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

Name of Interviewee(s): Nathan Bell (B)

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[0:19] **A:** How do you feel about staying in a kind of dry and not entertaining environment?

[0:25] **B:** Well it’s kind of boring during sometimes, some days some people come down there to play basketball. That’s the entertainment I get down there and stay in the house and play the game.

[0:38] **A:** What expectations of becoming a successful man do you have?

[0:42] **B:** Well I have a lot of expectations. I would love to make it to the NFL but I need a backup plan so I’m deciding to become a police officer, probably go to the army or become a firefighter.

[0:59] **A:** Do you think sports is your way out?

[1:02] **B:** Well out of Mississippi, yes but when I get my life together I’ll come back.

[1:11] **A:** What makes you a better man?

[1:15] **B:** What makes me a better man is responsibility.

[1:21] **A:** Are you happy to be an African-American in today’s society?

[1:24] **B:** Well, yes but sometimes, in other states, they kill those black kids for no reason. So, yeah, I feel safe in Mississippi as a black African-American.

[1:38] **A:** Who influenced you the most to become successful?

[1:44] **B:** Well my dad, he tells me a lot how to become successful. He tells me to do things, to be a respectful man.

[1:54] **A:** What are some things you think you should work on?

[1:58] **B:**  The things I should work on is communicating with others and learn what they have to say. Things they say make me a better man.

[2:06] **A:** If you could change one thing about you, what would it be?

[2:12] **B:** Well my attitude. I have anger problems at some points and I try to control it but it’s hard for me.

[2:23] **A:** Is there anything that I didn’t ask you that you want me to know? That you feel will be great for me to know?

[2:32] **B:** Well not really.