

An Open letter to Kanye West:

Dear Kanye:

Thank you for thinking of me for the cover of your next album. That is kind of you. I can truly say I have never been on an album cover before. I did do a product cover for Chanel Allure Cologne back in 2005...but never an album cover.

Unfortunately, I have to decline at this time, and I ask that you cease and desist using my photo or any image of me to promote your album or any of your work. I don't want to seem ungrateful...I just think that if in fact this conversion to love is genuine on your part...then it's inappropriate to drag the negativity of the past with it.

Nonetheless, I am impressed that you "want to forgive and stop hating". That's impressive. More of us need to adopt that philosophy. Understand though that if you make the decision to love, you will no longer have that luxury of stupidity to which many of us cling. The luxury that... "as long as I do not know I am free to believe what I want". With true love comes intellectual honesty. For example, in her article about your decision to love, Karen Mizoguchi, notes the Los Angeles coroner determined that Donda died of heart disease while suffering from "multiple post-operative factors" after plastic surgery. However, the autopsy failed to determine the exact role the post-operative factors played in her death..." *(I am going to show you how that is not true...and toward the end of this letter you will see what the coroner's office did, not said, did, and that will demonstrate what they thought without a doubt.)*

Frankly, those questions have remained because the coroner feared litigation and would not say out loud what he and his office believed to be true. The press, by allowing Harvey Levin to be the "lead dog in the story" told it wrong. Harvey told Larry King the surgery took "eight hours" and that is why he knew "there was a problem". But it didn't take eight hours... it took five hours. There was no problem. From a surgical standpoint the operation was a success. Harvey was either wrong or frankly lying and rather than correct his mistake began to attack me and ignore the facts of the case and the most important person in this story, Donda West.

And so I refer you to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner, Investigator's Narrative, Case Number 2007-08227, Interview with Glenda Lee: (She tells us exactly what happened to your mom) Glenda said that "...at 1630 hours she (Donda) ate some chicken soup, crackers, waters and pineapple juice before her medications were given at 1700 hours. Ms. West went to bed and at that time she said her chest was tight and her throat sore. The decedent got out of bed, but was not described as being anxious or confused. When she went back to bed, pillows were beneath her legs and a single pillow was beneath her head. *(Keep in mind Scoggins was supposed to be caring for your Mom and he was told to elevate the head of her bed 30 degrees. Any nurse would know this but not your mom's best friend or her personal assistant, who were the only people with her.)* The decedent was able to tolerate lying flat. *(The investigator asked this specifically...remember to ask me why?)* Ms. Lee went to the kitchen for a short while and when she returned the decedent had black stuff on her face and was cold and clammy..." *(Black stuff on her face is also important. Again, sadly, this represents something that could have been*

avoided simply by elevating the head of her bed 30 degrees, any nurse would have known this...but her nurse, Donda's nurse, wasn't there. Her nurse had gone to a baby shower.)

But don't take my word for it...have you ever heard the adage: 'it's not what you say... it's what you do that matters'. Watch at the end what the coroner's investigator does.

Another reporter, Nicolle Bitette, for the New York Daily News, states that "the artist's mother, Donda, died in 2007 after a botched plastic surgery job." (*Keep in mind that back then your attorneys had the chart reviewed by a number of experts...and not one of those experts arrived at that conclusion...not one. I will be contacting her workplace.*) Donda West's surgery was not a botched job. There is absolutely no report anywhere to support that statement by that reporter...none. (That is why your lawyers backed off.) Furthermore, she goes on to write "Adams, the California-based surgeon who performed the procedure, claimed in an interview with the Daily news in 2015 that it was the rapper's cousin's fault that Donda had died. Adams blamed West's cousin Stephan Scoggins for making mistakes immediately following Donda's liposuction, tummy tuck and breast reduction surgery. That is also neither accurate nor true. I wasn't the one who "blamed" Stephan Scoggins (*and here is the payoff*) **the coroner did** (my emphasis). I now refer you to an official "Complaint" filed by Denise Bertone, Deputy Coroner, County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner 1104 North Mission Road, Los Angeles CA90033. Ms. Bertone wrote: "...I was informed by Dr. Adams that he discussed the post-operative care of the decedent with Dr. Scoggins who stated that he would be assuming care of his aunt. Dr. Scoggins stated that he would be making arrangements for Ms. West to be cared for at her home when in fact Dr. Scoggins did not make any special arrangements concerning her care. Dr. Scoggins was to be the primary care provider for his aunt and was to stay at her home. According to the information provided by Dr. Scoggins, the morning after the surgery he left the home because the decedent appeared to be better. Ms. West was left in the care of lay persons...Dr. Scoggins indicated that he had left that morning with the intention to return later and care for his aunt. **He did not return to the home nor did he call to check on the decedent.** Ms. West was experiencing symptoms that would have been concerning to a prudent nurse. She was left alone during this time. It is unknown whether medical attention could have saved her life; **however due to neglect this opportunity was never provided** (my placement in bold letters, not hers). **I have been asked by my supervisors to express the concern that this office has regarding the care that Ms. West received following her surgery** and to provide you with the autopsy report and documentation that has been received from Dr. Adams. Enclosed you will find that paperwork..."

So if your journey is true... "To forgive and stop hating" ...start by dealing with the facts. Perhaps you should put your cousin's picture on your next album. Don't put my picture out there and claim you are about love. Love deals with the truth. Over the past ten years, I have tolerated all the errors, misinformation and frank lies told by reporters, journalists and people on the street out of respect for the doctor-patient privilege and your mother. Nonetheless, do not mistake kindness for weakness.

If you want to heal, first call out the people in your own camp who knew better and persisted with the charade in order to hide their own guilt. I know your attorney Brad Rose knew the truth because I told him myself in a number of exchanges that occurred during the investigative process. I know he hired

another lawyer named McPherson to represent Stephan Scoggins...but ask yourself “why would Stephan need an attorney anyway...unless your attorney already knew he had done something wrong?”

You are a father and a family man. Take the time to cherish those things ...you won't regret it. Everyone can get past this but you have to be intellectually honest.

It's hard to consistently and unconditionally love. I welcome you to the journey!

Warm Regards:

J.R. Adams M.D.

P.S. Please, when you have an opportunity, reach out to JL. He is about love. He was not trying to influence you, your thoughts or your process. His message was love and he was only offering perspective.