

ES: Hello my name is Ethan Shoemaker I'm here with my mother Dawn Crockett today's date is Monday June 6 2022 and would you like to introduce yourself.

DC: I'm Dawn Crockett as Ethan said I am his mom. I work in the healthcare industry and I enjoy spending time with my family and my puppies.

ES: When and where were you born?

DC: On April 28th, 1984, at Madigan army hospital here in Washington.

ES: What was it like growing up in the 90s?

DC: I don't remember the early 90s I was in grade school during that time, but it was the time of change for music for sure hip hop and things like that were coming about and many artists were starting to make a big name for themselves and change the music industry as we know it.

ES: What was an average dinner like in your childhood home? Who cooked and was it like specific towards a family gathering or time?

DC: Uhm, I come from a divorced family so dinners were a bit weird I guess not necessarily weird but my mom worked two jobs so she wasn't home a lot when she was home she was sleeping so unfortunately we had a lot of meals that were boxed meals or readymade meals kind of like a hamburger helper not a lot of home cooked meals.

ES: What was your childhood like growing up?

DC: I because of coming from a divorced family actually moved around a lot so I was always the new kid or got really good at making friends because I was always new lived a lot of different places was grateful that I could at least graduate from one high school.

ES: How does that compare to your child's childhood?

DC: I have tried to create a very solid home for my son I enjoy cooking for him I enjoy cooking in general I think I tried to do more of those things that I missed out on as a kid as far as like making home cooked meal making home desserts trying to make sure he's had a steady or reliable household to be in.

ES: What kind of rules were or like teachings did you learn from your family that you have passed on or have tried to pass on to your kids?

DC: Being a hard worker finishing things that you start making sure you are honest trying to instill in our son that I might get upset but I will always love you and your honesty is gonna pay speak volumes for you.

ES: Who is the oldest person you can remember from your family? Tell me a little story about them.

DC: Probably my great grandpa and my best memories of him are spending the summers at his pool where he would race his little remote control boats and we would have ice cream cups that were the orange sherbert and vanilla ice cream so the creamscicul cups.

ES: Has there been a time where you realized that you had like privilege over someone and how did that make you feel?

DC: I don't feel like I've ever really had privilege my grandpa was a believer in hard work and not receiving handouts but if you wanted something you would work for it and he was Native American and grew up on reservation so he worked hard for everything he had.

ES: Can you remember what your first job was?

DC: I actually well I babysat for many summers back in the 90s so to speak babysitters club with the popular thing and I thought I could do the same thing but my first actual job was working fast food at Taco Bell.

ES: Did you enjoy it?

DC: I did I actually can remember telling my mom that that was always gonna be my dream job when I was a teenager because I enjoyed the food so much.

ES: Have you ever experience any like form of oppression?

DC: Not as far as at work or anything like that I I'm lucky to be a fast learner so that seemed to pay out better for me.

ES: And you are a medical assistant now correct?

DC: I am I very much enjoy that I've been doing that for almost 15 years now.

ES: How did you know that becoming an ma was the right option?

DC: I actually always wanted to be a nurse or at least I thought I did but I was scared about how much money it cost to get your nursing degree especially being a young mother and having a 2 year old I found out that a medical assistant could do a lot of the same things at a fraction of the cost for school so I figured that if I didn't like it I didn't have as much money invested in it.

ES: And would you say there was a moment of realization that you for sure wanted to be a medical assistant?

ES: I've always enjoyed caring for people I have an aunt that's a nurse and that kind of drove me a little more into the direction of healthcare and probably my first clinic is when I really realized that this is what I wanted to do and I've been told by many doctors over the years that I have a calming presence about me I have the ability to soothing be comforting to patients and I've had patients tell me that you can tell that I really do care about people in general.

ES: Why are you living where you do now?

DC: Well we currently live where my husband has bought his home and has lived for 20 years I love Washington it's a very picturesque state and it just feels like home to me.

ES: So when your husband be sorted the reason he decided to settle down in this location?

DC: Not in Washington itself I came home to Washington because it's where I wanted to be and I had family here where we as far as our current home yes that would be the reason is he's a stablished here and has been and it's the perfect home for us.

ES: How do you feel about the Pledge of Allegiance in the national anthem?

DC: I am glad that we still play those things at sporting events I think they're due the respect that they've been given um I know that my son's dad has pulled that stuff in high regards to and somebody that used to be the captain of the color guard team and the commander of the color guard team when we were in high school we take those things pretty serious and I just I'm happy to still see those things happening at high school events and sporting events around the world.

ES: Where is your dream retirement location?

DC: I don't know if I really have a dream location I want to travel when I retire and get to see the world I still see myself ending up here in Washington but at least getting to venture to Europe and other places throughout the United states.

ES: Well if you had a dream location would you live there now under the perfect circumstances?

DC: I think I already am quite honestly I mentioned before my home is the perfect home it's loved is lived in of course there's some upgrades I'd like to do but who doesn't wanna do things like that.

ES: Can you share with me a funny memory you have?

DC: What kind of funny memory are you talking about?

ES: Anything that brings you joy like your kids family your job friends.

DC: Boy my boys bring me a lot of joy I can't just pin down one funny memory of them each one of them has the most unique things about them and they do brighten up my world I'm so happy to see how successful they have been I think one of my favorite memories is this my oldest and my youngest dancing too dance dance revolution together and just having a good time and I think that's why I'm person that takes a lot of pictures so that I can continue to see those memories and it gives me a chance to like reflect back on those days.

ES: How do you think culture place a role in your life, like what aspects from your background do you think still play a role for you?

DC: I'm not sure if my culture plays too much of a role for me you know I'm Irish American and Native American and I would like to take time later in life to further research my family living lineage we had an opportunity a couple years ago to go to Ellis Island and unfortunate for me there's like 3 walls of Harris so sorting those out as to whether any are related to me would take some time I'd like to be able to help my son research his family limited image 'cause there were about four names.

ES: And have you ever experienced racism or other forms of like oppression at school or work or just in the community?

DC: I wouldn't necessarily say racism I guess with a female though sometimes near undermined or I have worked places where I've been expected to just sit and listen and not speak I have dealt with providers in the past that didn't think I had as much background or knowledge as I do just because I'm not a nurse I'm not a registered nurse or I'm not a provider even though I have experience under my belt.

ES: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

DC: I don't think so I've tried to share as much as I can.

ES: I thank you for your time and thank you.

DC: My pleasure.