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PARTICIPANT ID: _____

DATE _____

TIME BEGIN ____:____

Thank you so much for coming today. The BEATS project invited you for this discussion because we are interested in hearing from Black men ages 18-25 who have recently been arrested or recently released from jail/prison. There is no time served requirement. The only requirement is that the arrest/incarceration should have been in the past year. Jail is defined as doing time in a city correctional facility. Prison is defined as doing time in a federal or state correctional facility. We hope that your comments will allow us to develop better HIV testing educational materials for Black men like yourself. It will take about two hours for the discussion.

I want to remind you that everything you say will be kept private to the extent permitted by law, meaning we won't use your real name during this discussion, your name won't be on any notes we take or survey forms you fill out. We want to know the real deal, because that would be most helpful to us. So, please use any kind of words or phrases that you want and don't worry that you might offend me. There are no right or wrong answers. We are just interested in knowing what you really think but if you don't want to answer one of the questions, you don't have to. Do you have any questions?

So as I said, we are interested in hearing from Black men ages 18-25 who have recently been arrested or released from jail/prison so we can create HIV testing educational

materials for them. The first set of questions is about what you have heard/seen about HIV testing.

1. Have you ever seen or been given any informational materials about getting tested for HIV or as some people call it, the AIDS test?
2. Where did you see the information/get the materials?
3. What did you notice about the information/materials?
Probes: Was it eye-catching?
What did it say?
4. Were you able to relate to the material?
Probes: What did you think about the words used?
Were you able to identify with the pictures?
5. What would make those materials more real for young Black men recently arrested or released from jail/prison?
Probes: Show pictures of Black men.

We recently spoke with other Black men, like yourself to find out what they know about HIV testing and hear what type of information on HIV testing they would like to see. We took that information and came up with some ideas. We'd like you to see what we came up with and help us make them better. So now let's look at the ideas we created.
(Show each idea separately and ask the same questions).

6. What did you notice about it?
Probes: a. Was it eye-catching?
b. What did it say?
c. Are there any words that you do not understand or do not make sense to you?
d. Is there too much/little information?
E .What do you like about the pictures?
f. What do you dislike about the pictures?
g. Do you think that young Black men recently arrested or released from jail/prison will be able to relate to the material?

We were thinking about having X (source) pictured on the materials.

7. Do you think this is a good person to speak on HIV testing for young Black men recently arrested or released from jail/prison? Why?
Probe: Does this person have credibility among young Black men?
8. If no, who would be a better person to speak on HIV testing for young Black men recently arrested or released from prison? Why?
Probes: What is the relationship between this person and young Black men?

We were thinking about having these materials given out by X (channel).

9. Do you think this person/place is a good way to get the word out about testing for HIV to young Black men recently arrested or released from jail/prison?
10. Who/where would be a better place to get the word out about testing for HIV to young Black men recently arrested or released from prison? Why?

Probes:

1. Radio, TV/Magazines/Billboards
 - a. Which ones?
2. Clubs/Parties/Special entertainment events
 - a. Which ones?
3. Mention HIV testing on Internet websites/DVD/MP3
 - a. Which ones?
4. Schools
5. Movie theatres
6. Comedy clubs
7. Basketball courts
8. Businesses that involve cars (auto detailing, car wash, audio and rim shop)

We want to create HIV testing educational materials for young Black men recently arrested or released from jail/prison. I've just shown you X ideas and asked you some questions about each one of them. Now I'd like to know which ones you think are the best (place all samples on table).

11. Which ones do you think will make Black males more aware of HIV testing? Why?

12. Which ones do you think is most likely to get more Black men tested for HIV?

I would like for you to have the final word.

13. Is there anything else you want to say or share that is really important to you?

Thank you for talking with me. Your comments will give us valuable information that will allow us to develop better HIV testing programs for Black men like yourself. Before you leave, we would like you to fill out this brief survey. Please don't put your name on it.

[After completion of demographic survey] *For giving us your time, please accept a packet of health information. Also, here is \$50 as a token of appreciation.*

TIME END ____:____

Participant ID: _____

Remember do not put your name on this survey.

Please answer the following questions. Remember that we will keep all your answers completely private. Your name is not written here, so no one will know it is you filling out this form.

Please read all of the questions and responses thoroughly and then circle the choice that best describes your answer.

1. How old are you? _____ years

2. What is your ancestry? (Please circle only one).
 - a. African American
 - b. Caribbean American
 - c. Central/South American
 - d. African
 - e. European
 - f. Other _____ (Write your out your answer).
 - g. Unknown

3. a) What is your ethnicity?
 - _____ Hispanic or Latino
 - _____ Not Hispanic or Latino
b) What is your race? (Mark all that apply)
 - _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - _____ Asian
 - _____ Black or African American
 - _____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - _____ White

4. Were you born in the United States? (Check your answer).
___ Yes
___ No, If no, how old were you when you came to the U.S.? _____ years

5. What's the **highest level of school** you completed? (Please circle only one).
 - a. Some High School
 - b. Finished High School (GED or diploma)

- c. Finished Trade School (after high school)
 - d. Had Some College (less than 2 years)
 - e. 4 Year College Degree (Bachelors)
 - f. Graduate/Professional degree
6. Are you going to school right now?
- 0=No
- 1=Yes. Please circle your status.
- d. Full-time
 - b. Part-time
7. Which describes your current work situation? (Check only one).
- a) Working full time (40 hours per week)
 - b) Working a regular part time job
 - c) Occasional odd jobs
 - d) Unemployed, looking for work
 - e) Unemployed, not looking for work
 - f) Unable to work
 - h) Other (please describe)_____
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8. What was is your monthly income from all sources?
- a) Less than \$500 per month
 - b) Less than \$1000 per month
 - c) \$1,000-\$2,000 per month
 - d) \$2,001-\$4,000 per month
 - e) Over \$4000 per month
9. What is your zip code? _____
10. Do you live in the same area now as before you were arrested/incarcerated? (Circle your answer).
- 0=No
- 1=Yes
11. Who do you currently live with? (Circle all that apply).
- a) Mother
 - b) Father
 - c) Other Family_____ (list)
 - d) Wife/girlfriend/child's mother
 - e) Friend
 - f) Treatment Center/Half-way house
 - g) Alone
 - h) Other (please describe)_____
12. In the past 12 months, did you always have a regular place to live? (A regular place to live doesn't change and is used nightly).

0= No.

If No, during the time you did not have a regular place to live, did you ever sleep in any of the following places?

	No	Yes
A friend or relative's home		
A park, an abandoned building, a car, on the street, or in a train or bus station		
A shelter for the homeless		
Other: (Please list)_____		

1= Yes

13. Which of the following best describes your relationship status? Please circle all that apply.

- a) Married
- b) Living with sexual partner
- c) Committed relationship not living together
- d) Divorced/Separated/Widowed
- e) Single
- f) Other_____

14. Do you have any children? (Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes. How many? _____

The next set of questions are about your arrest and/or jail/prison history within the previous 12 months. (Circle your answers).

15. Have you ever been to jail?

0=No

1=Yes

16. Have you ever been to prison?

0=No

1=Yes

17. How long has it been since your last detention (arrest/jail/prison)?

- a) Less than one month
- b) 1-5 months
- c) 6 months- 1 year

- d) 1-5 years
- e) More than 5 years

18. How long were you detained (arrest/jail/prison)?
- a) Less than one day
 - b) Less than one month
 - c) 1-5 months
 - d) 6 months- 1 year
 - e) 1-5 years
 - f) More than 5 years

The next questions are about any sex you've had. Please remember that all your answers are private.

19. In the past month, have you had oral sex? (Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

20. In the past month, how often have you used a condom during oral sex (Circle your answer).

- a)Never
- b)Some of the time
- c)Most of the Time
- d)All of the time

21. In the past month, have you had vaginal sex? (Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

22. In the past month, how many sexual partners have you had? _____#

23. In the past month, how often have you used a condom during vaginal sex (Circle your answer (s)).

- a)Never
- b)Some of the time
- c)Most of the Time
- d)All of the time

24. In the past month, have you had anal sex? (Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

25. In the past month, how often have you used a condom during anal sex (Circle your answer (s)).

- a)Never
- b)Some of the time
- c)Most of the Time
- d)All of the time

26. Have you ever had sex while in jail/prison?

0= No

1=Yes

27. Have you ever had oral sex with a man?

0= No

1=Yes

28. Have you ever had anal sex with a man?

0= No

1=Yes

The questions below focus on your health care experiences.

29. In general, how would you rate your health:

- a) Excellent
- b) Very good
- c) Good
- d) Fair
- e) Poor

30. Where do you usually go to get health care?

- a) No regular care
- b) Hospital Emergency Room
- c) Fortune Society
- d) Free Clinic
- e) Doctors Office
- f) Other _____

31. Do you have a regular doctor? By regular doctor I mean you go to see the same person when you need health care.

0=No. If no skip to Question #33

1=Yes

32. If yes, when was the last time you saw a doctor or other health care provider?

- a) Past 6 months
- b) Less than a year ago
- c) 1-5 years
- d) More than 5 years

33. Have you ever been tested for HIV/AIDS?

0=No, skip to Question #36

1=Yes. How many times have you been tested? (Circle your answer).

- a) Once
- b) Twice
- 3) over 3 times

34. When was the last time you were tested? (Circle your answer).

- a) Less than one month
- b) 1-5 months
- c) 6 months- 1 year
- d) 1-5 years
- e) More than 5 years

35. Where did you receive your last HIV test? (Circle your answer).

- a) Hospital/ER
- b) Fortune Society
- c) Free Clinic
- d) Private doctor
- e) Community organization
- f) STD clinic
- g) Jail/Prison
- h) Other _____ (write out)
- i) Don't know

36. Please check the answer that most matches how you feel about getting an HIV test.
(Check only one answer)

___ I am undecided about taking an HIV test

___ I don't want to take an HIV test

___ I plan to take an HIV test within the next month

___ Does not apply to me

37. Did you receive any health care services while you were detained and/or _____ in jail/prison?
(Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

38. While you were detained and/or in jail/prison, did you get any information about any health issues?
(Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

39. While you were detained and/or in jail/prison, did you get any information about HIV/AIDS?
(Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

40. While you were detained and/or in jail/prison were you tested for HIV? (Circle your answer).

0=No

1=Yes

2= Don't know

Thanks for your help!!