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**Name of Interviewer(s): Cornivion Bracey**

**Name of Interviewee(s): Guss Williams**

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[0:11] CB: How old are you

[0:13] GW: I just turned 19.

[0:16] CB: Since you’re out of school do you want to attend?

[0:19] GW: I’m trying to attend uhm MDCC.

[0:25] CB: Please describe your vision for your life 10 years from now.

[0:29] GW: Uhm 10 years from now I’ll probably have my own business probably. You know nice things probably. A better life for my Mama and my daddy.

[0:40] CB: Do you see yourself as a leader?

[0:43] GW: Yes.

[0:44] CB: Why?

[0:46] GW: Because I know I’m that type of person that lead people you know. Put them on the right path.

[0:52] CB: What three words best described your high school? Well when you were in high school.

[1:08] GW: (long pause) Just three words? I could say loud, educated, uhmm and active.

[1:20] CB: If you could’ve change one thing about your school what would it be?

[1:23] GW: (long pause) I guess the counseling you know. To help kids that have been in tough situations you know. It’s hard to get out of them.

[1:40] CB: If you could offer advice to school leaders, what would it be?

[1:44] GW: (long pause) Uhm, Like stick with what you do you know. And you know keep the kids on the right path. That’s all I can say really.

[2:09] CB: If you could use three words to describe police officers what would they be?

[2:10] GW: Lazy, uhm some lazy but talkative, and and uhm active.

[2:43] CB: Would you like law enforcement to know about young men of color?

[2:48] GW: Uhm, of course I guess

[2:50] CB: How do you feel you are perceived as a young man?

[3:03] GW: Can you say that question again?

[3:05] CB: I said, How do you feel you are perceived as a young man?

[3:10] GW: Uhm ( long pause)

[3:15] CB: Well as an African American how do you feel.

[3:18] GW: I’m proud to where my color.

[3:19] CB: That’s all.

[3:22] GW: I guess so.

[3:30] CB: what do you want the world to know about you in the delta? Well what do you want the world to know about young men in the delta?

[3:33] GW: Not all young men are … Well every young men are created equally. Treated as the same not differently based on where they come from.

[3:47] CB: What gives you hope in life?

[3:50] GW: My mama and my daddy. They keep moving so I keep moving?

[4:00] CB: Well is there anything that you didn’t tell us that you would want us to know that you want to share?

[4:02] GW: I don’t know.