

The Peale, Baltimore

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David Kim ([00:08](#)):

The former owner before I took over, got shot in this store actually right at this spot. But since then there's no, anything dangerous.

Speaker 2 ([00:22](#)):

Can I have a bacon egg and cheese.

Speaker 3 ([00:23](#)):

Four wings, with extra fries

Speaker 2 ([00:25](#)):

Buttered toast and joe.

David Kim ([00:26](#)):

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My name is David Kim. We're called Cherry Hill Carry Out, 603 Cherry Hill Road.

Melissa Gerr ([00:33](#)):

What is it about this that you love or what works for you about being...

David Kim ([00:37](#)):

I don't love, I hate it! I mean, we work to survive. A lot of the people think that we make a lot of money, but there's so much payments, the rent, the taxes, the permit. And after that, we barely survive.

David Kim ([01:02](#)):

Actually, my grandfather, he was a four-time Senator and he was a Supreme Justice in Korea. And when the President Park took over the military coup, he kicked out all the old politicians and it was all military regime.

David Kim ([01:22](#)):

The former president right now that got kicked out, Korean lady president, it was her father's regime. My grandfather, the other party was trying to recruit him to the party and he denied. So they created a murder rap on my father, but he got out of it because he had a witness that it wasn't him. So the next day, all his three sons immigrated to United States, which is... My father is a first son, and my two uncles.

David Kim ([01:59](#)):

My father came here in 1958 when I was three years old. We lived with our grandparents till 1966 and then rejoined our parents, my sister and I, we had a tag in our neck, got on a plane and came to Dallas airport. And I've been stuck here since 1966. So I guess I lived here 51 years. So we had really had no choice.

David Kim ([02:34](#)):

Hello, Cherry Hill? Two chicken filet sandwich? You want cheese? What do you want on it? All right. Okay, thank you. Bye.

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