



“Facing Death Without Fear” (Selected Scriptures)

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Ervin McKinness, a 21-year-old aspiring rapper, tweeted about driving drunk at 120 mph minutes before dying in a fiery one-car crash that killed the rapper and four others.

McKinness posted the now-ominous tweets about speeding while driving drunk on the account @ink2flashyy at 1:19 a.m. on Sept. 2.

"YOLO" is an acronym for "You Only Live Once." The phrase was made popular by singer Drake, who used "YOLO" in his song "The Motto."

Another tweet reportedly posted by McKinness talked about drinking and driving. The tweet read, "Driving tweeting sipping the cup f*** yolo I'm turning it up," according to the *Daily Mail*. This tweet has since been deleted but was re-tweeted on the account.

At 1:40 a.m., McKinness died in a crash in Ontario, Calif., at Creekside Drive and Haven Avenue when the 2005 Nissan Sentra ran a red light, lost control and slammed into a wall, according to the *San Bernardino County Sun*. The car wound up in the backyard of a home. Marquell Bogan, 23, and Dylan George, 20, both of Ontario; Jonathan Watson, 21, of San Bernardino; and JaJuan Bennett, 23, of Rancho Cucamonga were also killed in the crash.

All were pronounced dead at the scene except Bogan, who was taken to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead, according to CBS News.

Despite McKinness' tweets, police reported that it was actually Watson who was behind the wheel, according to the *San Bernardino County Sun*. "They're certainly looking at that because it will be a vital part of the investigation, but it's too early to give an opinion as to whether it (drunken driving) was a cause or contributed to the crash," Ontario police Sgt. David McBride told the *San Bernardino County Sun*.

McKinness, who went by the names Jew'elz and Inkyy, had signed a record deal, according to *Vibe*. An official video for his song "Dreams" was published on his YouTube channel, InkyyTV, back in April.

DEATH IS CERTAIN

- Famous deaths in 2012: Actor Michael Clark Duncan (54), Sun Myung Moon (92), Hip Hop mogul Chris Lighty (44) found dead in his NYC apartment (suicide), Phyllis Diller, Neil Armstrong, Arnold Horshack (Welcome Back Kotter), Sherman Hemsley (The Jeffersons), Chad Everett, Space pioneer Sally Ride (61), Jon Lord (Deep Purple), Kitty Wells, Sylvester Stalone's son (36), Ernest Borgnine, Rodney King (47), Richard Dawson (Family Feud, Hogan's Heroes, The Great Escape), Andy Griffith, Junior Seau, Whitney Houston (48), Davy Jones (66), Robin Gibb (62), Donna Summer (63), hairstylist Vidal Sasson, George Lindsay (Goober Pyle), Adam Yauch (Beastie Boys, 47), NFL star Junior Seau (43), Dick Clark, Mike Wallace, bluegrass legend Earl Scruggs, Michael Hossick (Doobie Brothers drummer, 65), Ronnie Montrose (64), Steve Bridges (George Bush impersonator, 48), Robert Sherman (Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, & other Disney classics), Angelo Dundee, Don Cornelius (Soul Train, suicide), Joe Paterno, Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke (29), U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stephens (52), Sean Smith, Glenn Doherty, & Tyrone Woods (all killed when militants overran the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya). Ricky Ligons was shot and killed this past Friday evening in the parking lot of Club Ice in Ybor City. He was 24.
- Show Tampa Bay Times obituaries
- Heb.9:27a; No matter how you die, you're as dead as the next person
- What happens after someone dies?
 - The Bible says that God has placed within man a knowledge that death is not the end (Eccl.3:11)
 - Jesus confirmed that death is not the end (Luke 20:27-38)
 - Jesus confirmed that, before the cross, there were two places where the dead went (Luke 16:19-31). Those who died in the faith of Abraham died believing in the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ (Gal.3:15-18; Rom.4:13-25).
 - Eph.4:8 (Ps.68:18); Phil.1:23; I Cor.5:7 make it clear that now the one who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ goes immediately to be with Christ at the point of death.
- Jesus warned the Pharisees about the danger of dying in their sins (John 8:21-24).
- Jesus died so that we might not have to fear death (Heb.2:14-16). The fear of death is removed when I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Rom.3:23; 6:23; II Cor.5:21; I John 5:12; John 1:11-13; 3:16 (To entrust my life to him); John 5:24.