

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Speaker 1 ([00:01](#)):

Well, we have tobacco, cigarettes.

Speaker 2 ([00:03](#)):

Lighters, cold medication.

Speaker 1 ([00:05](#)):

Bluetooth speakers.

Speaker 2 ([00:06](#)):

Headphones.

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Speaker 1 ([00:08](#)):

Cell phones.

Speaker 2 ([00:08](#)):

Smart watches.

Speaker 1 ([00:08](#)):

Kitchen stuff.

Speaker 2 ([00:09](#)):

Chips.

Speaker 1 ([00:09](#)):

Household items.

Speaker 2 ([00:11](#)):

Snacks.

Speaker 1 ([00:11](#)):

Beverages.

Speaker 2 ([00:12](#)):

Energy drinks.

Speaker 1 ([00:15](#)):

Hello everybody. My name is Khan Nur.

Speaker 2 ([00:17](#)):

My name is Shaw Nur.

Speaker 1 ([00:18](#)):

From Afghanistan.

Speaker 2 ([00:19](#)):

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Salaam-Alaikum.

Speaker 1 ([00:20](#)):

He's a great kid, he helped me with my business a lot. New York Convenience, 4,700 Liberty Heights Avenue, Gwynn Oak, 21207.

Speaker 2 ([00:29](#)):

I'm 18, about to turn 19. I did two years of wrestling. I went to states, lost at states, and then this is going to be my last year wrestling. I'm going to try to go all the way.

He likes wrestling, but that's that's not his future.

Speaker 3 ([00:43](#)):

What are some of the most important lessons in life that you've learned from your dad?

Speaker 2 ([00:48](#)):

Don't get used.

Speaker 1 ([00:50](#)):

It's very hard here because it's dangerous, especially at night time. All the stabbing, shooting. Sitting here, one o'clock in the morning.

Speaker 2 ([01:02](#)):

I was standing by the cash register and my pops was standing next to me.

Speaker 1 ([01:05](#)):

Watching sip, bang, bang, three times.

Speaker 2 ([01:07](#)):

Coming from outside.

Speaker 1 ([01:08](#)):

Just went out the door.

Speaker 2 ([01:09](#)):

We both ran out to see what was the problem.

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Speaker 1 ([01:11](#)):

The guy is crumbling, blood all over. He got three shots in the chest.

Speaker 2 ([01:15](#)):

We held him together so we could hold his blood and put pressure on his holes, the gunshot wounds. And then ambulance came, took him. He was pronounced dead that night.

Speaker 1 ([01:25](#)):

He was dead. And the next day is regular, like nothing happened.

Speaker 2 ([01:32](#)):

Death can come any time. You know, he didn't even know he was going to die that night.