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Speaker 1 (00:00):

Nine one people for real. So, I'm out here, I'm surprised I made it this long, but I made it. I'm here and I'm happy for it.

Speaker 2 (00:11):

[Tre-day 00:00:11] man. I'm right here on Liberty Heights and Gwynn Oak, you heard me, with my Gwynn Oak (beep). You heard me? I'm live for one five though, [Park Heights 00:00:16]. We laid back fellows. You feel me? We really trying to get out of here. We ain't really trying to do this (beep) forever. You feel me?

Interviewer (00:24):

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What's it look like to you at that point in the future, when you get out of the game? What do you envision for yourself after that?

Speaker 2 (<u>00:30</u>):

[crosstalk 00:00:30] I wouldn't necessarily say get out, you feel me, just a different level.

Interviewer (00:32):

What's the next level look like in your mind?

Speaker 2 (<u>00:34</u>):

That next level looking like for me, you feel, you know what I mean, to get these mother(beep) pounds up on this mother(beep) weed and go to work. You know what I mean? I got the whole block flooded. You know what I mean? I'm all right. From Liberty Heights to Park Heights down there to the [Jets 00:00:48], Gilmore Hall is where Freddie Gray died. Rest in peace. You know what I mean?

My name Trey, on Liberty Heights and Gwynn Oak. Lot of my homeboys didn't make it. This year, my best friend didn't make it this year. He came home and he got murdered. My best friend didn't make it. I lost a lot of homeboys over the years. So with me, I just try to just be out of the way and just trying to get straight. You know what I mean? I'm going to school to be a nurse. I'm just trying to get straight, get out of the streets. That's all.