

Matthew Stevenson

M= Matthew Stevenson; Narrator

D= David Mattox; Interviewee

M: Okay will you please state your name, job title and the name of the organization which you work for?

D: My name is David Mattox I work for EKG LLC, a Limited Liability Corporation based out of Virginia Beach, Virginia

M: Where are you originally from?

D: My title is manager

M: Where are you originally from and what did your parent's do?

D: The streets, ran the game

M: How long have you worked at your current job

D: Too long

M: How long is too long?

D: Uh, uh I don't know, how long is too long? I guess it's a relative question? Too long? Right now I've been here since, you know 11 and that's been too long so fuck, too long I guess happened about five hours ago

M: Yeah? When did you start working here not today but long term?

D: I originally opened this restaurant when it was NERV which was... '02... '03... 2003... Ot' three

M: What is the most gratifying aspect of your job?

D: My glass of Jack Daniels on the rocks at the end of each of my shifts

M: Okay, that being your favorite aspect what's your least favorite aspect?

D: The fact that I have to drink my Jack Daniel's on the rocks at 330 in the morning

M: That's pretty bad, if you could change something about your job, what would you change?

D: My, uh... I would quit

M: What would you do though?

D: Return to the streets

M: Alright now what is one of the craziest things that you have ever experienced while working here? Give me them if you have a few?

D: Uh, aye, uh I'm not at liberty to say that.

M: Well give me something, give me an example it doesn't have to be super crazy

D: Uhhhhhh, man I'm trying to censor this, its going out to the GP man

M: You already dropped the "F" bomb once

D: did say fuck, oh! I did say fuck man...it's a bar

M: It is a bar

D: Ehh fuck it,

M: Ok granted its going to fluctuate what is the income for an equivalent position to yours?

D: Enough to get food stamps, I can get stamps! 'cus I'm on a bonus structure?

M: Yea what is that?

D: That means I don't get paid shit

M: Hm okay, if you could give a valuable piece of advice to someone interested in getting your job what it be?

D: I would say it's a great position, I mean you can come in and interview tomorrow and take it

M: Yeah?

D: Absolutely, pays great, hours are phenomenal. You don't really do much of anything, it's a very easy job if anybody out there is looking for a job

M: Talking about interviewing, do you enjoy interviewing potential employees

D: I do I do

M: Why?

D: Well it's a bar and there's usually two very big reasons associated, very big, I cant be saying that shit can I? Ahh whatever I don't care, fuck it. Yeah um yeah I don't really like interviewing people because I don't really like, uh people.

M: Not a big people person?

D: No, I mean yea, I pretend to be you know 70 hours a week when customers are in the building, but honestly I really just hate everyone, really I'm just not a very happy person.

M: Okay, as a manager how many, how much of the daily operations are you responsible for?

D: Everything other than cooking including, changing the light bulbs

M: Everything huh? Do you want to elaborate at all on that?

D: I plunge toilets, I've done that in the last 24 hours, I've pressed "OK" on the DVD players to start that, I run the check out, um...I have, I make deposits, I go pick up ABC orders, Alcohol orders, I place alcohol orders, I do the inventory for all of the alcoholic beverages in the building I make the schedule or force someone to make it for me, I um...do a lot of sitting, lot of smoking the cigarettes, drink a lot of coffee, a lot of coffee, I uh, instruct people how to change rolls of toilet paper, because they don't know how, I pick up cigarettes and sell them at an over inflated prices illegally out of a vending machine, I uh schedule fraternity and sorority functions, I talk shit to the customers, and the like it. They think its funny, they don't know. Um, yeah...pretty much it.

M: Okay, how does Virginia Tech affect your business?

D: OH ah, when Virginia Techs ah doing well, the football teams really getting those touchdowns we really well, unfortunately that doesn't happen, very often. More so when the ah, when they win we get busy, uh when they're out of town we're slow. The summers suck. Uh, fall break, winter break, spring break Easter, Thanksgiving, when we play a crappy team at home, there's no business, towns dead.

M: Could you tell me about a time when you were tempted to walk away from this job?

D: Right now!

M: That bad huh? It's that bad?

D: Uh huh

M: Yea? What advice would you give a young person seeking a way to make a living?

D: Um, I've always considered car theft a viable option. I think it's a growing industry and its not being exploited in this area, there's absolutely phenomenal market for it. And there is just all types of cars sitting around here and just seems to be nobodies stealing them. I mean I never hear of anyone stealing any cars. I mean the economies bad you could probably sell them for really cheap, Id buy one, wouldn't you?

M: Probably

D: You don't know, me that's cool

M: What costs are involved for you getting to work?

D: Eww, what costs? Mostly my life, it costs me my life to come to work everyday.

M: How bout monetary costs?

D: Hmmm

M: Gas?

D: I think its more of an opportunity cost, I mean I could be making more money doing something else. I often wonder why I didn't choose a better degree.

M: What degree did you get David?

D: I have a degree in pure Mathematics and a degree in Philosophy, isn't it funny? I think it's funny!

M: Did you get that at Virginia Tech?

D: No I did not, I got them at Radford University, maybe I should have chose a better school to go to.

M: Okay, well in closing do you have any last statements you would like to share with the public?

D: Nope!

M: Okay, well thank you very much David Mattox, I appreciate your time!