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ZZ WARD’S CRIMINAL EP AVAILABLE NOW ON ITUNES

**SULTRY SINGER’S FULL-LENGTH DUE SEPTEMBER 18
ON BOARDWALK/HOLLYWOOD RECORDS**

LOS ANGELES, May 9, 2012 – **ZZ Ward** keeps making noise and this time it’s with her *Criminal EP*, out now and officially available on iTunes. She was quick to share the good news with her fans, saying, “Because of all the love I decided I couldn’t wait to give you some back! The *Criminal EP* is available now!”

Ward has finally emerged from the studio after many hours honing this EP and forthcoming LP, where she was joined by a jaw-dropping array of collaborators including, **Ryan Tedder, Kendrick Lamar, Ludwig Goransson, Pete Rock, Theron “Neff-U” Feemster, Ali Shaheed Muhammad (of A Tribe Called Quest), Blended Babies** and **Fitz (of Fitz and the Tantrums)**. The four songs on *Criminal* paint a vivid picture of Ward’s unique approach to her self-proclaimed “dirty blues with beats” artistry. Her smoky rasp is accompanied by the husky growl of **Freddie Gibbs** on the title track, while the gritty blues-soaked, hip-hop inspired “Move Like U Stole It” erupts from under her unmistakable belt and an infectious shuffle. “Put The Gun Down” will have you racing toward your porch to match the stomp, while “Til The Casket Drops” drips with raw emotion. “The first time we heard her smoky rasp, she was belting over the beat of Tyler, The Creator’s ‘Yonkers’ on her own mixtape. [“Criminal”] swelters a little more slowly, but it’s no less ballsy: Her wailing runs over rapper Freddie Gibbs’ cameo damn near make this NSFW,” declared *Esquire*.

This budding songstress is currently on tour with the soulful **Allen Stone** and will join **Fitz and the Tantrums** in June for a string of dates. Her debut LP is **due September 18 on Boardwalk/Hollywood Records**.

ZZ WARD WITH ALLEN STONE

May 9	Danbury, Conn.	Heirloom Arts Theatre
May 10	Rochester, N.Y.	Water Street Music Hall
May 11	Toronto, ON	The Mod Club
May 13	Greensboro, N.C.	Greene Street Club
May 15	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jack Rabbits
May 16	Tampa, Fla.	The Orpheum
May 17	Orlando, Fla.	The Social
May 19	Houston, Texas	House of Blues/Bronze Peacock
May 20	Dallas, Texas	House of Blues/Cambridge Room

ZZ WARD WITH FITZ AND THE TANTRUMS

June 9	Charleston, N.C.	The Music Farm
June 10	Raleigh, N.C.	Lincoln Theatre
June 13	New York, N.Y.	Rockwood Music Hall (Stage 2) *
June 14	Buffalo, N.Y.	Buffalo Place Rocks The Harbor
June 15	Columbus, Ohio	LC Pavilion
June 16	Chicago, Ill.	Schubas *
June 25	Los Angeles, Calif.	Bardot *

