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PENAL COLONY JOINS THE DSBP RECORDS FAMILY TO SETTLE SOME "UNFINISHED BUSINESS"

January 7, 2003 (Portland, OR) Industrial-Punk-Goth Mavens Penal Colony, Architects of such seminal mid-90's releases as "5 MAN JOB" and "PUT YOUR HANDS DOWN", have inked a deal with Albuquerque, New Mexico-based DSBP Records to release its latest effort, "UNFINISHED BUSINESS."

"UNFINISHED BUSINESS" marks Penal Colony's return to the scene after an 8-year hiatus. The new collection of material was written, recorded, and produced by Penal Colony's sole surviving original member, D Madden. It includes 12 new tracks and 2 remixes.

Plans are to release "UNFINISHED BUSINESS" as a CD release, and a special, "UNFINISHED BUSINESS: LIMITED EDITION" CD/DVD release. The limited edition's "Special Features" DVD will include interviews, track-by-track commentaries, a "Making of..." segment, videos, and more. The "UNFINISHED BUSINESS: LIMITED EDITION" CD/DVD release will be the first multimedia release DSBP has ever done.

Madden and DSBP Records founder Tommy T are both very excited about the union. Madden's work on the project began late in 2001, shortly after the disintegration of an electronica project he had been involved in for a couple years, Called SimStim, who released "JACK IN, LOG ON, NOD OUT" on EGBT Records in 1999. "I didn't really know what I wanted to do at that point," Madden explains, "I was interested in doing some Industrial again, but had no real designs to make it a Penal Colony release if I did. I re-connected with Tommy T around that time, and told him I was thinking about doing another Penal Colony record. He was very excited about the prospect, and told me he thought it was a great idea. That played a large part in motivating me to do it, so I'm very happy that Tommy agreed to get DSBP behind the release."

Penal Colony's beginnings go back to the summer of 1992. 3 of the original members – Guitarist Andy Shaw, Bassist Chris Shinkus, and Drummer Jason Hubbard – arrived fresh from the corpse of popular Goth-Glam-Punk outfit The Texas Vamps, hailing from California's Inland Empire. Madden was an Orange County native and Guitarist/Vocalist of L.A. Goth monsters Ex-VoTo, exiting in 1991 when the band relocated to New Orleans. After several months of performing around Hollywood and the Inland Empire, Penal Colony piqued the interest of some record industry types during a show at The Roxy in Hollywood, and after a minor bidding skirmish, was picked up by Cleopatra Records in 1993. The self-described "Punk band with a sampler" saw the release of their debut LP, "PUT YOUR HANDS DOWN" (its title taken from a remark made by Rock n' Roll legend Chuck Berry in the infamous Chuck Berry "Golden Shower" bootleg), followed by "5 MAN JOB" in 1995,



a remix album that included remixes by FRONT LINE ASSEMBLY, PSYCHIC TV, THD, and SPAHN RANCH. A national tour was launched in support of "5 MAN JOB", with PENAL COLONY as the opening act in a package that included then-labelmates Electric Hellfire Club. The original and tour lineups of the band dissolved shortly thereafter.

After receiving approval from surviving original members Hubbard and Shinkus to continue on with the name, Madden resuscitated Penal Colony in late 2001 and began work on "UNFINISHED BUSINESS".

DSBP Records was founded in 1996, and is an elektro industrial cyber record label and distributor of all good music underground and futuristic. The DSBP team includes Aghast View, diverje, Biopsy, Symbiont, Krushed Opiates, Control.org, Ionic Vision, System Der Dinge, Testube, Andraculoid, Run Level Zero, Forced, and in-FUSED. Our compilations span the globe bringing quality underground bands to light. We also distribute titles from popular labels including Inception, Optikon, 4D, A Different Drum, Ant-zen, Flatline, Hands, ArtofFact, Broken Seal, Opcion Sonica, Nightbreed, ADSR, Scanner, Interbeat, Cop International, Diskatopia, Blacklight, Flaming Fish, Doppler Effect, Gashed!, Tinman, and Possessive Blindfold, as well as many compilations and full lengths from the world of electronic music. You can hear a bit of everything on the DSBP website at www.dsbp.cx, or on DSBP's sister site Cyberage Radio first at www.cyberage.cx, then get the real digital entertainment for your own home! DSBP was also voted "Record Label of the Year" in 1999 by Ground Under Productions.

"UNFINISHED BUSINESS" is scheduled to drop in May of 2003.