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# WWE Announces New Round of Talent Releases, Including Black and Vega

## Description

Multiple outlets have reported several recent departures from WWE's main roster, including the unexpected exits of Aleister Black and Zelina Vega. This news follows their reunion on *SmackDown* last year, which occurred after Black's return to WWE post-*WrestleMania 41*. He had been slated for a significant storyline involving Randy Orton, but that plan fell through in light of developments surrounding broadcaster Pat McAfee. As a result, both Black and Vega are set to become free agents, according to reports from *Fightful* and *BodySlam*.

The departures extend beyond Black and Vega; Kairi Sane, a prominent figure in the women's division and a multi-time Women's Tag Team Champion, is also among those leaving. She was actively involved in a storyline featuring Asuka and IYO SKY, indicating her importance within the ongoing narrative until her exit.

Additionally, reports detail the departures of other main roster stars, including Apollo Crews, Santos Escobar, and the Motor City Machine Guns, who are former WWE Tag Team Champions. Every member of the faction known as the Wyatt Sicks has also reportedly left the company.

Nikki Cross, the former WWE Women's Champion, announced her departure first, revealing via social media that she had concluded her over ten-year tenure with WWE. Throughout her recent two years in the Wyatt Sicks, her in-ring activity waned significantly, with her last match occurring during a holiday tour in December 2024.

No exact number of additional potential releases has been confirmed, but industry insiders indicate that ongoing cuts are likely, following the pattern established in previous years following *WrestleMania*.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **departures** //dɪ'pɑːtʃəz// (noun): times when people leave a job or group
2. **slated** //'sleɪtɪd// (adjective): planned or scheduled to happen in the future
3. **storyline** //'stɔːri,laɪn// (noun): events that form a plot in a show
4. **concluded** //'kɒn'kluːdɪd// (verb): finished or brought to an end
5. **tenure** //'tɛn.jə// (noun): the time someone holds an important job
6. **insiders** //'ɪn'saɪdəz// (noun): people with special knowledge about a group

## Comprehension Questions

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## Multiple Choice

1. Which two wrestlers recently exited WWE's main roster?  
Option: Randy Orton and Kairi Sane  
Option: Aleister Black and Zelina Vega  
Option: Nikki Cross and Apollo Crews  
Option: IYO SKY and Asuka
2. What event followed the reunion of Black and Vega on SmackDown?  
Option: WrestleMania 40  
Option: WrestleMania 41  
Option: Royal Rumble  
Option: SummerSlam
3. Who was slated for a significant storyline involving Randy Orton?  
Option: Kairi Sane  
Option: Aleister Black  
Option: Nikki Cross  
Option: Santos Escobar
4. Which WWE faction reportedly has left the company?  
Option: The Wyatt Sicks  
Option: The Motor City Machine Guns  
Option: The New Day  
Option: The Shield
5. How long did Nikki Cross have her tenure with WWE before her departure?  
Option: Five years  
Option: Ten years  
Option: Twelve years  
Option: Over ten years
6. Which championship did Kairi Sane hold multiple times?  
Option: WWE Championship  
Option: Women's Tag Team Championship  
Option: Intercontinental Championship  
Option: Raw Women's Championship



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### True-False

7. Aleister Black and Zelina Vega are leaving WWE after a reunion on Raw.
8. Kairi Sane left WWE while still actively involved in a storyline with Asuka.
9. Nikki Cross was a former WWE Women's Champion.
10. The Motor City Machine Guns are known for their time in WWE only.
11. Reports suggest that ongoing cuts from WWE are not anticipated in the near future.
12. Apollo Crews was among the wrestlers who recently departed WWE.

### Gap-Fill

13. Aleister Black and Zelina Vega are set to become free agents after their unexpected exits from WWE following their reunion on SmackDown after Black's return to WWE post-\_\_\_\_\_
14. Kairi Sane was a multi-time Women's Tag Team Champion and recently left WWE, indicating her importance until her exit from the \_\_\_\_\_ division.
15. The Wyatt Sicks is a faction that has reportedly left WWE, including members like Nikki Cross and \_\_\_\_\_ who had a long tenure with the company.
16. Nikki Cross announced her departure through social media after more than \_\_\_\_\_ years with WWE.
17. There is no confirmed number of additional potential releases, but insiders indicate that cuts are likely following the pattern established in previous years after \_\_\_\_\_
18. Apollo Crews, Santos Escobar, and the Motor City Machine Guns are among the other stars reportedly



leaving WWE's main \_\_\_\_\_

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Aleister Black and Zelina Vega 2. WrestleMania 41 3. Aleister Black 4. The Wyatt Sicks  
5. Over ten years 6. Women's Tag Team Championship

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. WrestleMania 41 14. women's 15. Aleister Black 16. ten 17. WrestleMania 18. roster

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