



Juan Pablo Escobar wants a legitimately hot career

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A man claiming to be the only son of late Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar wants to cash on the family's infamy. But Escobar's brother, Roberto, is questioning whether the guy is really Medellin kingpin's rightful heir.

The husky, bald-headed man who calls himself Juan Pablo Escobar (aka Pablo Escobar Jr.) told us Monday he set out to become a hip hop star after hearing that Oliver Stone was making a movie about "my father" and that rapper Nas was calling himself "Nas Escobar."

"I saw how easy it is to legitimize yourself in the [ENTERTAINMENT] industry," he said.

Now he says he's working on his own gangsta album, that he's getting paid as much as \$10,000 just to show up at clubs, and that he's even been talking with Versace about a fashion line.

"Escobar," who says he's 33 and never took part in the family cocaine business, said he had been living with his mother, Maria, in Argentina but lately has been bouncing around L.A., Miami and New York. (Last weekend, he dined at London Lennie's in Rego Park after the Queens International Film Festival.) He wouldn't say where he lives.

Reached in Colombia, Roberto Escobar told us, "I had [my sister-in-law] Maria at my house eight months ago. She never mentioned a son in the America. How would he get a visa to enter the United States? Also, Juan Pablo is 31 and has a full head of hair." Told that his "nephew" claimed to have appeared "as himself" on Colombian soap operas, Roberto said, "No, no, It's absurd."

Tia Sanabria, publicist to "Juan Pablo," said, "He's furious that he's being questioned. Our position is that he is who is."

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