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Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series
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Dawan (00:01):

This is Dawan AKA Smoking. We've done it all. That man Miami Street. Right now, my record messed up and I'm trying to get that expunged and never, never a better life.

Speaker 2 (00:11):

Tell me a little bit more about the record that you're looking to get expunged. What are you trying to put behind you?

Dawan (00:16):

Burglary charge and a soft charge. My record, it is to have you know, I'm trying to get my own personal stuff with my social security and my ID so I could try to get a job and still keep my check. What I mean is

I get disability. I get SSI. They saying that there's something wrong with my head. I don't know of that, but my circumstance is I'm thinking smart and I'm smart. I know it, but I don't put it out there like that.