

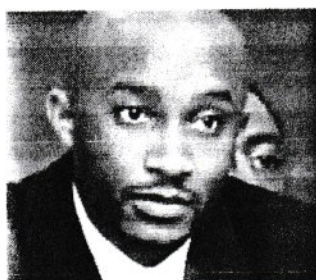


## Seven years later, 'Flint Star' documentary still creating a buzz

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Grand Rapids native Marcus Davenport, independent filmmaker, set out to capture the essence of Flint city basketball in his 2003 documentary **Flint Star**.

The film features highlights from several city basketball players, as well as interviews with professional players like Mateen Cleaves and Eddie Robinson.

Davenport recently did a lengthy interview with **SLAM's Eric Woodyard (also a Flint native) about the film:**

**SLAM:** I know you wanted to teach people some things about Flint basketball, but what did you learn while filming this movie?

**MD:** I think that one of the major things that I learned was that for most individuals who come from Flint, it's a real genuine love for the city. I truly feel that I couldn't have done a movie like this in a lot of cities and got the kind of support that I got. You're talking about major athletes who at the particular time of their life were at the top of their career and were still willing to help me. In those times, I was just a guy with a camera and a dream! For people to say 'Come here and come here, this is about my city and I'm gonna support you.'

The movie is certainly about basketball, but it also focuses on the things that go along with basketball dreams in a poor community — namely, the hope that it can lead to a better life.

And check out the soundtrack as well, which is done by **Flint's own Jon Connor**.

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