

# He Came, He Saw, He Didn't Sing: A Year After Pitbull's Visit

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Remember when a social media campaign brought an unlikely visitor to Kodiak last summer?

&ldquo;Pitbull, here he is.&rdquo;

Yesterday marked a year ago that the Miami singer Pitbull touched down in Kodiak for an impromptu visit to Alaska&rsquo;s Emerald Isle.

&ldquo;But it&rsquo;s always good to be around good people in an untouched environment and to be honest, it&rsquo;s very, very beautiful here and I definitely want to come back.&rdquo;

Despite receiving a key to the city from Mayor Pat Branson, a year later, Mr. 305 hasn&rsquo;t made a return visit to the 907. Nor have there been any references to Kodiak in a song.

&ldquo;They were asking me if I&rsquo;m going to mention Kodiak, Alaska in a record. I said absolutely we&rsquo;re going to mention Kodiak, Alaska in a record.&rdquo;

But to be fair, his most recent album, Global Warming, was only released in November and was probably well underway before his visit.

Mr. Worldwide&rsquo;s stop in Kodiak came after Walmart promised the town with the most Walmart Facebook page &lsquo;likes&rsquo; a visit from the artist, whose real name is Armando Perez.

This prompted Boston Phoenix columnist David Thorpe to find the most remote Walmart and launch a social media campaign to &ldquo;Exile Pitbull.&rdquo;

Kodiak&rsquo;s Walmart took home the win with 72,000 &lsquo;likes,&rsquo; despite having a city population of only 8,000. A year later, that number has dropped more than 30,000. Still, a solid 41,000 people continue to &lsquo;like&rsquo; the nation's most remote Walmart.