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## Grammy continuing to leak brains

GMM Grammy boss Paiboon Damrongchaitham had hoped to keep a secret that leading songwriter Kalayawat Wannawattana had left the entertainment giant.

But word leaked out at a news conference by BB Record Company, the upstart label owned by Benja Baramée.

Kalayawat, who wrote several hits for Grammy under penname Sifah, is now a major player at BB.



Sifah

Paiboon played it cool, though, when reporters came calling.

"I thought nobody knew about it," he told *The Nation's* Thai-language sister daily *Kom Chad Luek*.

Rather than say she'd jumped ship, Paiboon would prefer people think that Sifah had "retired" from Grammy.

Paiboon also went on Channel 3 to play down the story, saying that Sifah "may want to try something new".

Previously, songwriter Nitipong "Dee" Hornak and musician-producer Asanee Chotikul left Grammy to start their own label, Music Union, so Sifah's departure is considered another blow for Paiboon's company.

But he says it's just "a normal cycle" and that he and Sifah still keep in touch.

"We are like brother and sister," he said.