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Wesley Snipes Compares Hollywood Agents to Pimps in the Greatest Deposition Ever (Video)



In a 2008 dispute with his former talent agency, Snipes complained that actors were like "hos."

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In 2008, as **Wesley Snipes** was fighting his former talent agency UTA over unpaid commissions, he sat for an interrogation by Power Lawyer **Bryan Freedman**. *THR* tracked down the hilarious transcript.

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Freedman: Assuming I'm a talent agent and you're my client, in the usual talent agency-client relationship, if I'm representing you and you make some sort of money from some source during the time that I'm representing you, the usual claim from a talent agency is that they're entitled to commission off whatever you make during the period of representation.

Snipes: Right.

Snipes' lawyer: Objection. Vague and ambiguous, lacks foundation, incomplete hypothetical, calls for an expert conclusion.

Snipes: I can translate it to the way I understand it. It's no different than a pimp. That's what a pimp does with a ho. A pimp will lay claim to whatever the ho produces anywhere on the planet for as long as she's a ho. And then, even after she retires from being a ho, they're still gonna make the claim. Now, whether they actually do anything or not to deserve it is a whole 'nother issue. That's kind of my experience with the talent agencies -- if they receive the phone call, if your name has been a part of their roster, if they receive a piece of mail, then as far as they're concerned, they are entitled to commission.

Freedman: What does the pimp do when the ho doesn't pay?

Snipes: They usually beat them up.

Freedman: No further questions.

Snipes later reached a confidential settlement with his former agency.

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