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Ta’Xavion : Hi, my name is Ta’Xavion Smith and today is March 3rd,2022 and I’m here with (the interviewee) Thresa Padilla at the University of New Mexico and today were going to be talking about shoes. So, what is the first pair of shoes that got you into shoes and who get them ?

Theresa : Okay, my first pair of shoes that I got, they’re the all black carbon fiber Jordan 1 mids .

Ta’Xavion : “I don't really like mids.”

Theresa : I was 15 years old and I was at the mall it was 2011 and , I just fell in love with them I still have them till this day. They’re my beaters.

Ta’Xavion : That’s a long time.

Theresa : They hold a very dear place in my heart, those shoes.

Ta’Xavion : Okay.

Theresa : I would never sell them I would never get rid of them.

Taxavion : Never.

Theresa : Never, not even if they were crumbling apart. Those shoes mean the world to me.

Ta'Xavion : Okay, so what's your favorite pair of shoes like ?

Theresa : That I own or like that's available ?

Ta'Xavion : Both.

Theresa Padilla: Okay my favorite pair of shoes that I own that's a tie, it would have to be my Balenciaga sock shoes .

Ta'Xavion : Ough not the socks ? (1:00)

Theresa : Yeah so I got black on black Balenciaga sock shoes

Ta'Xavion : Okay.

Theresa : Ough I love those porotype retro highs that came out. The Jordan one.

Ta'Xavion : I don't (repeats) like those ones they look.

Theresa : See I love them because I wear a lot of orange and nudes and blues. So, the color on them fits my aesthetic.

Ta'Xavion : Yeah it has a lot of colors. Okay.

Theresa : Yeah it fits with my aesthetic really well. Those two are hands down my favorite that I own. Now that I don't own that I really want but I still feel like I can't spend \$500 on them are the UNC Jordan 4'S. They're going to get disgusting.

(Pause)

Ta'Xavion : Yeah.

Theresa : The light blue ones , the powder blue ones.

Ta'Xavion : Yeah, yeah .

Theresa : Cause they're all Swede I just can't bring myself to buy them but I want them so bad !

Ta'Xavion : Swede is really hard to keep up with.

Theresa : The shoes that I have on right now are Swede okay.

Pause from both :

Ta'Xavion : Checks over stripes ?

Theresa : (pause) Checks over stripes all day.

Ta'Xavion : Alright.

Theresa : That's like , there's not even a debate. That's like saying like water over gas like which one are you going to drink ?

Ta'Xavion : You right I feel that. Do you think that pop culture plays a part in the shoe game ? (2:00)

Theresa : 100 percent I believe that culture, social media, and the hyping of marketing in certain things have honestly had awful effects on the shoe game. Because people like me and you who have been buying shoes for the last decade now can't buy shoes and go to the store and buy shoes anymore and try them on .

Ta'Xavion : Exactly.

Theresa : We don't have that experience of going to the store and finding that shoe anymore we have to hope that we can get on the internet in time to order them, hope they don't get stolen off the porch.

Ta'Xavion : That's fair.

Theresa : So I felt like pop culture has had a major effect on the shoe game.

Ta'Xavion : So, how many pair of shoes do you own ?

Theresa : How many pair of shoes do I own ? Over 50 including Vans, Jordans, Balenciaga, Louis Vuitton, Jessica Simpson, Steve Madden. I have a couple pairs of Jimmy Chous and one pair of red Louis Boutons.

Ta'Xavion : Ough.

Ta'Xavion : What's your top 3 dream shoes ?

Theresa : My top 3 dream shoes. The ones that you said are over hyped the Air Jordan Dior ones so bad.
(3:00)

Ta'Xavion : They're so overhyped.

Theresa : The high.

Ta'Xavion : And they're- I am not spending ten thousand dollars!

Theresa : Well, if I could get them for retail for 2200 then I felt like but I'd never spend 10000. I would never spend 2200 dollars for them.

Ta'Xavion Yeah.

Theresa : Another one that I want would be the Travis scot mocha ones I want those super bad. I think you have them on your keychain right there.

Ta'Xavion : Yeah.

Theresa : And then just another pair I just want them they're the new Balenciaga shoes. That aren't the sock shoes they look like the training shoes and I love the colors that they come in and I really want a pair of the powdered pink ones.

Ta'Xavion : Okay.

Taxavion : Okay, if you had a question to describe your style ? How would it be ? Not a question, a word around everything.

Theresa : Me, I would say super unique because I wear all these like cool shoes and match them with my outfits but I'm still 28 years and I shop at Hollister still (4:00) okay so I felt like my aesthetic is never going to change I'm forever going to be cute is what I would say , describe my style is cute.

Ta'Xavion : What's the most you've spent on shoes and what's the most you would spend on shoes ?

Theresa : The most I've spent on shoes is my pair of Louis Vuitton, they were the speed runners. They're 985\$

Ta'Xavion : (whistles)

Theresa : They're navy blue and orange I don't wear them that much. I've worn them maybe two or three times. And the most I would spend on shoes is 2000 maybe. Depending.

Ta'Xavion : So the Dior's ?

Theresa : Yeah, maybe, my Louis Vuitton was a gift so I'm assuming they'd cost more than 985 dollars.

Ta'Xavion : Yeah.

Ta'Xavion : How do you match your shoes with your outfit ?

Theresa : I pick my shoes first and then coordinate clothes around it. So like I picked out these shoes this morning and I found a yellow shirt that went with this.

Ta'Xavion : So, do you try and match with a lot of the color in the shoes or do you try and leave like certain colors to pop out?

Theresa : So yeah, I will try to match like if wearing like yellow shoes I'll try and wear a yellow top. But if I'm wearing blue I try to keep my upper super natural, if I'm wearing red I try and make sure that I incorporate red into my outfit.

Ta'Xavion : Okay, we're approaching our time limit here is there anything else that you would like to add about shoe culture, shoes in general?

Theresa : I just wanted to add that I love shoes and I wish that today's society didn't with the hyping and the marketing and the social media and that what it makes you to be somebody wasn't so influential on everybody because it's literally ruined the shoe game for me. I used to get all my shoes at retail and now I'm checking [websites]. And I'm jumping on the sneakers at 8AM, I'm missing a class or something. So I feel like the pop culture has totally ruined the shoe game.

Ta'Xavion : I 100 percent agree with you, and thank you for letting me interview you.

Theresa : Yeah, I appreciate your time today. (End 5:59)

I think the write up was really good and bad. Because what it does is have you use your listening skills and then try and write it up word for word. I had a lot of fun doing it, this really gives me a way of seeing how I sound trying to talk to other people and have a conversation with them. It lets you hear how you talk to regular people and really gives you an aspect on how you think when being asked questions and what your response are.