

50 Cent Buys Former Mike Tyson Mansion

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FARMINGTON, Conn. - Rapper 50 Cent has purchased a mansion that once belonged to former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

The rapper, whose real name is Curtis James Jackson III, bought the 48,000-square-foot mansion for \$4.1 million, according to records on file with the town clerk.

The property, which includes a 52-room home, servants' quarters and a boathouse, was bought from Tyson's ex-wife, Monica Turner Tyson. The fighter signed the house over to her for \$1 in 2002 as part of a divorce settlement.

Tyson purchased the house in 1996 for \$2.7 million.

50 Cent's music draws on his dangerous past, when he hustled crack growing up in a gritty neighborhood in the Queens section of New York City.

He has been shot nine times and stabbed. He's involved in a fierce rap rivalry with Ja Rule and his Murder Inc. crew, and police say he was threatened after the murder of rapper Jam Master Jay.

Local police told The Herald of New Britain they have taken note of his history.

"He is a citizen and we are concerned for his safety as well as the safety of the public," said police Capt. James Rio.

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