

9<sup>TH</sup> UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hey, I'm Judge Latimore.

MR. LUMSDEN: Hi, I'm Nevajo Lumsden.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Nice to meet you and you're listening to 9<sup>th</sup> Unplugged.

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JUDGE LATIMORE: So before we get unplugged from work and we get into your little lifestyle, tell us a little bit about yourself, what's your title and which department you work in and what do you do?

MR. LUMSDEN: I'm Nevajo Lumsden. I'm the manager of systems and technology in Osceola County, so I run the IT and AV department at the Osceola County Courthouse.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So tell me, how long have you been doing that?

MR. LUMSDEN: Well, I've been in this position for maybe five years. I've been with the county for 14 years now.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And when you're not at work, are you on the computer all the time or on the digital things –

MR. LUMSDEN: No, I am – no, I am not.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You are not. That's what I wanted to hear.

MR. LUMSDEN: Once I get home, I'm disconnected, unplugged, no social media.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, so what does that look like? What are you doing when you're unplugged?

MR. LUMSDEN: Watching TV, sports center, ESPN.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And what is your favorite sport?

MR. LUMSDEN: Basketball.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Basketball. Professional or college?

MR. LUMSDEN: Professional.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Who's your favorite team?

MR. LUMSDEN: I'm a big – I'm a Carolina boy so I'm a big Hornets fan.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, well, they didn't make it now. Let's just talk about it.

Whom are you rooting for right now?

MR. LUMSDEN: We're still working on; we're still working on it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You're still working on it. We doing Miami or the Lakers? Which one are we doing right now? Or we're not doing either one, are we?

MR. LUMSDEN: No, I want to say – I want to see Miami – I want to see Miami win to make the series longer.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, you're saying the right thing then. I'm a Miami girl.

MR. LUMSDEN: Because I don't know when – I don't know when the next time we'll get some basketball back.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, you want some real basketball, huh? Some in person –

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: We want a lot of that back. We all miss it, don't we?

MR. LUMSDEN: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. So I have recognized that you like any type of seafood.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, so what's the – do you eat sushi?

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, I've acquired a taste for sushi, but one of my favorites is raw oysters. I know a lot of people don't like raw oysters, but I could – I could eat probably 30 or 40 in one sitting.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I know a lot of people who really do like raw oysters.

MR. LUMSDEN: Oh –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Actually, you know, there's one camp or the other. There's nobody who really straddles. It's one or the other, right. Have you met that?

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, but that's my go to – that's my go to seafood.

JUDGE LATIMORE: See, I'm crab. You give me crab, I can stay all day eating –

MR. LUMSDEN: Aw, that's too much work.

JUDGE LATIMORE: See, that's cause you don't know how to do it. See, you're telling on yourself. All right. So do you speak any languages other than English?

MR. LUMSDEN: Nope, English is my one and only language.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's your favorite color?

MR. LUMSDEN: Favorite color is red. It has to be red.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And who's your favorite actor or actress?

MR. LUMSDEN: Oh, Denzel Washington.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And why is that?

MR. LUMSDEN: Well, I saw Training Day. That's actually one of my favorite movies of all time. And just the way he portrayed a bad LA PD officer, I just thought it was exhilarating and I was like, wow.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah. Because he's usually playing the good guy role, right. So that really allowed everybody to see that other side of him.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, so once I saw that, I was like, man, this guy's actually a good actor because this looks real.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah. What are you proudest of in your life?

MR. LUMSDEN: Proudest, probably my two kids. My 18-year-old daughter who's at UCF and my 13-year-old son.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. And so how are the teenage years going with that son?

MR. LUMSDEN: Oh, it's pretty good. It's kind of tough with this whole COVID thing. Both of them are doing online school so that presents a different challenge, but for the most part, they're doing pretty well.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. And what is special about where you grew up? Where did you grow up?

MR. LUMSDEN: A small town called Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right.

MR. LUMSDEN: Population of maybe 15 to 16 thousand.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wow.

MR. LUMSDEN: About 11 square miles. Small, a small city, northeast, North Carolina, probably about 10, 15 minutes from the North Carolina, Virginia border.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What do you miss about it?

MR. LUMSDEN: My parents. My parents are still there and most of my family is still there so – I would have to say my parents.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah. And do you get to go visit there every once in a while once you get to get unplugged from the 9<sup>th</sup> –

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, I like to visit there twice a year, during the holidays. This year I'm really not sure. My mother is kind of older so with the whole virus, I'm not sure.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's the favorite dish that your mom cooked for you?

MR. LUMSDEN: A lot of people might not understand this either but my favorite dish is Chitterlings.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Chitterlings. All right.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yes, Chitterlings. For people that don't know, it's pig intestines.

JUDGE LATIMORE: There you go. There's nothing wrong with that. There you go. Explain it to them. That's your favorite dish.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yes, pig intestines are my favorite dish and I actually saw my mom make them for the first time actually two years ago. And true story, in order to clean her Chitterlings, she actually puts it in the washing machine with laundry detergent.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wow.

MR. LUMSDEN: Believe it or not.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, that's a different – that's new. That's new right there. I just want you to know from my experience, that's a new one. I learned something new today.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, believe it – believe it or not, she puts it in the washer and detergent and she cleans this meat and then boils it like three times and seasons it. Aw, man, it's delicious. So you don't get that funky smell like some other peoples' Chitterlings.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You got to get that membrane out of there. You got to get it off.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What gives your life meaning?

MR. LUMSDEN: What gives my life meaning? I would, also, I have to go back to my kids. I love my kids. I'm a – I'm with my kids all the time, when they're doing their sports, whether it be volleyball, basketball, school, I'm really involved with my kids. My kids are everything to me.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. So tell us, what old person thing do you do?

MR. LUMSDEN: Old person thing. Well, actually I am getting a little bit older.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I didn't want to say that. I just wanted to ask you the question, okay.

MR. LUMSDEN: My old person thing that I do, I don't know, my bones crack a lot whenever I move around. And my kids tease me about it all the time. Any time I move from the couch or get out of the room, they're like, is that – is that you, Dad?

JUDGE LATIMORE: They can hear you coming and going, huh.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yep, and I saw, don't laugh because you're going to be here one day too.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes, yes. So what's your back in the day thing? Like back in the day, we used to – what do you fill in the blank with?

MR. LUMSDEN: Back in the day, I would have to say the way we dressed. Back in the day we had our crazy colors, we had our baggy pants. And some of the kids still do it today. Saggy pants, but that's something I've grown out of, but back in the day I would have to say the way we dressed.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, I always say back in the day, the music. I don't know, that was me, like real bands and I don't mean to say anything about the current state of the music. Please don't email me but I used to say it's the music.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, the music – the music too. My stepfather is actually a DJ so he played the Gap Band, and all –

JUDGE LATIMORE: I was just about to say Gap. Okay. That's wonderful. So if you were to have a movie made about you and you had to pick the actor, would it be Denzel?



MR. LUMSDEN: It would be Denzel. Because I've heard that I favor Denzel. I've heard that I look like Denzel so –

JUDGE LATIMORE: I know that's right. Claim it. Okay, tell me this, if you had to pick – we talked about your favorite foods, right and it's raw oysters.

MR. LUMSDEN: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Any other foods you might happen to like, you know, any other cuisine that you care for?

MR. LUMSDEN: No, I'm pretty, when it comes to food, I could pretty much eat anything. I told you earlier about Chitterlings.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah.

MR. LUMSDEN: So me, I pretty much can have anything.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you cook?

MR. LUMSDEN: Sometimes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: When you have to, is that what it is

MR. LUMSDEN: Yeah, when I have to, sometimes. I'm kind of a fast food, go to Olive Garden.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. All right, so tell me your favorite like spot when you go out and have to get something to eat.

MR. LUMSDEN: Oh, recently my favorite spot is Mr. & Mrs. Crab actually.

JUDGE LATIMORE: See that –

MR. LUMSDEN: Right there on 192 and they also sell –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Raw oysters.

MR. LUMSDEN: -- raw oysters, but my kids are big in crab so that would have to be the latest spot I've been to that's really good.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Well, it's been great speaking with you. Thank you so much for being unplugged with me.

MR. LUMSDEN: You too, Judge.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, take care.

MR. LUMSDEN: All right.

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