

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Trouble Agency is a Belgian Thrash Metal band from Brussels, formed in 1993. Founding members Didier Van Coppenolle (guitarist) and Bart Brion (drummer) decided to join forces, writing their first songs, embracing a unique blend of groovy Thrash Metal with Hard Core elements. The band is considered as one of the last of its generation still active in Belgium. Trouble Agency was born in the ashes of 80s Thrash Metal bands Cyclone and Decadence.

The original Trouble Agency lineup consisted of Didier Van Coppenolle (ex-Brain Cancer and Necrosis), Bart Brion (ex-Decadence) with Kalle Vanlint (ex-Cyclone & Decadence) on guitars, bassist Alain Fabry (ex-Necrosis), and Serge Van Bossele on vocals. The band would record 'Alone'(1996) and 'Angry'(1998), their first two demos, joined by Pascal Haneuse on drums and Didier Meeus on vocals. Trouble Agency then releases a first studio demo called 'Bite Into Life' (2002), which was recorded and produced by Xavier Carrion (ex-Cyclone & Channel Zero) and features Jamal Obeidat on drums. Larry Van De Rostyne (ex-Decadence) joins the band on lead guitars in 2003. This lineup was the longest to last and also released its first studio album 'Moneycracy' (2006).

The band's commitment to self-releasing their albums and remaining independent from any local or major labels, hadn't allowed any popular breakthrough of their first releases, despite being well received by the public. Jamal Obeidat's departure from the band in 2008 would open a breach in the lineup, as bassist Alain Fabry and singer Didier Meeus would leave Trouble Agency shortly after.

Though Trouble Agency never broke up; the most important lineup changes, occurring around 2010, wouldn't affect the band's inspiration or style. Trouble Agency recruited drummer François De Bock (ex- Breathstealer) and as a three-piece, released the totally self-recorded demo LP 'The Last Shot' (2011) with mastermind Didier Van Coppenolle assuming rhythmic guitars as well as vocals and Larry Van De Rostyne on both lead guitars and bass. The addition of Simon Mouawad on bass would definitely put Trouble Agency back on the tracks, allowing them to bounce back and recruit longtime friend Kevin Nolis (ex- Breathstealer and Wasted Years) on vocals during early 2013. The band selfreleased its newest full length album 'Suspected' in October 2017.