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PARTICIPANT ID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME BEGIN \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

*Thank you so much for coming today. The BEATS Project invited you for this interview because we are interested in hearing from Black men ages 18-25 who have recently been arrested or incarcerated in jail or prison. We hope that the information you give us in this interview will allow us to develop better health programs for Black men like yourself. There are 23 questions and it will take about one and a half hours to complete the interview.*

*I want to remind you that everything you say will be private. This means we won't use your name during this interview, 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. Do you have any questions?*

## EXPERIENCES BEING A BLACK MAN

*I'd like to begin with a few questions about your experience being a Black man.*

1. What is your definition of a Black man?

Probes: What do you like most about being a Black man?  
What do you dislike about being a Black man?  
What do Black women think about Black men?

## EXPERIENCES IN JAIL/PRISON

*So now we're going to talk about what it was like to be in jail/prison and what it's been like since you were released.*

2. Tell me about some of the things you think led you to jail/prison.

How would you describe how it felt to be in jail/prison?

3. Tell me about some of the things you did to cope with being in jail/prison?
4. What about getting out of jail/prison? What has that experience been like?

Probes: What would you say are some of the best things about being back?  
What would you say are some of the worst things about being back?

## SEXUAL EXPERIENCES

*So now, we're going to talk about your sexual experiences. These questions are going to be personal and so I just want to remind you that everything you tell me will be private.*

5. Now I'd like you to tell me whether you had ever had sex before you went to jail/prison. By sex I mean any kind of sex; oral, anal, or vaginal.

\_\_Yes, If yes, go to question 6

\_\_No If no, move to question 7

6. How would you describe what it was like not being able to have sex with your partner(s) while you were in jail/prison?

*Now I'd like you to think back to when you were first released from jail/prison. Tell me about the first time you had sex after you got out.*

7. Can you tell, me exactly what happened the first time you had sex after you got out?

Probes: When did you first have sex?

Was the person you had sex with your previous main partner, a casual partner you knew before, or a one time partner you just met?

Did you use a condom?

What influenced your decision to use or not use a condom?

## HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCES

*Y. As I mentioned earlier, one of the reasons we are doing this interview is to learn how to develop better health programs for the community, especially young Black men like yourself. Knowing about your experiences with health care will help us do this.*

8. What are your general health concerns?

9. How do you feel about being tested for health problems?

## HIV KNOWLEDGE

10. What do you know about HIV/AIDS?

Probes: What is it?  
How it is spread?  
Who can get it?

## HIV TESTING

*We just talked about what you know about HIV/AIDS and now I want to ask you specifically about testing for HIV/AIDS.*

11. What do you know about taking an HIV test?

Probes: Where can you go to get tested?  
What happens when you get a test?  
What happens after you get tested?

12. Have you been tested for HIV?

\_\_ Yes, If yes, go to question 13

\_\_ No If no, move to question 14

\_\_ Don't know, if don't know, move to question

13. . X., Can you tell me why you got tested?

Probes: Did you get your results? Why or why not?

14. Y. Can you tell me why you have not tested for HIV?

Probes: Lack of insurance,  
Lack of knowledge,  
Lack of available resources  
Do not think you are not at risk

*Thank you for these very detailed answers. They are very helpful. We've got just one other group of questions before we end.*

## HIV TESTING AND YOUNG BLACK MEN

*One of the reasons we asked those questions about your HIV testing experience is that young Black men recently arrested or released from*

*jail/prison are at higher risk for getting HIV than those who haven't been incarcerated. Many young Black men have never been tested for HIV and so I want to ask you some questions about this.*

15. In your opinion, what are some of the reasons that young Black men recently arrested or released from jail/prison do not get tested for HIV once they are back in their communities?
16. If you were in charge of developing a program to encourage HIV testing among young Black men who have been in jail/prison, what kinds of things would you do?
17. What kinds of things would you tell them?
18. Who do you think would be the best person to tell young Black men about HIV testing?

Probes:

- *Friends*
  - *which ones?*
- *Family*
  - *which ones?*
- Community/neighborhood members
  - *which ones?*
- Celebrities (famous people like rappers, athletes, movie stars)
  - *which ones?*
- HIV positive individuals
  - *which ones?*
- Case Worker/Service providers
  - *Which ones?*
- Correction Officer
- Probation/Parole officer

## GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT ABOUT TESTING

*So I have just asked you about some of the things you would do to get recently arrested or released young Black men to be tested for HIV. Now, I want to ask you about the best way to get the message out about testing. You may have talked about some of these things already, but I want to ask you some specific questions about getting the word out to young Black men, like yourself, who have been recently arrested or released from jail/prison.*

19. Where would be the best places to get the word out about HIV testing to young Black men recently arrested or getting out of jail/prison?

Probes:

- Mention HIV testing on Radio/TV/Magazines/Billboards
  - *which ones?*
- Offer HIV testing at Clubs/Parties/Special entertainment events
  - *which ones?*
- Mention HIV testing on Internet/DVD/MP3
  - *which ones?*
- Schools

- Movie theatres
- Comedy clubs
- Basketball courts
- Businesses that involve cars (auto detailing, car wash, audio and rim shop)

20. Where would be the best places to offer HIV testing to young Black men recently arrested or getting out of jail/prison?

Probes:

- Offer HIV testing in jail facility soon after arrest or before getting out of jail/prison
- Offer at community programs for recently arrested or released men
  - which ones?
- Offer HIV testing along with other health tests at doctors office/health clinic/hospital
- Offer HIV testing at community health fairs
- Offer HIV testing at Clubs/Parties/Special entertainment events
  - which ones?
- Offer HIV testing where Black men hang out
  - which ones?
- Offer HIV testing at work/schools



## CONCLUDING QUESTIONS

*Okay, we've reached the end of the interview, but before we end, I just wanted to give you a chance to give me some feedback about the interview.*

21. Is there anything else about any of these topics we discussed in this interview that you you'd like to share?
22. What other questions should I have asked in this interview?
23. Do you have any other comments?

*Thank you for talking with me. Your comments will give the BEATS Project 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 \$40 for giving us your time.*

**TIME END \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_**

**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 nationality? (Please circle only one).
  - a.) African American
  - b) Caribbean American
  - c). Central/South American
  - d) African
  - e). European
  - f). Other \_\_\_\_\_ (write out your answer)
  - g) Unknown
  
3. Are you multiracial (at least one of your parents is *not* Black)? (Check your answer).  
  
No\_\_  
  
Yes\_\_ (Please circle all that apply)
  - a) Black
  - b) Hispanic
  - c) East Asian (i.e. Chinese, Japanese, etc.)
  - d) South Asian (i.e. Indian, Pakistani, etc.)
  - e) Eskimo, Pacific Islander, or Native American
  - f) White
  - g) Arabic/Middle Eastern
  
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.
- a. 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 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).

\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_ 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)_____   |    |     |

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. (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 with a woman? (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) Doctor's 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 #XX

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!!**