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**Name of Interviewee(s): Kyle Pernell**

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[0:12] KP: What school does your child attend?

[0:19] TP: Gentry High School.

[0:29] KP: Please describe your vision for your child’s life 10 year from now.

[0:31] TP: Well, I would like to see uhm, Kyle completed college plus seminary and pastoring his own church and owned at least one funeral home.

[0:54]KP: Do you see your child as a leader? If so why or why not?

[0:56]TP: Yes, I see him as a leader. Uhm, first and foremost because of his ways and all and he’s always speaking as an authoritative figure. Uhm, he’s a leader and not a follower

[1:24] KP: What gives you hope?

[1:26] TP: What gives me hope? Uhm, just seeing my kids advance in the future. Just knowing that I have instilled something positive into in their life and for see that I have motivated them in a way to want to do well.

[2:04] KP: Do you feel your child is respected at school?

[2:06] TP: Yes, I do.

[2:09]KP: If you could change one thing about your child’s school what would it be?

[2:12]TP: Uhm, the disciplinary issues that – there’s a lot of disciplinary issues that would make that school a better school.

[2:34] KP: Do you support corporal punishment in school?

[2:37] TP: Yes

[2:40] KP: Why?

[2:40] TP: Well I feel that that’s another way of giving youth a way of respecting those that have authority over them.

[2:54]KP: How do you feel African American Young men are perceived?

[2:58]TP: Well, Uhm that can be uhm. Well that’s somewhat a difficult. I think that it depends on the person who actually there perceiving them. But I think that our African men are great and they can be great along with reinforcement.

[3:37] KP: What advice do you have for African American young men?

[3:39] TP: Be positive. Be positive role model. Strive to the best that you can possibly be. Get an education. Want to be positive. Do positive things.

[4:00] KP: Is there anything that you would like to add?

[4:01] TP: No