 - Kendrick Lamar praises '17' on Twitter

October

27th October 2017: In an Instagram Story, XXXTentacion declares he will [“not be making or releasing any music”](#) for now, saying he’s “tired” of “being mentally abused”

Oct 29, 2017: XXXTentacion posts another Instagram Story [asking Ski Mask the Slump God to be friends again](#) as a condition for his return to music. Ski Mask later explains he distanced himself due to threats against his family and XXX’s erratic behaviour

November

13th November 2017 - X is jumped and stabbed, he accuses the Migos of being the perpetrators

14th November 2017 - X posts surveillance footage of the incident, indicating that the perpetrators were wearing 'Migo gang' pendants

15th November 2017 - [X clarifies that the two assailants weren't actually the Migos](#) members: *"From the bottom of my heart I apologize to you, you only caught in the crossfire of your bloodline, blessings."*

2018

January

January 22nd 2018 - XXXTentacion launches the Helping Hand Challenge via a YouTube video.

The challenge sees the Floridian visiting a school & handing out expensive gifts, notably including a number of PS4 consoles. In the video, X urges his fans to go out and perform good deeds, promising personal rewards (like free show tickets, meet-ups, merch etc) to those who make the biggest impact.

February

February 16th 2018 - Drake releases the ['God's Plan' video](#).

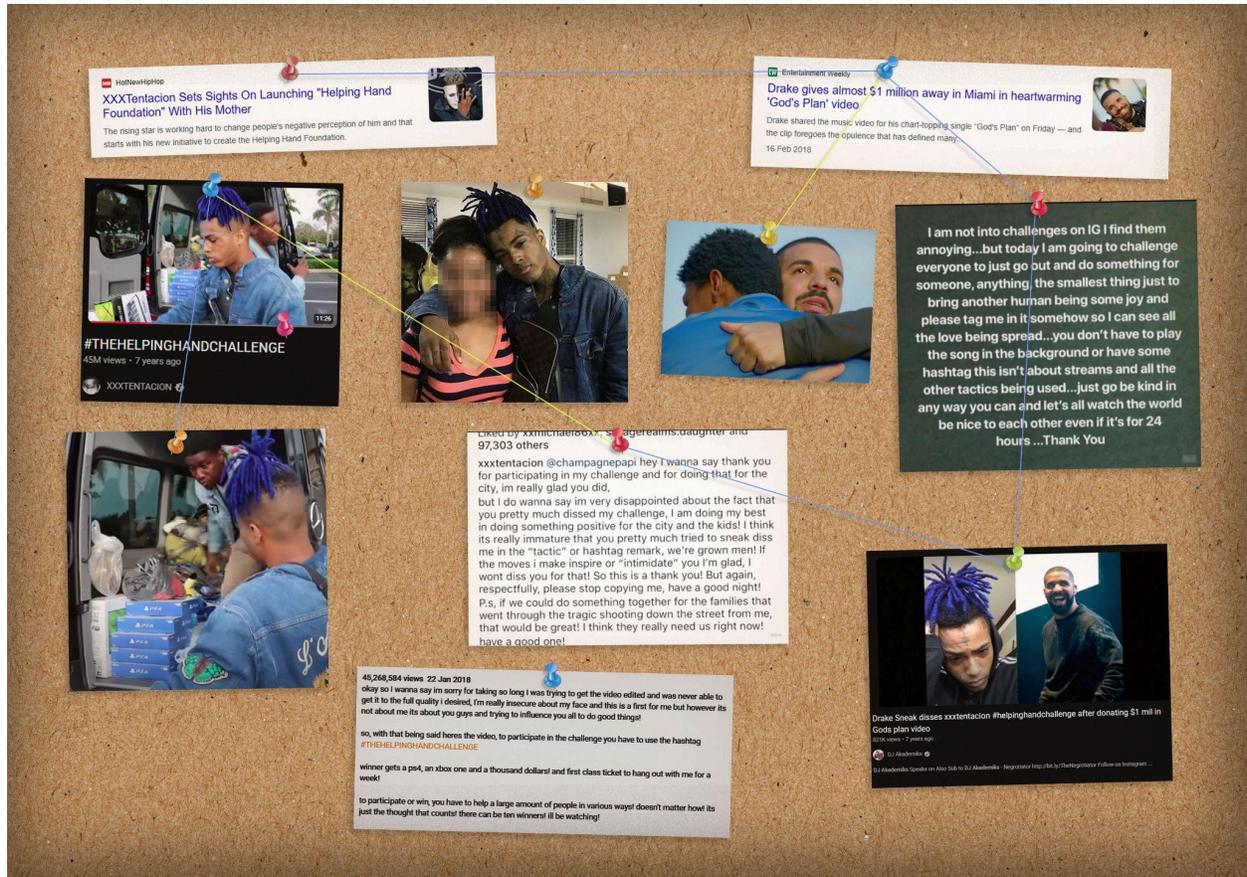
The MV sees the Canadian visit XXXTentacion's home state of Florida, distributing gifts & money to people in need. In a post promoting the video on Instagram, Drake pointedly references X's 'Helping Hand Challenge', which had launched less than a month prior.

February 17th 2018 - X calls out Drake on the comments he made following the release of the 'God's Plan' music video

February 24th 2018 - X posts an indecent image of a Drake look-a-like to Twitter.

According to attorney Mauricio Padilla, X also reached out to DJ Akademiks to share the image, who declined, and warned the young rapper to be careful: "Akademiks cautioned Onfroy that while he wasn't a "gangster," he might provoke a dangerous reaction from Drake."

XXXTentacion posts two stories implying that Drake would be responsible if he is killed, but [later claims that his account had been 'hacked' & apologises](#). At the time, this was scarcely believable, but we now know this to be 100% untrue due to Akademiks' conversation with the Floridian.



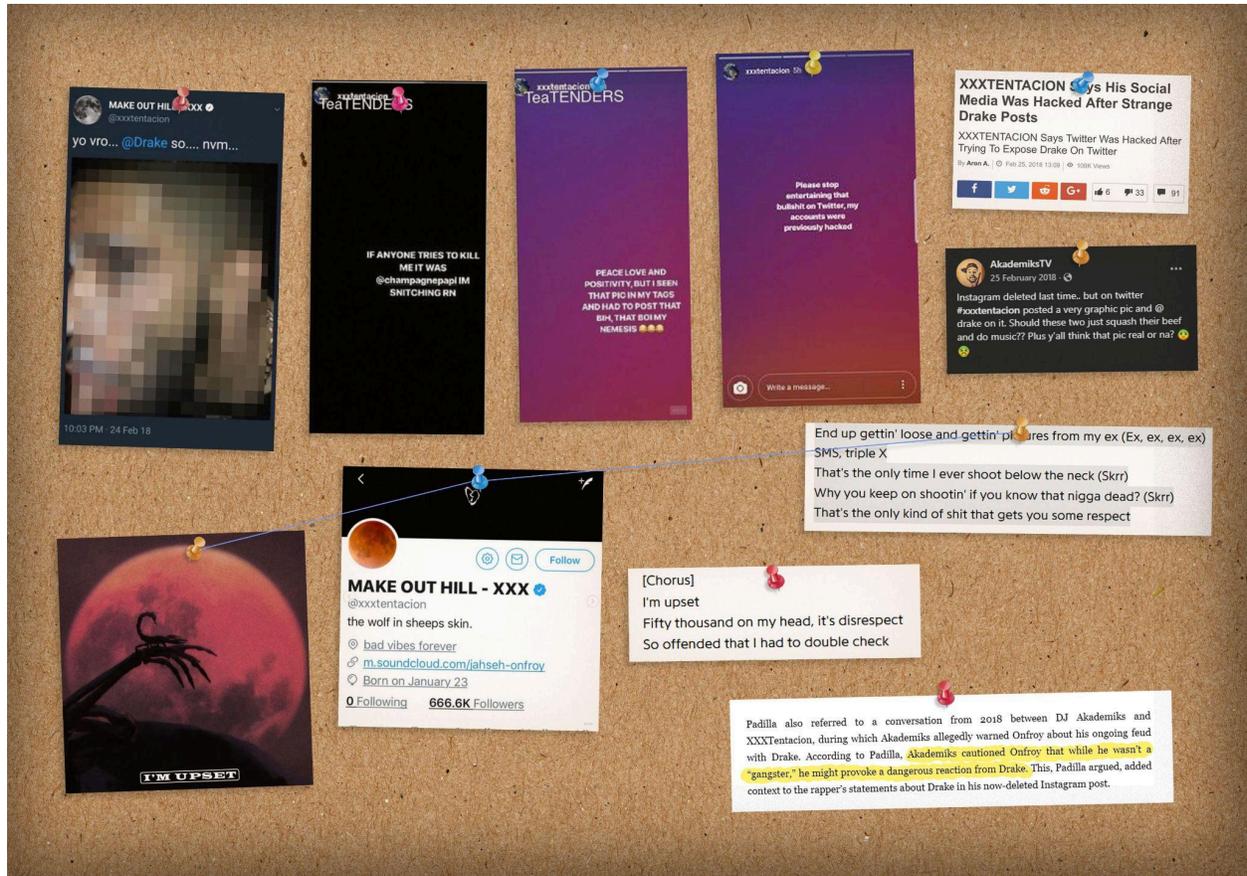
May

May 26th 2018 - Drake releases 'I'm Upset'.

The track features the line: *“SMS, triple X / That's the only time I ever shoot below the neck (skrr)”*. The song also has a repeating motif of someone attempting to put a bounty on the Canadian's head: *“I'm upset / 50 thousand on my head, it's disrespect / So offended that I had to double-check”*.

The line *‘SMS, triple X’* is commonly mistakenly attributed to being about X's death. Whilst other songs from 'Scorpion' were recorded the week of the album's release, this track was obviously released ahead of the Floridian's passing. It is more likely that the shot “below the neck” is referring to a threatening 'SMS' message sent to the young rapper. We know that this is something Drake is capable of doing, as we saw him threaten violence against 'Julian' via text message several years later in 2025.

Furthermore, the single's artwork features a red 'blood moon', an image of which was famously sported by XXXTentacion as a social media profile picture. Notably, the moon is flipped upside-down in the cover artwork.



June

June 1st 2018 - [TDE confirms the label threatened to remove their artist's catalogues from Spotify](#) after the service proposed their 'Hateful Conduct Policy', a change that would've seen XXXTentacion's music removed from editorial playlists.

June 14th 2018 - Drake releases the ['I'm Upset' music video](#)

The lighthearted video sees Drake reuniting with his 'Degrassi' cast mates, and has a markedly different tone to the lyrics of the song & its messaging.

Just like 'God's Plan', the 'I'm Upset' music video was directed by Karena Evans, who would later direct Kendrick Lamar's 'Luther' music video seven years later.

June 18th 2018 - XXXTentacion is shot & killed in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

He was twenty years old, may he rest in peace.



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At approximately 3:30 pm XXXTentacion arrives at RIVA Motorsports, looking to buy a quadbike. He is accompanied by his step-uncle, Leonard Kerr.

Shortly after, two of the perpetrators, Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams and Robert Allen, follow XXXTentacion into the store and walk past him as he browses.

Approximately 3:56 pm XXXTentacion leaves the dealership and gets into his black BMW i8.

Immediately, a blue Dodge Journey SUV, containing Williams, Allen, Michael Boatwright, and Trayvon Newsome, pulls in front of the BMW, blocking it from exiting the parking lot.

Boatwright and Newsome exit the SUV, armed with guns, and approach XXXTentacion's car. They demand his chain. A brief struggle ensues, during which XXXTentacion is punched several times. His step-uncle, Leonard Kerr, manages to flee the car.

The struggle continued with a confused XXXTentacion yelling "What is this for?". After failing to snatch the chain, Newsome runs to the passenger side, and steals a Louis Vuitton chest bag containing \$50,000. After retrieving the bag, Newsome runs back to the Dodge SUV.

Despite the robbery being over, Boatwright, remaining on XXXTentacion's side of the vehicle, steps back, before raising his rifle at XXXTentacion, and fires multiple shots - murdering him.

XXXTentacion was pronounced dead at 4:51 pm.

June 20th 2018 - Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams is [arrested](#) in connection to X's murder



June 27th 2018 - A public, open-casket memorial for XXXTentacion is held at the BB&T Center (now Amerant Bank Arena) in Florida. A private memorial for family and friends is held ahead of time.

[Lil Yachty's attendance & behaviour is flagged as suspicious.](#) Multiple sources indicate that he went to visit the casket twice, and allegedly took a photo of X's body (despite mobile phones & camera equipment being banned).

June 28th 2018 - A private funeral service is held for XXXTentacion in Florida, attended by his family and close friends. Cameras and cell phones are not allowed.

July

July 9th 2018 - [Ski Mask the Slump God posts a picture with Drake to Instagram](#) captioned: *"Positivity Is What He Wanted, We Chopped It Up, He Actually Liked Jahseh Music A lot To Come To Light Soon"*. He would later delete the post after receiving backlash from fans.

July 10th 2018 - [Michael Boatwright is arrested in connection to X's murder](#)

July 13th 2018 - [9lockkNine speaks about XXXTentacion's murder in an interview with DJ Vlad](#), and reveals he was in proximity of the event when it occurred, with the rapper being pulled over by traffic police twice as he fled the location of the X's death.

July 25th 2018 - [Robert Allen is arrested in connection to X's murder](#)

June 29th 2018 - Drake releases his album 'Scorpion'.

The first half of the album sees the Canadian posturing as some type of mafioso figure on tracks like 'Mob Ties', 'Sandra Rose' & 'Nonstop'.

A recurring theme across the album is someone attempting to threaten the Canadian, with Drake supposedly responding with coordinated violence in return. This theme starts with the album's lead single: 'I'm Upset', but can be found across the project.

On 'Mob Ties', Drake raps: *"Ayy, sick of these niggas (Sick) / Sick of these niggas (Sick, sick) / Hire some help (Help), get rid of these niggas (Skr)"* and *"Louis bags in exchange for body bags, yeah"*.

This directly implies Drake has paid others to 'get rid' of someone, with Louis Vuitton bags being swapped for body bags. XXXTentacion famously had a Louis Vuitton bag filled with \$50,000 stolen from him before he was shot & killed.

Later on 'Mob Ties', Drake raps: *"I do not forget a thing, I'm patient, it's a gift (yeah) / Try to tell 'em they ain't got to do it, they insist (they insist)"*. This lines up with 600Breezy's entrance into the Canadian's feud with XXXTentacion just over a year earlier, with the Chicago rapper travelling to Broward County to confront X on Drake's behalf, telling his IG live: *"Every time I ask my homie (Drake) can I get on somebody ass, he always say no. This time he just gave me shrug cause he (XXXTentacion) tweaking. That's all I need,"*

On 'Is There More' Drake says: *"Only lyin' I do is lyin' out in the tropics / Only cryin' I do is cryin' from laughin' 'bout it / Only lackin' I can do is my lack of responses"*. This lines up neatly with his relationship to XXXTentacion. When X was killed, Drake was in Turks & Caicos, something he would allude to years later on 'Knife Talk': *"Voodoo curse, it got him while I flew to Turks"*.

Whilst tributes for XXXTentacion poured in from all sides of the rap world, Drake was notably silent, not "cryin'" like everyone else. Furthermore, Drake was notably silent in his publicly one-sided feud with XXXTentacion, offering no direct *public* response to the young artist following his initial attacks at the start of 2017.

On the track featuring Jay-Z, 'Talk Up', Drake raps: *"Niggas provoke, this shit ain't a joke, man, nobody playin' / "He's at the top," and "he's at the top," but nobody stayin' / These niggas around, but they ain't around / You know what I'm sayin'?"*. This once again lines up with XXXTentacion's feud with the Canadian, with the young rapper continually provoking Drake via memes & social media antics. Following X's death, he would break the all-time single-day streaming record on Spotify, with 'Sad!' accumulating over 10.4 million streams in the United States alone. Whilst the achievement is impressive, it is naturally bittersweet. Whilst X was at the top, he isn't *around* to witness it.

Later on the track, Hov raps: *"Y'all killed X and let Zimmerman live, shhh, s-streets is done"*.



August

August 3rd 2018 - [9lokkNine signs a record deal with Cash Money Records](#), the deal is reportedly worth \$2,000,000.

9lokkNine's phone number would later be found listed under Drake's 'Omerta'* LLC, despite the two artists having no public (or business) relationship.

Omerta is the oath of silence taken by members of the Mafia.

August 7th 2018 - [Trayvon Newsome, the last of the four suspects, is arrested](#) and charged with first-degree murder and armed robbery in connection with XXXTentacion's death.

October

October 19th 2018 - Robert Allen and Michael Boatwright appear in a Fort Lauderdale courtroom. During this appearance, Allen waives his right to a speedy trial, allowing more time for his legal team to prepare a defense.

October 15th 2018 - Glokknine releases "Front Door", where he raps:

"I'm comin' through the front door, so ain't no need to lock the back

This ain't no strings attached, call me lil glizzy wit' a Mac

Bitch I get crank mode, I need them Franklins like pronto

You know I fuck wit' Drake but ain't no hoopers in Toronto"

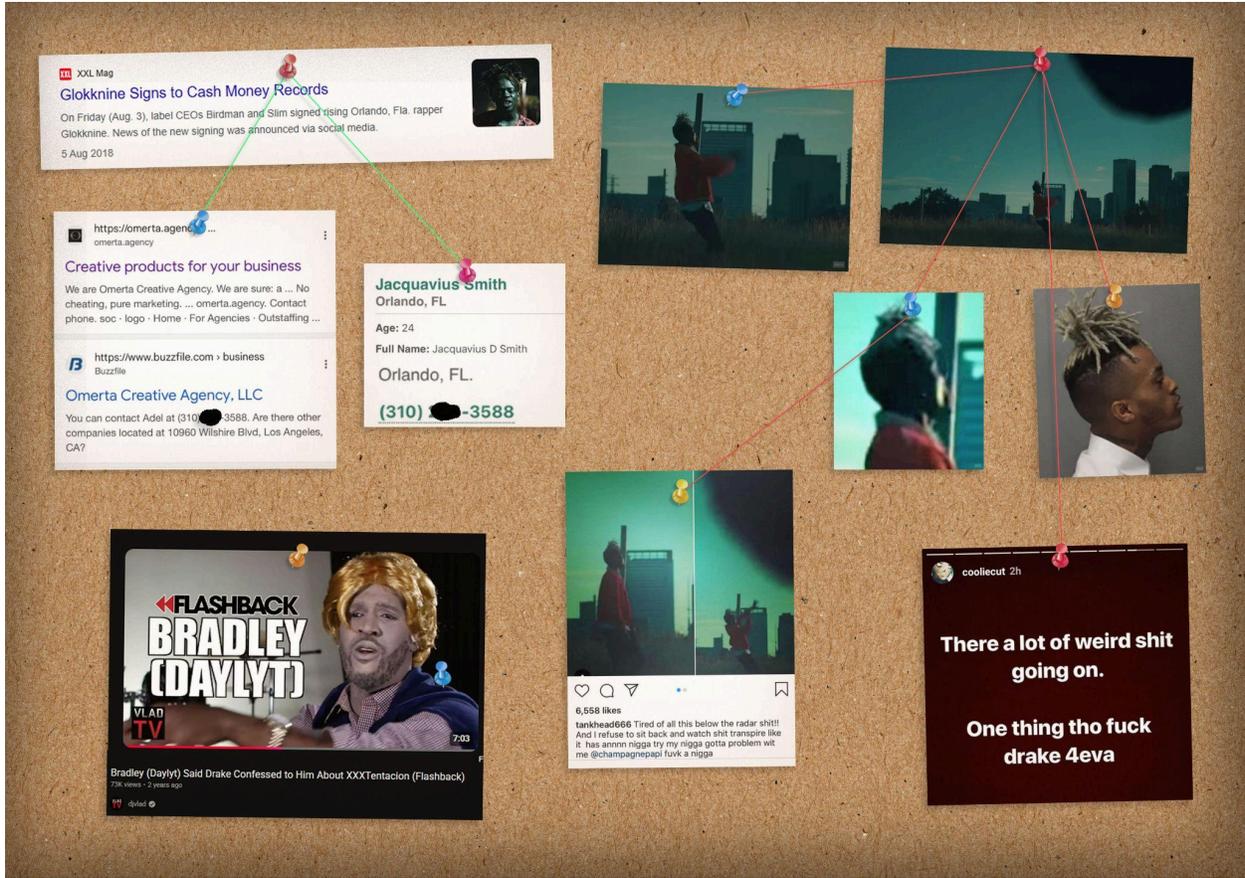
It marks the first (and one of the only) acknowledgements/connections to Drake in the public eye.

October 19th 2018 - [Travis Scott's Sicko Mode music video is released](#).

During Drake's verse, the video depicts an XXXTentacion look-a-like being crushed & killed by an asteroid. Naturally, this ignited theories surrounding Drake's alleged involvement in the young rapper's death, with the public questioning why the Canadian (& Travis) were mocking a dead man only a few months after his murder.

December

December 18th 2018 - [Daylyt is interviewed on DJ Vlad's channel as 'Bradley'](#), where he directly accuses Drake of being involved with X's murder.



2019

January

January 22nd 2019 - [Drake announces the Assassination Nation tour](#)

Some fans point out the insensitivity of the tour's name & theme considering the events that unfolded only six months earlier, considering the rumours of Drake's alleged involvement in XXXTentacion's murder.

June

June 13th 2019 - Drake releases 'The Best in the World Pack'

The release features 'Omerta', where Drake raps: *"Cosa Nostra, shady dealings / Racketeering, the syndicate got they hand in plenty things / The things that we've done to protect the name are unsettling"*

October

October 17th 2019 - [A bond hearing is scheduled for Trayvon Newsome following his attorney's request.](#)

2020

May

May 3rd 2020 - Kendrick Lamar & Dave Free unveil their new creative company, [pgLang](#). Their output is best described by Dave Free: *"If I give you something hollow, you don't have anything else to look for. If we take our time and make you something that's dense that you might not even understand when you first see it—when you rewatch it five or six years later, you'll be like, 'Oh shit, damn!'"*

pgLang aka 'Programme Language' is responsible for the release & execution of all releases/events/tours pertaining to Kendrick Lamar & Baby Keem following this point, with a heavy emphasis on detail & cryptic messaging.

2021

September

September 3rd 2021 - Drake releases 'Certified Loverboy'

Track 13, 'Knife Talk', would once again ignite a huge amount of speculation on Drake's alleged involvement in XXXTentacion's murder. With Drake rapping: *"Type of nigga that can't look me in the eyes / I despise" ... "Beef is live, spoiler alert, this nigga dies"*. This can be read as a reference to XXXTentacion's 'Look at Me'. It was this track, XXXTentacion's first hit, that Drake lifted the flow from for 'KMT', kicking off their feud at the start of 2017. Furthermore, the '*beef is live*' continues this idea, with XXXTentacion originally going on rants calling out Drake on IG live when he was released from prison.

Following this, Drake raps: *"I fuck with her, and fuck with her, and her / I hit up err and tell him do the err, for sure (gang) / Voodoo curse, it got him while I flew to Turks"*. This line would send the internet into a frenzy of speculation, with people pointing out that Drake was in Turks & Caicos at the time of XXXTentacion's murder.

September 10th 2021 - Baby Keem releases 'The Melodic Blue'

Only a week after 'Certified Loverboy' was released, Baby Keem drops his first album under pgLang.

Whilst the references would go over heads at the time of release, u/BalanceOtherwise4028 would point out some connections from TMB to later material released by pgLang, specifically 'Silent Hill' ft. Kodak Black (2022) and 'Peekaboo' ft. AzChike (2024).

On the album's opening track: 'Trademark USA', there are a number of important references to XXXTentacion's murder. Keem raps: *"LLC the Glock and I LLC my bitch"*, which can be interpreted as a reference to Drake's 'Omerta' LLC, which featured Glokknine's phone number as it's main point of contact (despite the two having no known relationship or connection to one another).

This is notable, as Glokknine admitted himself that he was speeding away from the location of X's murder shortly after the murder, leading him to being pulled over twice by police. Keem references this later in 'Trademark USA', rapping: *"Ayy, big .38, got pulled over twice / Had to go and switch plates" ..*

"You niggas impulsive, quick to make moves / You're biting your flows, a big appetite" can also be interpreted as a reference to Drake's habit of copying other's flows. It was the Canadian lifting XXXTentacion's flow from 'Look at Me' back in 2017 that had originally started their feud.

Also found on the album's first track is: "I'm going home with the loot / Mama going home with a coupe". XXXTentacion was shot and killed in his BMW i8 coupe. X's mother, Cleopatra Bernard, would later file to have the coupe returned from the possession of the State of Florida in 2019.

In the same interview that Glokknine admitted he was pulled over twice on the day of XXXTentacion's murder, he implies that he was travelling between Broward County & Miami when this happened. Notably, the highway between the two locations is the 95. Added in the Deluxe edition of 'The Melodic Blue' is 'Highway 95', which becomes the penultimate track on the album.

The corkboard contains the following items:

- Top Left:** A grid of 12 small, colorful cartoon avatars.
- Top Center:** A white card with the text "LLC the Glock and I LLC my bitch, huh (LLC)".
- Top Right:** A small photograph of a boat on water.
- Middle Left:** A white card with lyrics: "Type of nigga that can't look me in the eyes I despise // look at me // When I see you, better put that fuckin' pride to the side Many times, plenty times, I survived Beef is live, spoiler alert, this nigga dies".
- Middle Center:** A video thumbnail for "GLOKKNINE" with the text "GloKkNine on XXXTentacion's Murder - Don't Think About Running Up on Me (Part 5)".
- Middle Right:** A white card with business information: "10860 WILSHIRE BLVD 11TH FLOOR, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90024", "Latest Events", and a list of dates from 2019 to 2022 with associated company names like "ERESIDENTAGENT, INC." and "ADEL NUR".
- Bottom Left:** A photograph of Drake and other people on a beach, with a caption "Drake spotted today in Turks and Caicos".
- Bottom Center:** A white card with a news headline: "XXXTentacion's Mother Wants Her Son's Vehicle Returned To Her" and a sub-headline "Word On The Street: Did Drake Steal XXXTENTACION's Flow?".
- Bottom Right:** A white card with lyrics: "You niggas impulsive, quick to make moves You're biting your flows, a big appetite Look at the bees, they eat at your flows".
- Other Text Cards:** "[Verse 4: Drake] I fuck with her, and fuck with her, and her I hit up err, tell him do the err, for sure Voodoo curse, it got him while I flew to Turks Know the dogs had to hit them where we knew it hurts", "Got pulled over twice, had to go and switch plates", and "And I'm goin' home with the loot Mama goin' home with a coupe".

Colored lines (green, blue, red) connect these items, suggesting relationships between the lyrics, the video, the business events, and the news articles.

2022

February

February 12th 2022 - [Kodak Black is one of four men shot outside of an Hollywood after-party attended by Drake.](#)

It is heavily rumoured that Toronto's Wass Gang members (who Drake is affiliated with) were allegedly involved in the confrontation.

February 13th 2022 - [Kodak Black tweets that he will still be at the Superbowl](#) (taking place that same day), with box seats gifted by Drake.

February 23rd 2022 - [Kodak Black reveals Drake sent him \\$300,000 worth of BTC](#) for the first time.

May

May 13th 2022 - Kendrick Lamar releases *'Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers'*.

It features 'Silent Hill' ft. Kodak Black, with the Floridian's verse appearing to reference the circumstances surrounding the murder of XXXTentacion: "*Suicide coupe was a funeral, Trackhawk launch like a slingshot*"* and Drake's BTC gift: "*I caught a bale off a Google app*".

XXXTentacion was shot and killed inside his BMW i8, a coupe with distinctive suicide doors. Whilst his assailants fled in a Dodge Journey SUV, not a Trackhawk, the mention of an SUV speeding away becomes very loaded when combined with the specificity of the *'suicide coupe'*.

A 'bale' refers to a large roll of cash. The *'Google app'* is a sign of Kodak's unfamiliarity with crypto. We know that he was previously not aware/involved with cryptocurrency, as he was asked to set up his accounts by Drake.

'Silent Hill' also marks Kendrick's first use of the phrase 'peek-a-boo', where he sings *'Peek-a-boo, can't hide behind your money, dawg'*. This would be followed up on GNX, with 'Peekaboo', a song that makes pointed references to the 'Helping Hand Challenge' & to Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams. Interestingly, Williams was previously associated with Kodak Black.



June

June 17th 2022 - Drake releases '*Honestly, Nevermind*'

It is notable that Drake chose to release this album on Kendrick Lamar's birthday.

The album contains track seven, '*Sticky*', which would later be parodied by Kendrick & Baby Keem on their collaborative track '*The Hillbillies*'.

August

August 22nd 2022 - [Robert Allen pleads guilty and agrees to testify](#) against the other three defendants

September

September 21st 2022 - Mauricio Padilla, on behalf of Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams, [filed to subpoena records and video from Broward County jail](#) that revealed his client and Kodak Black interacted with one another behind bars, believing that the footage would clear Williams' name.

November

4th November 2022 - Drake & 21 Savage release *'Her Loss'*

The album contains *'On BS'*, which sees Drake once again make subliminal references to XXXTentacion's death, and his alleged involvement.

Drake raps about being *"in and out of court rooms"* before delivering: *"Damn, maybe I should do a 20, / maybe I should break that 20, do a ten / Maybe I should break that ten, do a five, then if it gets live, do a five again / If he held his tongue on that live, he'd be alive again, damn"*.

Drake's sum (20 + 5 + 5) adds up to 30, which in Roman numerals, translates to 'XXX'.

'If he held his tongue on that live...' likely refers to XXXTentacion's social media antics, as this was the catalyst & fuel for his feud with the Canadian.

"I never put no prices on no beef until we end this shit / I pay a half a million for his soul, he my nemesis"

"Putting prices on beef" implies that money has been placed on someone's head, a theme that appeared across *'Scorpion'*, specifically on *'I'm Upset'*. This insinuation is confirmed with the line *"I pay half a million for his soul"*.

Drake specifically references the person in question as his 'nemesis'. XXXTentacion notably referred to Drake as his 'nemesis' in the follow-up story to *"If anyone kills me it was @champagnepapi I'm snitching right now"*, writing *"Peace, love and positivity, but I seen that pic in my tags and had to post that bih, that boi my nemesis."*

December

December 2022 - [Drake is subpoenaed in relation to X's murder trial](#) by Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams' lawyer Mauricio Padilla. He is asked to face deposition by Zoom call.

2023

January

January 27th 2023 - Drake skips the court ordered deposition. His lawyers reference fears about the security of the Zoom call.

February

February 7th 2023 - [The trial of Michael Boatwright, Trayvon Newsome, and Dedrick Williams begins](#)

February 7th 2023 - [Drake & X's public feud is invoked](#) by Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams' lawyer Mauricio Padilla

February 9th 2023 - Drake is [summoned to court](#) for February 27th 2023, [and is warned by the Judge that he could be held in contempt of court if he does not appear](#)

February 14th 2023 - Armed security guards at Drake's home [refuse to accept the subpoena](#), kicking it down the driveway and stating: "Nope, no one is expecting anything. Whatever is left we are trashing it,"

February 15th 2023 - Judge Michael A. Usan performs a complete u-turn, and [grants Drake's motion to avoid giving a deposition](#) in XXXTentacion's murder trial.

He will no longer be ordered to appear in court on February 27, 2023. Usan cited Drake's celebrity status* in the ruling: "You are now just trying to drag somebody in who is a celebrity who does to want to be associated with this and the harm to that individual is not inconsequential."

It should be noted that this is a case surrounding the murder of the creator of the most streamed rap album of all time, 'celebrity' is unavoidable. The explanation offers little clarification on this

baffling u-turn, especially considering the Judge's anger & previous threats to hold Drake in contempt of court for dodging the original deposition less than a week earlier.



March

March 20th 2023 - Jury [convicts Boatwright, Newsome, and Williams](#) of first-degree murder and armed robbery after 7 days of deliberation.

April

April 6th 2023 - Boatwright, Newsome, and Williams are [sentenced to life in prison](#).

May

May 17th 2023 - Robert Allen is [sentenced](#) to 7 years (reduced to 5½ with time served) and 20 years' probation

May 23rd 2023 - Kendrick Lamar & Baby Keem release "The Hillbillies".

The track parodies Drake's song 2022 song 'Sticky', with the music video doing the same. It also teases 'The Hillbillies' headlining that year's Camp Flog Gnaw festival - with Tyler, the Creator making a cameo in the video. This is notable, as Drake had previously performed at the festival in 2019, only to be booed off the stage after less than 20 minutes.

July

July 22nd 2023 - [Kodak Black performs at Rolling Loud Miami](#).

During his set, he shouts out 1090 Jake, who is known for exposing rappers with alleged paperwork.

Following this, he once again shouts out Drake for sending him BTC (*it is not clear if this is a second transaction, or if Yak is referring to the original gift he was sent a year prior*).

July 28th 2023 - Drake features on 'Meltdown' from Travis Scott's 'Utopia'.

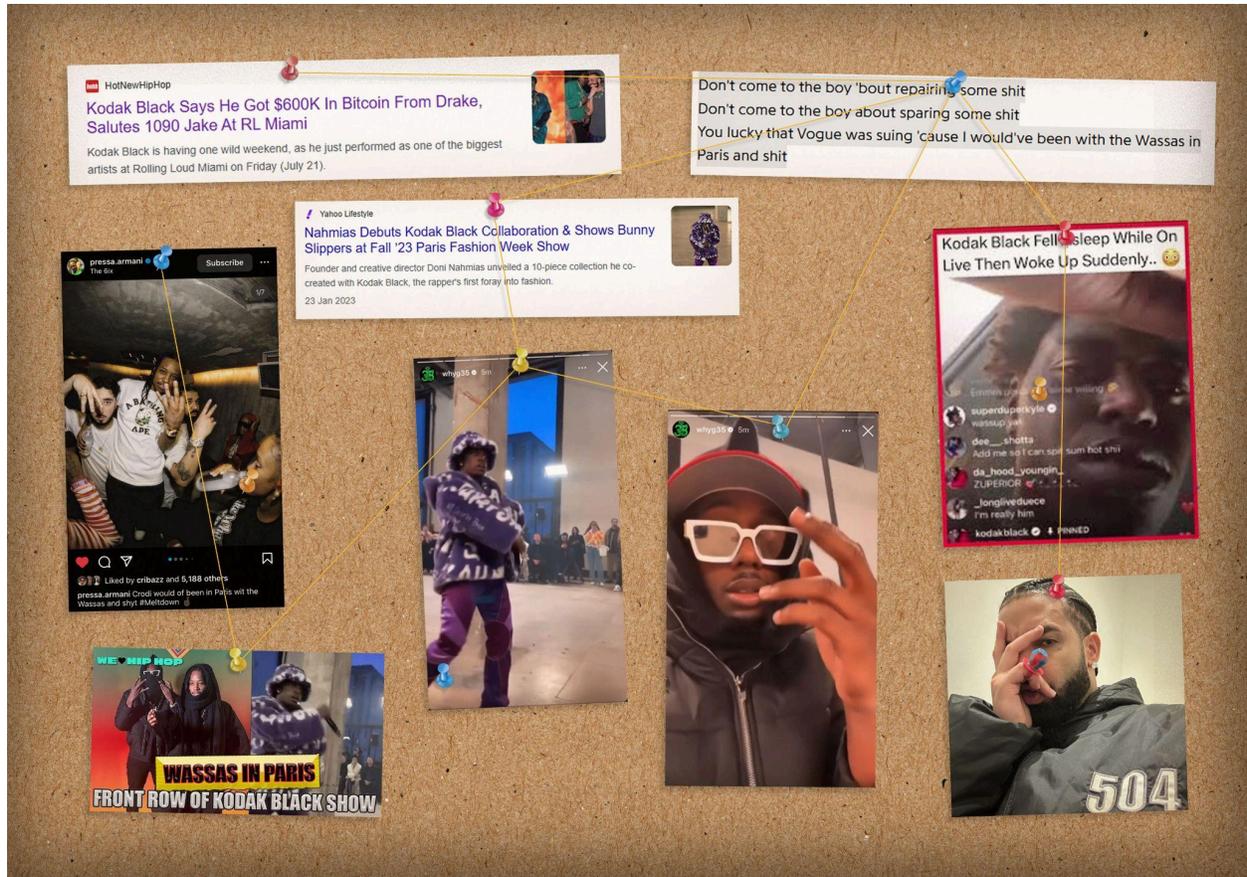
The track notably sees him send shots at Pusha T & Pharrell.

As well as this, shots are sent towards Kodak Black: "[I would've been with the Wassas in Paris and shit](#)" references Kodak Black's performance at Nahmias' show at Paris Fashion week - which Kodak performed at. Sitting front-row at the show were Wass Gang affiliates Pressa & WhyG, [who filmed the Florida rapper, mocking him](#).

August

August 15th 2023 - Kodak Black falls asleep on Instagram live, sparking huge public concern & quickly going viral.

Following this, [Drake posts this picture to his Instagram story](#), likely in reference to: "*Suicide coupe was a funeral, Trackhawk launch like a slingshot / Big ol' ruby diamond on my pinky finger, that bitch look like a Ring Pop*" from Kendrick & Kodak's 'Silent Hill'.



October

October 6th 2023 - Drake releases 'For All The Dogs.'

It features even more mafioso posturing from the Canadian, specifically on '8am in Charlotte', 'Rich Baby Daddy', 'Slime You Out' & 'Daylight'.

'Daylight' sees Drake rap: *"I'm tryna fuck all the bitches that look like my ex / I'm makin' her vex, I'm too complex"* the triplet of 'X' has a clear insinuation, especially when combined with the chorus that follows: *"Shot him in daylight / Shot him in daylight / Shot him in daylight"*.

Drake closes the track by saying *"I wasn't there when they caught the body...Internet swear that I bought the body"*. This is likely referring to XXXTentacion's death and the rumours surrounding the Canadian's alleged involvement. Drake was in Turks & Caicos at the time of his murder, seemingly referencing this trip on 2021's 'Knife Talk': *"I hit up err and tell him do the err, for sure (gang) / Voodoo curse, it got him while I flew to Turks"*

October 26th 2023 - Robert Allen is [released from prison](#)

November

November 15th 2023 - Drake & J.Cole release the 'First Person Shooter' MV

2024

March

March 22nd 2024 - 'Like That' is released, with Kendrick Lamar sending shots at Drake & J.Cole

April

April 13th 2024 - Drake's response, 'Push Ups', is leaked

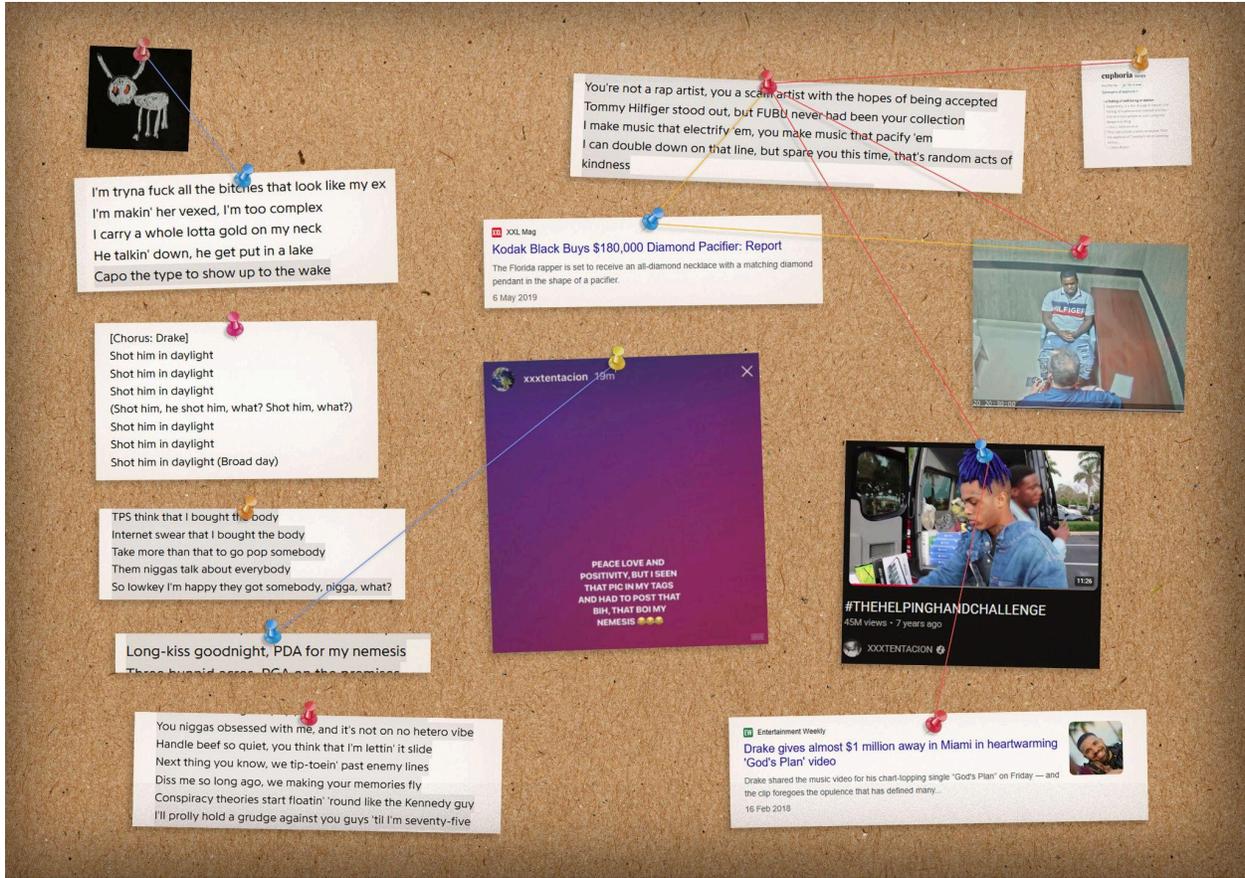
April 19th 2024 - Drake releases 'Taylor Made Freestyle'

April 30th 2024 - Kendrick Lamar releases 'Euphoria'

Released '17' days after 'Push Ups'. It ends a drawn-out period of silence that saw the public beginning to question if Kendrick would even respond to Drake following the shots he sent on 'Like That' over a month earlier.

It's opening verse contains the lyrics: "**Tommy Hilfiger stood out, but FUBU never had been your collection / I make music that electrify 'em, you make music that pacify 'em / I can double down on that line, but spare you this time, that's random acts of kindness**" - with fans later speculating that the lyrics reference Dedrick Williams' interrogation (pictured below) & the conflict between XXXTentacion's 'Helping Hand Challenge' & the 'God's Plan' music video.

"Have you ever paid five hundred thou' like to an open case?" may also refer to XXXTentacion's death, and more specifically Drake's line on 'On BS' in 2022: "*I pay a half a million for his soul, he my nemesis*"



May

May 3rd 2024 - Kendrick releases '6:16 in LA'

May 3rd 2024 - Drake releases 'Family Matters'

May 3rd 2024 - Kendrick releases 'Meet the Grahams'

May 4th 2024 - Kendrick releases 'Not Like Us'

May 5th 2024 - Drake releases 'The Heart Part 6' (White Flag Version)

May 7th 2024 - [A security guard is shot outside of Drake's home](#)

May 7th 2024 - r/DarkKenny is created

June

June 19th 2024 - The Pop Out is held in Inglewood, California

June 21st 2024 - Boxer Ryan Garcia tweets: "Fuck it, Drake killed X". before later apologising and writing "I'm sorry Drake my bad it's love".

Ski Mask the Slump God would call out the athlete, tweeting: "Whoever believe this stupid sh*t, too deep in the YouTube conspiracy rabbit hole. "Go outside touch grass my nigga."

June 24th 2024 - Close friend of XXXTentacion, DJ Scheme, tweets: "My Only Issue Is That After My Brother Died All Drake Did Was Throw Shots To Look More Gangster. So To Wrap Things Up It's Still F**k Drake."

July

July 4th 2024 - 'Not Like Us' MV is released

September

September 8th 2024 - Kendrick Lamar is announced as the headliner for the 2025 Superbowl Halftime Show

September 11th 2024 - Kendrick Lamar releases 'Watch the Party Die'

November

November 22nd 2024 - Kendrick Lamar releases his new album 'GNX'.

The album features 'Peekaboo' ft. AzChike which, in combination with its performance at the Superbowl Halftime, [makes several pointed references to XXXTentacion & his death.](#)

Peekaboo's intro samples Little Beaver's 1972 track 'Give a Helping Hand'. This is likely a reference to the 'Helping Hand Challenge'.

12 lines after the intro ends, Kendrick raps: "*Peekaboo, 80 pointers, like a Kobe game*", referencing Kobe's famous 81 pt game against the Toronto Raptors on the 22nd January 2006. This is notable not just for it's reference to Kendrick & Drake's respective hometown teams, but

because of the date. **12** years after that game, on the 22nd of January 2018, XXXTentacion would launch The Helping Hand Challenge.

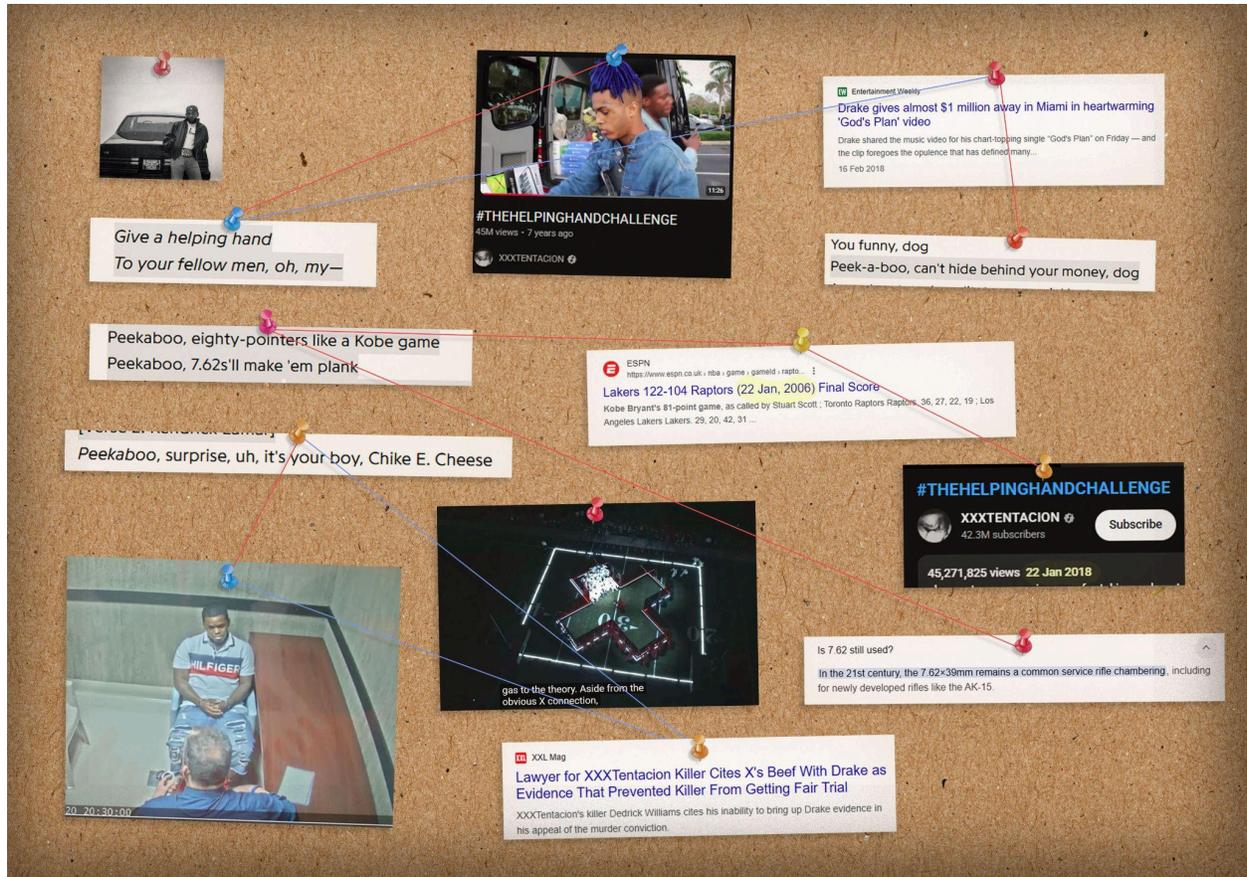
"Peekaboo, 7.62s I'll make 'em plank" references 7.62 caliber bullets, which are notably used by rifles in the 'AK' family (i.e DJ Akademiks, who was an important figure in Drake & X's feud, specifically in relation to the Helping Hand v.s God's Plan situation). As pointed out by Cole Cuchna of 'Dissect', 7, 6, 2 is also Kobe's offensive stat line from that game in 2006.

"Peekaboo, why you actin' tough on IG Live? / Peekaboo, you know my lil' – off they rocker" can be interpreted as a play on Drake's line: *"If he held his tongue on that live, he'd be alive again, damn"* from 2022's 'On BS'.

'Peekaboo' would be performed at the Superbowl Halftime Show in February 2025, with the performance taking place inside of the 'X' shaped stage. Interestingly, the 'X' stage sat on the 30 yard line. As previously mentioned, '30' translates to 'XXX' in Roman numerals. Drake previously made a similar reference to '30' on 'On BS': *"Damn, maybe I should do a 20, / maybe I should break that 20, do a ten / Maybe I should break that ten, do a five, then if it gets live, do a five again / If he held his tongue on that live, he'd be alive again, damn"*. ($20 + 5 + 5 = 30$, $30 = XXX$)

As previously mentioned, this is the second time Kendrick has used the phrase "peek-a-boo" in his entire discography, with the first time being on 2022's 'Silent Hill' ft. Kodak Black, with Yak's verse likely referencing the events surrounding XXXTentacion's murder. This becomes incredibly important with Kendrick performing an edited version of AzChike's verse at the Halftime Show, rapping: *"Peekaboo, it's that nigga, Chuck E. Cheese"* - referencing Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams. 'Chucky' had previously been affiliated with Kodak, and had tattooed the Floridian rapper before he was sentenced to life in prison. Back in August 2022, Mauricio Padilla, attorney for Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams would file to subpoena video footage of an interaction between 'Chucky' and Kodak in Broward County Jail, claiming that this interaction would clear his client of any wrongdoing.

The phrase 'Peek-a-boo' is also used '17' times in total across the song, 16 times in the verses, and one final time as the song ends. This can be seen as a nod to XXXTentacion's debut album, '17', which Kendrick co-signed on Twitter upon its release.



November 25th 2024 - 'Squabble Up' music video is released

The video explicitly makes reference to The Roots' 'The Next Movement' music video from 1999, and begins an unofficial trilogy of similar sets, as seen in Clipse' video for 'Chains and Whips' ft. Kendrick Lamar & Tyler, The Creator's video for 'Stop Playing With Me' (which features a cameo from Clipse).

It also features a very curious chandelier.

November 25th 2024 - Drake's Frozen Moments LLC [filed a petition](#) in New York court alleging UMG artificially inflated Spotify streams of Lamar's "Not Like Us".

November 26th 2024 - Drake's lawyers filed a [second petition](#) against record label Universal Music Group in Texas court, alleging the label paid iHeartRadio to boost airplay of Lamar's "Not Like Us"

November 30th 2024 - [Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams files an appeal in the XXXTentacion murder case, again implicating Drake via the 2018 Instagram post.](#)

December

December 3rd 2024 - [Kendrick Lamar & SZA announce The Grand National Tour](#)

2025

January

January 14th 2025 - Drake [sues](#) Universal Music Group in federal court for defamation, harassment and deceptive practices for distributing and promoting Kendrick Lamar's "Not Like Us,"

January 23rd 2025 - [SZA is announced to be performing at the Superbowl.](#)

The trailer sees Kendrick pacing towards the 30 yard line (where the 'X' shaped stage would be placed a month later), before approximately reaching the 27th line and turning back - only to be covered in Gatorade by SZA.

The video was released on XXXTentacion's birthday. He would've turned 27 years old.

The video is also exactly 30 seconds long, this ties into the 'X' stage being placed on the 30 yard line, with '30' translating to 'XXX' in Roman numerals.

February

February 9th 2025 - [Kendrick Lamar & SZA perform at the Superbowl Halftime Show.](#)

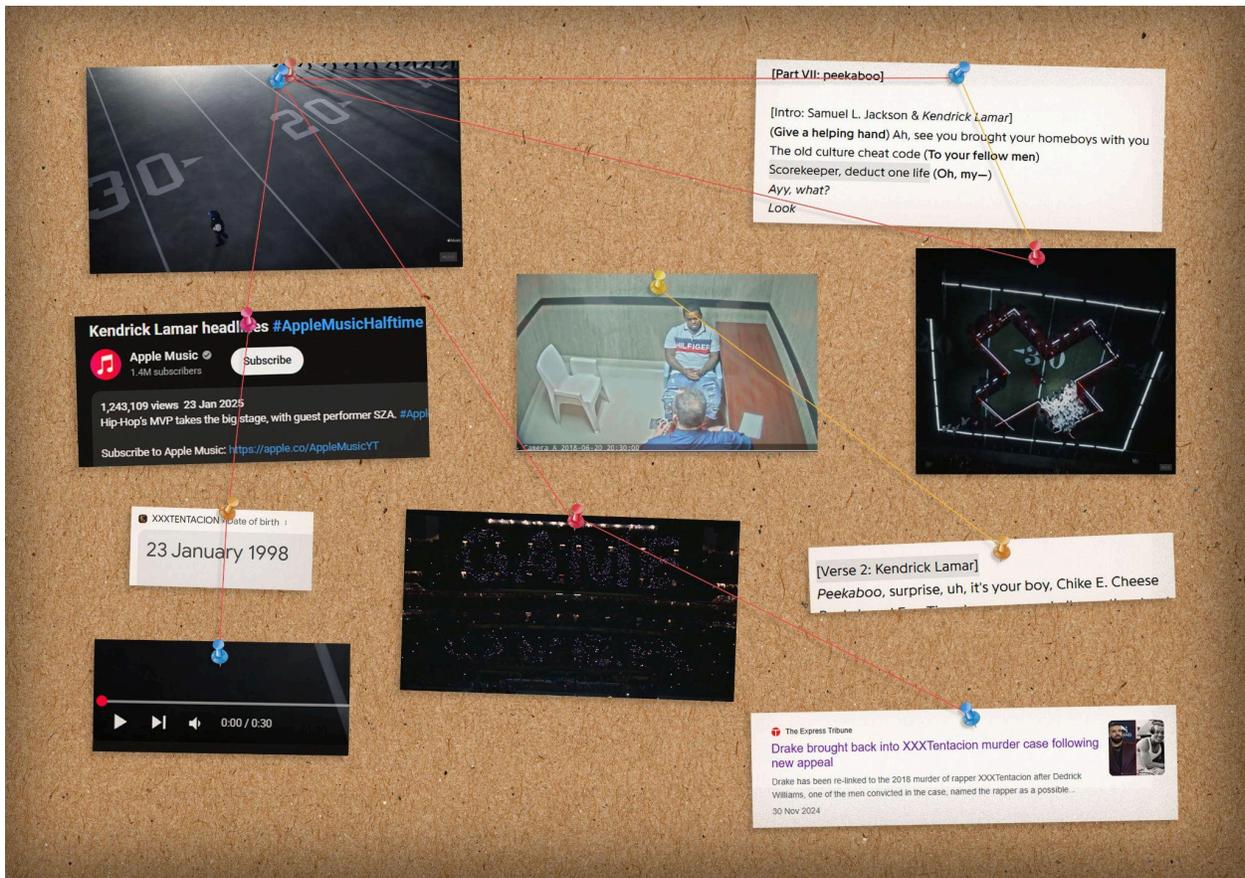
The performance sees Uncle Sam, played by Samuel L Jackson, declare 'Scorekeeper, deduct one life' over Little Beaver's 'Helping Hand', before leading into 'Peekaboo'.

Kendrick performs the track inside of a large 'X' shaped stage, which sits directly on the 30 yard line. This is notable, as 30, translated into Roman numerals, is 'XXX'.

In a surprising turn, Kendrick performs not only his own verse, but part of AzChike's feature as well. Interestingly, Lamar makes a slight edit to Chike's verse, rapping: "*Peekaboo, surprise, bitch it's that nigga Chuck E. Cheese*" instead of Az's "*Peekaboo, surprise, bitch, it's that nigga checkin' cheese*".

This is likely a reference to Dedrick 'Chucky' Williams, one of XXXTentacion's killers, and the individual who filed a brief attempting to pull Drake back into the case just a week after 'GNX' was released.

As previously mentioned 'Chucky' was a former associate with Kodak Black, who previously featured on 'Silent Hill'. Williams' attorney, Mauricio Padilla, had previously sought to retrieve CCTV footage from Broward County jail, arguing that an interaction between 'Chucky' and Kodak would prove his client's innocence.



March

March 14th 2025 - Coyote & longtime Kendrick collaborator Ab-Soul release 'Running Fades', where Ab-Soul raps: *“Be that as it may, we could squabble up / But this ain't pgLang / It's rated XXX, me & em' we at yo neck”*

March 14th 2025 - Playboi Carti releases his highly anticipated album 'MUSIC', with three surprise features from Kendrick Lamar. DJ Akademiks reveals that Kendrick allegedly took on an 'executive producer' role at the last minute, and accused the Compton native of having a Drake feature removed from the album.

Fans would point out that Kendrick was featured on track 5, track 10 & track 15. The collective sum of these adds up as $5 + 10 + 15 = 30$.

April

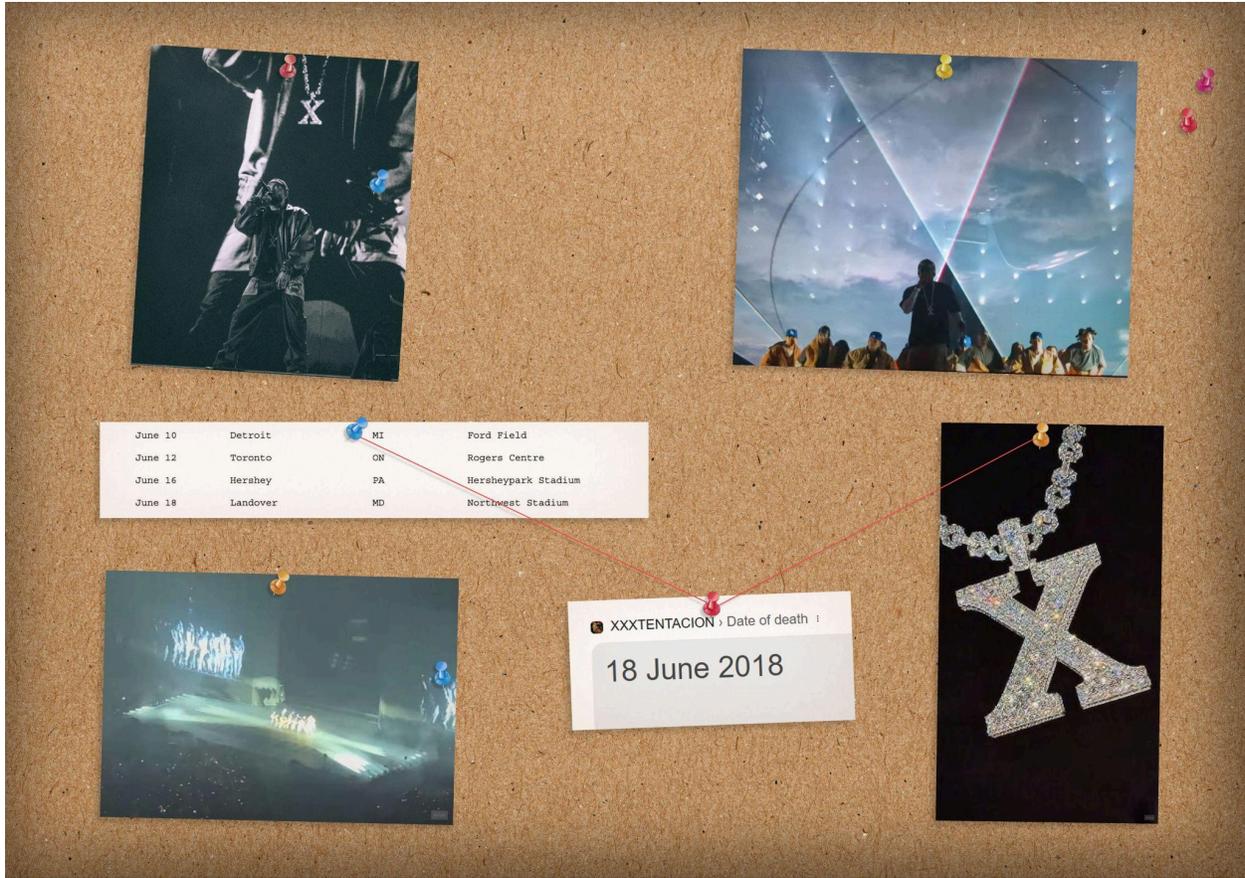
11th April 2025 - The 'Luther' music video is released.

Directed by Karena Evans, who had previously directed the music video for 'God's Plan' & 'I'm Upset', the video is loaded with hidden details.

16th April 2025 - Drake filed an [amended complaint](#) accusing UMG of defamation for orchestrating a "highly organized publicity campaign" to "assassinate" Drake's character

19th April 2025 - The Grand National Tour starts, carrying over a Playstation-esque stage design similar to the one featured at the Superbowl Halftime Show.

Notably missing, however, is the 'X' stage. Instead, we see Kendrick wearing a new iced out 'X' chain.



June 10	Detroit	MI	Ford Field
June 12	Toronto	ON	Rogers Centre
June 16	Hershey	PA	Hersheypark Stadium
June 18	Landover	MD	Northwest Stadium

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June

7th June 2025 - XXXTentacion's friend & collaborator John Cunningham tweets; ['drake finally de-limited his comments so you'll be able to find me here whenever I feel like talking shit'](#)

Cunningham had previously tweeted ['anyone else wonder why drake the only rapper who got his comments limited'](#) in 2022 & ['Drake the only rapper who has his IG comments limited and ima leave it at that'](#) in 2024.

17th June 2025 - Clipse releases 'So Be It'. The track sees Pusha T diss Travis Scott, but Malice's line: *"Like middle men, they killin' 'em, you know what happened, ski"* also raises eyebrows amongst fans.

18th June 2025 - U.S leg of the 'Grand National Tour' ends on the anniversary of XXXTentacion's death

July

11th July 2025 - Clipse release '*Let God Sort Em' Out*'

21st July 2025 - Tyler, The Creator releases '*Don't Tap The Glass*'

The album continues a platter of disses towards Drake.

On the album's release day, Tyler share's the album's first music video: 'Stop Playing With Me', featuring cameos from LeBron James, Maverick Carter & Clipse. The video ends with a '17' second moment of silence.

25th July 2025 - r/ChandelierMike is created

August

12th August 2025 - Tyler, The Creator releases the music video for 'Sugar On My Tongue'. Similar to the previous video, it ends with a moment of silence. This time, the moment lasts '10' (X) seconds.