



Lakeisha (00:00): My name is Lakeisha, on 439 Patapsco Mart. Cash or food stamps?

Speaker 2: (00:06) Food stamps.

Lakeisha: (00:09) \$9.59.

Lakeisha: (00:12) This is Ruby, he don't speak English, he only talk Punjabi. And this is Gabby, he know a little bit of English but not that much. They are from India, but I've been here for a year because Gabby's brother Bobby kept coming to save on food asking me to come up here and he paid me more cap. He just kept coming asking me and I finally left that job and came up here because he was paying me more.

Speaker 2 (00:42): Hello, [foreign language 00:00:44].

Lakeisha (00:43): We sell everything, whatever you want we got it, except for liquor. Yeah, we got whatever you need baby formula, butt cream, itch cream. Jimmy, if you throw another coin at me one more... I was going to tell you about that. Throw something else there.

Speaker 3 (01:17): It must give you an interesting insight on life to be behind that counter and to see this parade of so many lives pass before your eyes.

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Lakeisha (01:24): Every day, I had seen Buck his brother had got killed here seven months and three days, his brother had got shot right there in the middle of the street and passed away. So, I've been seeing a lot of stuff going on out here in Brooklyn. Like I said, it's the new faces that come out here and try to rob the young boys that stand on the corner. They don't get what they want they still want to shoot, no nothing. This is crazy. I was always taught to be happy and not so sad all the time. So I smile even when it hurts, I'm always smiling. Thank you, mate. Don't worry.

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