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**Kier “Junior” Spates – Comedian, Actor, and Ambassador for the
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
to Appear on “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” on WOL DC 1450 AM**

Arlington, VA – On Tuesday, July 7th at 11 a.m. EST, the guest on **“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young”** will be **Kier “Junior” Spates** who is a comedian, actor, and ambassador for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA).

Mr. Spates is said to be “the next big thing in stand-up comedy”. He’s a native of Houston, Texas and has traveled the globe with legendary talents such as: Aretha Franklin, Frankie Beverly and Maze, Anita Baker, and more. In 2005, he toured as one of the primary acts on the “Rickey Smiley and Friends Show”. Additionally, Mr. Spates has gone on military / United Service Organizations (USO) tours and visited college campuses.

In May 2013, SCDAA announced that Mr. Spates would become its national celebrity ambassador for the “Rise Above!” campaign after his disclosure about his struggles with the disease. The goal of this campaign is to provide education and raise awareness about this blood disease. Through this partnership, Mr. Spates inspires others who are effected with, increases support for, and raises visibility about this disease.

As an actor, Mr. Spates has had many on-screen television appearances, including rave reviews for his performances on “Getting Paid” and BET’s “Comic View”. Also, he has traveled with several popular stage plays, including “Confessions” that starred the late Gerald Levert, Kelly Price, and Tommy Ford. Moreover, Mr. Spates can be heard on the popular “The Steve Harvey Morning Show”.

Mr. Spates is a comedic force who is “unforgettable”. He’s driven by the belief that “laughter doeth the heart good like medicine”. If you’re looking for a cure, then he’s got plenty of prescriptions to aid with your recovery. His job is to get you well --- and “This just got serious” per one of his catchphrases.

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young’s” host is honored to have Mr. Kier “Junior” Spates – a rising comedic star, a sought after actor who partners with some of entertainments most bankable names, and the Ambassador for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America – on the show.

About “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” (facebook.com/beyondjusttalk)

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” is a 1-hour weekly show which addresses life and business topics from a solution-oriented perspective. “Beyond Just Talk” is a show for anyone who seeks positive, inspirational, and thought-provoking talk.

About Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA - sicklecelldisease.org)

Obtain additional information on SCDAA, its work, and outreach.

About Kier “Junior” Spates (juniorontheradio.com)

Obtain additional information on Mr. Spates, tour dates, and samples of his work.

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