

9TH UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Latimore.

MR. WILLIAMS: And I'm Adrian Williams.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And welcome to 9th Unplugged.

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Before we get started, tell us your position and department.

MR. WILLIAMS: I work in the IT support department and my job title is actually a computer analyst.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And what does that entail?

MR. WILLIAMS: That entails supporting the judges and also the judicial staff throughout the courthouse.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And how do you support them?

MR. WILLIAMS: Whether it's software or hardware needs for their computers, or even if it's sur – excuse me, surface, a little nervous here, excuse me.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You're nervous.

MR. WILLIAMS: Just a little bit. But more or less just supporting the judicial staff and court, especially with the virtual meetings and more or less Smart Bench applications and Odyssey within more or less case information stuff that the judicial staff needs to get their job done throughout the day.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Bottom line is you help us judges when we don't know what we're doing with those computers, right.

MR. WILLIAMS: In simpler terms, I would say so.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, all right. There we go. All right, so let's go ahead and unplugged from work. All right, what do you spend your time doing mostly when you're not at work?

MR. WILLIAMS: Eating. Eating.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Eating.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I know we're doing a podcast and no one can see you but that would be hard to believe that you do. What is your favorite food?

MR. WILLIAMS: It ranges from chicken wings to seafood, to burgers, yeah. I'm like a kid in the candy store more or less at the end of the day when it comes to food.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Really. So if you could eat one food for the rest of your life, which one would it be?

MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, that's a tough one.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. I'm good at asking tough questions.

MR. WILLIAMS: Let's see, if I could eat anything, seeing that I am Jamaican by descent due to my parents, I would say my favorite dish would be oxtail and rice and peas.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I could make some oxtails, now wait a minute.

MR. WILLIAMS: All right, we might have to put you to the test now.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, check up with me later. All right. So you said you have Jamaican descent, have you been to Jamaica?

MR. WILLIAMS: Plenty of times.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right.

MR. WILLIAMS: Probably –

JUDGE LATIMORE: What do you miss about Jamaica?

MR. WILLIAMS: Just the culture. It's all authentic. I mean, I get as much as I can here, especially when I go back home to visit my family in Fort Lauderdale, but nothing beats the actual experience of actually being there. The beaches are wonderful. The food is amazing. The people, even more amazing as well. It's just a great experience at the end of the day if you ever do get the chance to visit.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you have a favorite Jamaican restaurant here?

MR. WILLIAMS: No. Unfortunately, I haven't found one in Orlando yet but if anything, I will say I probably might be my favorite restaurant because I do my thing in the kitchen every now and then.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You do.

MR. WILLIAMS: Pretty often, I would say.

JUDGE LATIMORE: How long have you been cooking?

MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I graduated – I started college in 2009 and I moved to Orlando to attend UCF in 2011, so we'll start – we'll say that at 2011 I started beginning my cooking adventures more or less.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Was that because you were interested or was that because you were hungry in college?

MR. WILLIAMS: Both. Both, if we're being honest.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Both. So what's the best dish other than oxtails? We know you like some oxtails. What's your best dish?

MR. WILLIAMS: My friends have told me I'm pretty darn good at cooking jerk chicken on the grill or curry shrimp.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, well, we're going to have to have a little lunch thing going on because I like all of that, all right.

MR. WILLIAMS: Just let me know.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So tell me, you know, when we were on the lockdown for the pandemic, what did you spend your time doing for the most part?

MR. WILLIAMS: I spent a lot of time playing video games, working out, of course, you know, got to make sure I keep my you know figure down to – down to slim.

JUDGE LATIMORE: There you go.

MR. WILLIAMS: And also doing a lot of photography.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Photography.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Is that one of your hobbies?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, it is.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. And how long have you been doing that?

MR. WILLIAMS: I want to say I picked it up just after I graduated high school in 2008.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, I just like capturing you know the moment that sometimes you know you don't really think to remember until you actually see the actual memory right in front of you. And so more or less just trying to making sure that I capture those memories at the end of the day.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, so are you like a real photographer? You have all that equipment, the tripod and all that, or are you just doing this with your iPhone? Not that that's not a good thing.

MR. WILLIAMS: Right. Right.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Because you can take some really nice pictures with your phone.

MR. WILLIAMS: Absolutely.

JUDGE LATIMORE: But are you full-fledged –

MR. WILLIAMS: Full-fledged.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Spending all that money.

MR. WILLIAMS: I wouldn't say spending all that money, more or less like I said, I do keep it as a hobby and a lot of my friends tell me I should be getting paid for it. But I teeter that line between you know just making sure that it's still fun at the same time, but if there's competition that comes with it, you know, I won't turn it down. But I usually say donations.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. All right. So tell me some of your favorites. What's your favorite car?

MR. WILLIAMS: My favorite car. That's a tough one. I'm a big Tesla fan as of late, but if I want to say sports and performance, I would say the Alfa Romeo, they're really nice cars.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay. And since you brought up the word sports, what's your favorite sport?

MR. WILLIAMS: Basketball.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, I'm just going to slide in because I found an interesting fact about you. Share it with me because I know that there's something you collect.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Is it a collection?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, it's a collection.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What is your collection?

MR. WILLIAMS: My collection of tea cups. Well, not tea cups, coffee mugs.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Coffee mugs.

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And how many coffee mugs do you have?

MR. WILLIAMS: Actually, I'm a heavy-handed person when it comes to washing my dishes, so I broke a couple of them over the years. But I would say right now my collection is up to maybe 15 glasses, maybe.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And do you have like a favorite one?

MR. WILLIAMS: Right now, the one that I use at work Monday through Friday is my Manchester United cup, although we are terrible right now. You know, I'm team spirit at the end of the day, one hundred percent.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. So you tend to keep certain things, a lot of certain items, right.

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. The fact that everybody probably needs to know about you is that you have 60 pairs of sneakers and growing.

MR. WILLIAMS: 60 plus pairs of sneakers and growing, that is correct.

JUDGE LATIMORE: How long did it take you to accumulate 60 pairs of sneakers?

MR. WILLIAMS: Before I got it down to "60 pairs" –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Down to 60.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, this has – this has been a thing for me since I was maybe 14 or 15 years old, collecting old Nikes, Air Jordan's, Adidas, but you know since I've gotten older,

you know, over my years, I started going into the more classier sneakers, Clarks, loafers, Sperry's, you know, just broaden my horizons.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You're a real connoisseur, aren't you?

MR. WILLIAMS: I like – I like my options at the end of the day, you could say.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, then. And so are you wearing all of them or do you tend to just keep them in the box in the closet –

MR. WILLIAMS: There are a couple of pairs I will say that I have yet to touch, I would say yet to wear outside of my apartment.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MR. WILLIAMS: But eventually on a special occasion sometimes I you know, I should take that one.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MR. WILLIAMS: And run with it more or less.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So when it comes to comfort, which is the favorite?

MR. WILLIAMS: Comfort. Nike all the way. Nike sneakers all the way.

JUDGE LATIMORE: When it comes to style, which is the best?

MR. WILLIAMS: When it comes to style, that would be my more classier wear of sneakers. I would say maybe Alfani's, Aldo, yeah, it varies, it varies. Sometimes Sperry's as well. I like my boat shoes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. All right. If you had to still work a 40-hour week, would you prefer five days' work on, two days' work off, or four days' work on, three days' work off?

MR. WILLIAMS: I like Friday, Saturday, Sunday, so I would definitely be for the four and three, definitely.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Just curious. What is the worst gift you ever received?

MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What is the worst gift you've ever received?

MR. WILLIAMS: The worst gift I've ever received. That was actually a Whoopee cushion.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wow.

MR. WILLIAMS: Ask me why, I do not know. I'm – I thought that the person was implying that I'm a gassy individual. That's the reason why they gave it to me, but yeah, that's more or less it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And what was your response?

MR. WILLIAMS: My response, thank you, I will definitely play a prank on someone else with it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, what's the worst job you've ever had?

MR. WILLIAMS: The worst job I ever had was working for Burger King. But it was also the best job at the same time too.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, explain.

MR. WILLIAMS: That being because one, I don't like working – let me backtrack just a little bit here. I would say I'm not a big fan of working the fast food environment but due to the fact that my late uncle who just recently passed away –

JUDGE LATIMORE: I'm sorry.

MR. WILLIAMS: I would say more – I appreciate it. I would say more or less just the lessons I learned from him, as in terms of how customer service is you know applied amongst everything you do in your everyday life. I would definitely say the lessons I learned from just being under his management, was awesome.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wonderful

MR. WILLIAMS: Carry it with me to today. Thank you.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wonderful. It was great talking with you, Adrian.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Thank you so much.

MR. WILLIAMS: You're welcome.

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