

Is 'Mr. Worldwide' Bringing His Latin Club Sound to Kodiak?

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We should find out soon if Miami singer Pitbull will have to trade in his flip-flops for Xtra-Tufs for a trip to Kodiak, courtesy of an online contest sponsored by Walmart and "Energy Sheets," a tongue-dissolvable caffeine strip. The company had promised to send the "Back in Time" singer to whichever Walmart received the most "Likes" on Facebook. Kodiak's store has about 72,000 Likes - by far the most in the nation.

Walmart spokeswoman Sarah Spencer said this (Monday) morning that an announcement of the results will be made Tuesday.

Kodiak became the most popular after David Thorpe, a writer for the Boston Phoenix, started an internet campaign of his own as a joke to "exile" the singer to the most remote Walmart in America, which he figured was the one in Kodiak.

Pitbull, who is currently touring abroad, is being a good sport about the whole thing, and has said he would certainly play Kodiak if it won the contest. He even turned the tables on Thorpe by inviting him to come to Kodiak with him. Thorpe accepted, but wrote he was hoping it was an all-expenses paid trip.

Hometown fans of Pitbull, whose real name is Armando Perez, tried to launch a counter campaign to get the Hialeah Walmart more likes, but it fell far short, with just more than 1,000 votes.

Figures haven't been officially released, though the contest ended at 4 p.m. Alaska time yesterday (Sunday). Spencer says to expect an announcement sometime Tuesday afternoon on Facebook and Twitter.