

# Rod Wave



## Born & Raised

Adept at swinging from gruff to sweet within one line, Rod Wave is a rapper and singer who swiftly advanced from local up-and-comer to Alamo Records signee. The Top Ten Billboard 200 entry *Ghetto Gospel* capped off the storyteller's slew of vivid full-length releases across 2018 and 2019. *Pray 4 Love* nearly topped the chart in 2020, and was followed in 2021 by *SoulFly*, which reached number one on the strength of a few Top 40 singles.



For Rod Wave, born Rodarius Green, recording was initially just a pastime facilitated by his father (who bought him a microphone) and his brother (who gave him a computer). He didn't intend to make a career out of it, but early tracks circulated by his producer found an audience in his native St. Petersburg, Florida, and additional material and live shows led to a deal with the Universal-affiliated Alamo Records. Still a teenager, Rod put together multiple volumes in his *Hunger Games* series and also released a handful of singles in 2018 alone. He was even more productive the following year, releasing *PTSD* (with Bay Area legend E-40 the only guest), appearing on E-40's "Made This Way" (his highest-profile guest verse to that point), and hitting number ten on

the Billboard 200 with *Ghetto Gospel*. The latter debut studio full-length was executive produced by Kevin Gates -- an early inspiration -- and was boosted by a remix of the single "Heart on Ice" featuring Lil Durk.

Rod returned in April 2020 with his second studio album, *Pray 4 Love*. The set debuted at number two on Billboard 200 and spawned the number 12 pop hit "Rags2Riches" featuring Lil Baby. A deluxe version of *Pray 4 Love* arrived that August, only a few weeks after Rod survived a serious car accident. The rapper/singer drew from the experience on *SoulFly*, which arrived in March 2021. Powered by its first three singles, all of which went Top 40, the album crowned the Billboard 200. More non-album tracks followed, including 2021's "Forever Set in Stone" and 2022's "Cold December."

## Music Career

Wave's career began in 2016, with the release of his mixtape *Hunger Games Vol.1*. He released several mixtapes independently prior to signing with Alamo Records. On June 14, 2019, he released his mixtape *PTSD*, which included the song "Heart on Ice". The song went viral on YouTube and TikTok, peaking at number 25 on the Billboard Hot 100.[7] Wave's debut album, *Ghetto Gospel*, was released on November 1, 2019. It peaked at number 10 on the US Billboard 200.[8]

Wave's second album, *Pray 4 Love*, was released on April 3, 2020. It debuted at number 2 on the Billboard 200, with a deluxe edition following on August 7.[9] Several songs from the album charted on the Billboard Hot 100, including "Rags2Riches" (featuring ATR Son Son),[11][12][13] which peaked at number 12 on the Hot 100 (and became his highest-charting song).[14] On August 11, 2020, Wave was included on *XXL's* 2020 Freshman Class.[15] In July 2020, Wave revealed during an interview that he was working on his third album (which was originally scheduled for August 27, 2020).[1] He revealed the track list for his album *SoulFly* on March 6, 2021. After *SoulFly* came out, it was the number 1 streaming album on YouTube. It was released on March 26, and includes a sole feature from Polo G on the single "Richer".[16][17] The album also includes songs "Street Runner" and "Tombstone" (his highest-charting song which peaked at number 11 on the Hot 100).[18][19]



## Why Is Rod Wave Going to Jail



## Prison?

After the Rod Wave arrest rumours, fans wanted to know what did Rod Wave do.

However, Wave did not reveal anything about his charges and crimes. He was only open about his soon-to-happen arrest.

On the other hand, Rod already has a criminal background and history.

When he was very young, the singer reportedly used to sell drugs, break cars and rob houses. Similarly, Rod Wave also faced legal charges for illegal possession of weapons. As a fact, Rod Wave served in prison for the alleged crime.

Moreover, even his father was sentenced to prison for murder accusations. Nevertheless, the rapper revealed that his dad was recently released. "Street Runner" and "Tombstone" (his highest-charting song which peaked at number 11 on the Hot 100).[18][19]