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September 7, 2011 -- **9 LEFT DEAD** is gearing up for the September 27 release of their debut album, **THE WRONG THINGS**, through Dirtbag (through Warner Music Group's Independent Label Group).

The buzz is already starting thanks to early adds for the first single, "Put Your Guns Down," which can be heard on radio stations nationwide, including KATT (in their hometown, Oklahoma City), WIIL (Chicago), WKLC (Charleston, WV), WJJO (Madison), WRTT (Huntsville), as well as on AOL/Noisecreep.com, which officially premiered the track and can be heard [CLICK HERE to check it out!](#)

The song stems from an incident at an Oklahoma City prison, which is where singer Travis Jones and bassist Jared Ellis first met and worked together as guards.

As singer Travis Jones told AOL/Noisecreep.com, "One day we had an inmate come in thinking he was a little more hardcore than he actually ended up being. I was having a bad night, and to add to it, this inmate kept running his mouth. One thing lead to another and he ended up taking a swing at me. So I moved in on him, picked him up, and slammed him into the ground taking control of the situation. Later on that night I was going back over what had just happened in my head and the line 'careful what you wish for' kept sticking in my head, because he wanted to fight, but I know he didn't see it playing out the way it actually did. And it made me think about those guys that think they are unstoppable until someone actually puts them in their place. That's where the idea for 'Put Your Guns Down' came from."

9 LEFT DEAD--Travis Jones (vocals), Jared Ellis (bass), Kreg Anthony (lead guitar), Nathan Parrish (rhythm guitar) and Bryan Whitley (drums)--originally formed in Amber, Oklahoma in 1999 when guitarist, now lead vocalist, Travis Jones, started the band under the name Harmful If Swallowed. Travis explains, "In the beginning, I never really focused too much on choosing music as a career. At that time it was a coping mechanism to deal with life and discover myself, which turned into an addiction. You always want to do something to change peoples' lives and help them. It just turned out that while I was using my music to deal with my own circumstances, the music also helped other people--and that's an addiction you can't deny."

In 2008, after Jared joined on as the band's bass player, they decided to change their name to 9 LEFT DEAD. "The name change was for the best," states Travis, "It gave us what felt like a fresh start and a new beginning." In July 2010, Kreg and Nathan Parrish joined 9 LEFT DEAD,

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which was soon followed by the addition of Bryan, completing the band's official line-up.

Wasting no time in showcasing the band's seasoned live show, led by Travis' powerful vocals and the band's musical prowess, in April 2010, 9 LEFT DEAD won the "2010 Band Beatdown" sponsored by Oklahoma City rock radio station KATT and Rock U Live. They beat out over 100 bands and as part of their grand prize package, the band received an invitation to be one of the first bands to record at Bar Code Studios with multi-platinum and BMI award-winning songwriter Cody Hanson (Hinder). Within a month of winning the "2010 Band Beatdown," 9 LEFT DEAD signed to C-Squared Management and their first major recording contract with Dirtbag/ILG/Warner Music Group.

With producers Cody Hanson and Marshal Dutton at the helm, the band has perfected the merging of their up-tempo, aggressive and pounding sound with melodic vocal hooks and identifiable lyrics that appeal to a broad audience. With an unbreakable chemistry, 9 LEFT DEAD brings an action packed show every night leaving it all out there on the stage for the fans. "That's what this is all about," states Travis, "we're here to kick some serious ass for the people that come out to a 9 LEFT DEAD show!"

9 LEFT DEAD is currently lining up a new batch of tour dates, which will be announced soon. They've already had the opportunity to share the stage with such bands as Hinder, My Darkest Days, Adelitas Way, Egypt Central, Halestorm, Three Days Grace, Seether, Papa Roach, Drowning Pool, Switchfoot, Puddle Of Mudd, and HellYeah.

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