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Russell Williams was born on May 26, 1976 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Dibble High School in 1994. From there he attended East Central University, Oklahoma for two years where he met and married his wife, Stacey. He then completed his undergraduate degree at Northeastern State University, Oklahoma where he obtained a B.S. in chemistry in 1999. During the period he spent at Northeastern State University his first daughter, Cassidy, was born.

That same year he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he joined the natural products group of Dr. David G. I. Kingston. In 2002, he received a Masters of Science in chemistry. During that time his second daughter, Adrea, was born.