

Randy Moyer

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Michael Kline: **0:00:01.2** Today is the 18th of December, 2012. My name is Michael Kline. I'm here with Carrie Kline at 114 Boundary Avenue in our old kitchen. And would you say, "My name is," and tell us your name?

Randy Moyer: My name's Randy Moyer.

MK: Randy Moyer. And what was your date of birth?

RM: 7/20/63—July 20, 1963.

MK: And if you would, tell us about your people and where you were raised.

RM: I was raised in Portage, Pennsylvania—a little community. Everybody's pretty well connected to each other on top of Lemont. We're like most folks. We do our hunting and fishing and our cookouts and things like that up on the mountain. I've got good kids and my boy's the pride of me. I love my boy. He makes me shine. My kid makes me shine. But just the average person who does average things.

MK: That was you?

RM: Yep. I've got friends everywhere I'm going. I've got friends that help fix cars, friends to go fishing with, and friends that help with this. It's a good place to be. I grew up there my whole life. Went out, started driving truck 18 years. But I'd go out, see the country and they paid me to do it, so why not see it through the windshield? And I made my living that way. I drive a truck. I worked hard. I had a job ever since I was 13 years old. I worked, and that's how they do it up here in the mountains—go and work and raise your family and anything in between's your time. (laughs) But it's good. It's all wooded. You come out of town, it's wooded. I'm all surrounded by wood and a little coal mine on the end of town. And the other hill we've got the windmills. But it's good people.

I was—everything I do, I do with my boy. We hunt, we fish. I keep that little kid close to me as much as I can. We do everything together. He rides his little go-kart here and there And it's a 2-seater go-kart, so me and him ride around. And that's what I like to do—share my time with my kids.

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Carrie Kline: He's just a little guy?

RM: He's just a little guy. Seven years old. Blonde hair, brown eyes. Real skinny. Smart as a whip. Smart as a whip. He's a number kid. Hey Dad, what's 257 times—and he sits there—and I love sittin' back and watching his mind work, because he'll sit and think and think and think and think and think. That's what all of his old—like he's into fishing. I buy him different lures. He's got 3 different fishing boxes that are his. He's got 2 fishing rods and he keeps all of his stuff for fishing, and he knows what they're for. I taught him when we fish and what—like this year we missed Erie because I was sick and he was sick. So he had his tonsils and adenoids taken out. And we was planning on the week before Thanksgiving going up fishing, but it got interrupted. It's all good. It'll come around again next year. I'll get to spend some time with him, going up and doing that next year.

0:04:46.3 But yeah, it's work and play—and church. He's always in church with me. We go to church 3 times a week. I go to Hammers Street Church of God. So I believe in God wholeheartedly—on the top of my shelf there. My boy's the same way. Even when his mother and me have separated I tell him all the time, “You say your prayers tonight.” “Okay, Dad. Okay.” (laughs) It's just livin', you know. I live free and easy and raise your kids, and I think that's what life's about.

MK: So you've been a long-haul trucker.

RM: Yeah. Long-haul, East Coast. I've been in Brooklyn, New Jersey. All trash—in and out of different landfills. Motor head. That's what they call us up on the hill—Motor head, because I like how machinery—big machinery—how you can get it to go. And the things—if your in a truck long enough, it becomes an extension of you—with the gearshift because all you need is your ears because you can hear out sounds. The tires hum and sing you a song going down the road and the clicking of the shifter, and you're always busy in the truck.

My kids used to tell me, “Oh, Dad's going off for another ride. He'll be back tomorrow.” It's a lot of work to drive a truck. To a little kid I can see how it's just going out for a ride and back. But the trucking industry's a lot of work. A lot of responsibility. And I've been doing it since '94. So I got over 3 million miles in. I have 2 tractor trailers that I have sittin' at my brother's house that are mine that that I work for, going up and down the highways—seeing what's here, seeing what's there, meetin' people. Stay to everything east of the Mississippi, but hit top to bottom. See, this country's beautiful. It's just—that's what I wanted. I got to see everything and got paid for doing it, which is a good thing. (laughs) Yeah, that's what my livelihood was—truck driver. Was.

MK: What do you mean, “was?”

RM: When I got—things got bad with the fuel, the independent owner, operator, truck driver, which I was, they got such a squeeze on you with the fuel—your tags—

MK: You mean the increased pricing? The prices going up?

RM: Oh, yeah.

CK: What does, “things got bad with the fuel” mean?

RM: **0:08:16.0** For awhile there was paying \$5 a gallon for diesel. What used to cost me \$120 to go to New York and Jersey and back in a day was costing me—some hundreds—put it that way. And it got too much. I couldn't keep running the truck. The money just made for the truck; it didn't make for me running the truck, so I had to park the truck and look for alternatives. And that's when I got into fracking, which is not a good thing. Not a good thing. The promises that they give you—they'll promise you the world. They look you right in the eye and lie to you. They'll tell you what you're hauling.

MK: Tell me how that all got started for you?

RM: For me? Like I said I parked my truck. I have a 2006 Volvo I bought the year before. I had to park it. I was hauling trash for 12 years off the East Coast down to local landfills. I used to take my boy with me all the time—strap him in the front seat and me and him go and pick up a load of trash, come back, empty it, come home in the morning, and that was my livelihood. When I got into fracking, I went down and talked to the people I was with, or wanted to work with, and—

MK: Who were they?

RM: Curry Supply is who I work with.

CK: What is it?

RM: Curry Supply. And they'll pull you in the door quick. You got a good CDL and you can drive and you can operate that machinery, as long as you hold that CDL, you got a job.

MK: CDO?

RM: CDL—Commercial Driver's License. I got Class A CDL with a tanker endorsement.

MK: You're at the top of the heap, then.

RM: Well I'd like to think so, but sometimes the top's the bottom. (laughs) You know what I mean?

MK: So you went in to talk to these guys and—

RM: I got hired on to them and went through orientation.

MK: What was the orientation like? Can you remember?

RM: Yeah, they put—however many was in that room. They come in and tell you what your job was and tell you what you'd be doing—you're hauling water.

MK: Is that what they called it?

RM: **0:11:21.0** That's what I was—a water hauler. They call them trucks' baby bottles. That's what I was. It's a tri-axle with a—it looks like a tube of toothpaste on the back. That's the only way I can describe it. It's baby bottles. That's what I drove. I come out of—what I owned was a full semi, full rig. Mine was 83 feet long, so that truck can leash a trailer when I drove over the road for myself.

And I got down into this business and wish I hadn't. I've had more health problems in 4 months than I had in my lifetime. And between rashes and burnings and just a lot of trouble. To me it's not worth it. Life's too precious to waste. It's not worth it. But I was in that for 4 months, and it put me down for a year—over a year now. Been seeing doctors, and them not giving you no money to go see the doctors, but they keep the medical on you. Well if they keep the medical on you, why don't they give you comp if it happened at work? You're fightin' the system with them.

CK: What do you mean they keep the medical on you?

RM: They kept medical on—when I signed on with them they gave me medical and dental after so many days that I paid for out of my check. With my money that I made, you had to pay so much percentage in it, and it paid for medical coverage. So I have Jon, which is my boy to me, under their medical. When I got hurt—and I was up there for 4 months—I got into chemicals and that, and it just grows on your body, I guess you can say. I haven't paid for it after the 4 months because I told them I was injured on the job with this chemical stuff because it's creeping all over my body. Um—I worked there for 4 months and got sick.

MK: So how exactly did you get exposed to this?

RM: It was in containments. They put you in containments on different jobs. I'm supposed to be a water hauler—a truck driver—but you're a laborer truck driver, whatever they use you for. And they do use you. They ain't telling you what they're using you for, but they'll use you.

MK: So what's a containment?

RM: What they pump the water fracking fluid in—like on the pads where they hold the water. They want certain ones need cleaned out. I was inside them and—

MK: How big are they? What did they look like?

RM: It's a tractor-trailer—well, you hook it onto a rig and it's got a set of wheels on it instead of steps. It has a front that you open up, and you go in and clean them.

MK: How do you clean them?

RM: Jump in there with a squeegee and squeegee that down. And they send you back in there with a pressure washer and you wash all that down.

CK: So you're inside the thing?

RM: **0:14:48.8** You're inside it. You're in the belly of the beast. And you got a harness on you, and you got a rope to you, and they send you in. And that's your job.

MK: So this containment tank is about the size of a trailer that—

RM: It is a trailer. You can actually back up and then put them on the back of a rig and click, it's the trailer. But when it sets on the ground it's a containment. It holds the water for the pad.

CK: So you're harnessed to something?

RM: Yeah, they put a harness on you. Rope on the back of the harness. You crawl in this maybe 2 foot porthole—that's how I can describe it. You get inside there, you do your job. There's guys standing outside there. You go in there and pressure wash all the walls down and you squeegee it up and your vacuum truck sucks it up on. But you're inside it.

CK: And something pulls you out then?

RM: Well that's in case you die. They don't want to go in and get you if you die. They pull you out with the rope. If you die, they ain't coming in for you. (laughs)

CK: Why do they think you're going to die?

RM: Well that's—they told us water, mud, your whole mud day, but what other stuff's in there, they don't tell you that.

CK: But they're taking this precaution with the harness.

RM: They don't want to go in after you.

CK: What are they afraid of?

RM: How we was trained to do it. All these guys stand outside. There's 1 or 2 guys in there and they're harnessed up and go in and clean the takes out.

MK: So you're in this containment, which is a closed container and you got a pressure hose and —

RM: Then you wash it out.

MK: Then you wash it out. How are you breathing in all this?

RM: You just do.

MK: Do you have a mask?

RM: No mask.

MK: **0:17:11.2** No mask?

RM: No.

CK: Is there an odor?

RM: How can I say? I've been up there around that stuff for—some stuff stinks and other stuff don't. But it's been a year since I've been in that. It took 1 time for me to be in there, and that was the last time I went into a tank. Ooh, that's bad, bad news.

MK: You just did this 1 time?

RM: One time. That's all. And they'd ask more. "You going out?" No, not me. I ain't getting in them tanks no more. Once was enough.

CK: Why? What happened?

RM: Well once you're in there, it depends upon what—you might be in a water, you might be in a mud one, you might be in an oil based one. That stuff's flying around in there. It's pressurized that you're washing the walls down with a pressurized wand. Hot water, so you can't see. All that just—it's like being in a fog in 2 seconds. You can't see 6 inches off your face once you get in there to wash. But you have to stop and let that all dissipate, then you start washing again. Or you stop and start squeegeeing what you knocked off the walls up the vacuum truck. You hooked a hose to the front of it. Yeah, that's bad practice, bad practice.

CK: I don't see why they have to squeegee it out if they're just going to fill it up again.

RM: They might switch it to fresh water, mud water. There's different stuff that comes out of them wells that I don't think they can mix contaminate it. You know what I mean? Mix them. So it's bad. It's bad. If I had known then what I know now, I'd have fought to keep my own truck on the road—even if I was making \$2 a day to bring home, I'd have kept my own truck on the road. I've got so many health problems and concerns and rashes and swellings and tongue swelling and teeth snapping off when you're eatin' stuff. It's crazy. Ears burning and vision's messed up and your nerves, you shake. It's bad. They got a demon that they let loose with that stuff. It's what that is.

MK: Can you remember the sequence a little bit? How long had you been working there before you had to go in and clean out one of these containments?

RM: I've been on so many well sites and different places and hauled water to here to there, so—

MK: It's hard.

RM: It's hard. And this stuff messes with my mind. I got to think, think now. Because I got contaminated with this, I gotta sit and think sometimes. I ain't the sharp pencil I was last year. Quick and witty—now I gotta sit and think. It takes that away from you. It's bad. Like I said, if I knew then what I know now, I never would have got into it. Never even would have looked their direction. It's all bad news. They lie to you. They tell you you're doing this. You ain't. They just take the whole thing of it. It's bad.

MK: So did you ever haul—what are they called—the drill stuff?

CK: Frack wood?

MK: **0:21:19.7** No, the dirt that comes out when they do that drilling?

RM: That's what they call mud.

MK: Did you ever—what did you do that—

RM: That was my job description; I hauled mud. There's fresh water haulers, and mud haulers. I was a mud haul.

MK: Where did you haul mud? From where to where?

RM: Off the drill rig to Williamsport, off the drill rig to Ohio, from drill rig to drill rig.

MK: And what did you do with it when you got where you were going?

RM: You dumped it.

MK: Dumped it where?

RM: Like in Ohio, you dumped it out in a pipe.

CK: A pipe?

RM: Yeah, there's a pipe in the back of the field that you hooked onto.

CK: Was it near people's homes?

RM: I don't know. We did all our stuff at night.

MK: Night. All at night?

RM: Yeah, I worked night shift.

MK: Wow.

RM: Cover of darkness.

CK: What did that seem like to you at the time?

RM: **0:22:21.6** Well they run 24/7 up there. That truck's constantly running. When the day shift jumps out, you jump in and take off from there.

CK: So it's not all by night.

RM: No, there's 2 shifts. I was the night shift mud hauler.

CK: So the mud hauling is at night?

RM: And in the daytime, too. But like if you need water to—sometimes you go up there and sit in lines for hours just to get your water off. Other times you'd haul 5 or 6 loads of water. It depends upon how close rigs were, where it had to go, all kinds of different stuff.

MK: So you work and then you start feeling bad. And what did you do? Did you see a doc or what'd you do?

RM: When this rash started on me I showed the supervisor, he sent me over to ER. ER gave me antibiotics.

MK: ER in—?

RM: Towanda. That's where I was. I was up in Bradford County as a hauler.

CK: How did it—tell us the whole story. How it got going, who you talk to, and if it was a few days that you talked to someone.

RM: Well I was washing mats in the containment. That's a mat that they make like a swimming pool. Any water falls, it falls in. That's what a containment—outside containment. They were puttin' mats, and that's what they lay on the rig floor. They were washing them and I was in there squeegeeing the water, and the mud dried up to my vac truck. And that's what I hauled out. But I was in it so long that it seeped through my boots, and it burnt my feet.

MK: It burnt your feet?

RM: Burnt my feet. This was in November. My feet were getting' cold and here it's just whatever's on that just went through my boots, through my socks to my feet. And from there on, I've been sick. I told the supervisor. The next day I had signs of other stuff all over me—welts. I spent 2 days on that pad doing mats and I stayed up there all week with a red rash on me. And the ER up there couldn't do nothing. So I come down, I went to Johnstown Hospital. They put me in the—went into the ER and they got me fixed up a little bit and back on the rigs and then

back down to the hospital and back up. And I did that until I quit. It's just not worth it. It's not worth it.

CK: Did they acknowledge that the rash was related to work?

RM: No.

CK: Your supervisor? Why did he send you to the ER?

RM: **0:25:37.6** See I don't understand why that is. They kept insurance on me. They kept on me and my boy that I'm supposed to be paying for, for a year, which makes no sense. I went to get compensation because this happened at work. The supervisor was right there—show him and the dispatcher was called, everything. Over a year now and I'm still fighting for compensation for them. I haven't had no money for a year.

CK: And you're still on their insurance?

RM: I'm still on their insurance. So is my boy. So you figure that out.

CK: What do you make of it? You've been thinking about it for a long time.

RM: I've been irritated for a long time, burnin' with this stuff, and jumping to see this doctor who knows nothing, jumping to see that doctor who knows nothing.

MK: What do you mean they know nothing? What do they tell you?

RM: I got hives.

MS: Is that what they tell you?

RM: I had hives. I've never seen hives that are 2 foot wide by a foot high and an eighth inch welded of your body and it jumps down 1 arm and down that hand, and then jumps to the other arm and your fingers swell up. This stuff is bad once you get it on you. It's bad, bad.

CK: Do you know what was on you?

RM: Uh-hunh (negative). I have no clue.

MK: Mud.

RM: Mud from washing mats off.

CK: Mats?

RM: Mats that they lay down—like a welcome mat like that on the floor. They put these mats together on the rigs and—

CK: In the containment?

RM: On the whole fracking pad where they're drilling. It's like putting Lego blocks together, but they're flat. And you connect them all and set your stuff on.

MK: **0:27:39.5** So it's a walking surface on top of the concrete pad? Is that the idea?

RM: Fracking pads are all dirt. They just level them off and—

MK: And put those pads on.

RM: Put the pads on. Some of them's wood, some of them mats. Yeah, they're mats. Plastic mats.

MK: So that's what you were hosing down when it burnt your feet.

RM: When I got sick, yeah.

MK: What do you mean in burnt? How hot did your feet get?

RM: You know how red a tomato is? That's how red my feet were.

CK: That's how they looked?

RM: That's how they looked. I took off my boots and my boots and that were wet up on the job site. Took 'em off, took my socks off, they were soaked. Put 'em in the truck under the heater, and as soon as that heat touched them, I was in tears—in tears. Instant pain. It did that for 2 nights, and ever since I got that it's been on me and jumping and here and there and scratch. You can't get rid of it. I don't know what it is.

CK: So you did it one night, went home, and then you started again the next night?

RM: Yeah, because they got work houses up there. I would go to the work house and yeah. It's been on me ever since.

CK: Work houses?

RM: Yeah. They take crews and they rent a house up there and there are so many houses that you stay at. One house might have 20 guys. This house might have 6. That house might have 10. You go up for whatever—we called them “tours of duty..” Go up for a 7-day tour of duty, you go up and work for 7 days, come home.

CK: And you were the only one that got wet?

RM: Well I was the only one on the pad there that—because they only took 1 baby bottle—1 truck to suck that off, so they only need 1 guy. And I switched with the day crew to go to the

night. And on the next they put—another day guy come on, and so that truck sit there for 2 days cleaning that up.

CK: And someone else on days?

RM: Someone else on days?

CK: How'd he fair?

RM: **0:30:10.0** I don't know. I never heard nothin'. I'm the only one that hurt from—that got what I got as bad. Whatever I got is bad. It's been jumpin' on me for a year.

MK: You don't know of any other mud drivers that have suffered this?

RM: Well there's other drivers, but they don't know what it is. We all got rashes.

MK: They're suffering with the same thing you are?

RM: Yeah, but not as bad as me. I got a good dousing of it. Yeah, there's other drivers with this. You hear the stories. I hear the names. I work with a few of them. I try to warn them to get out, but if they don't listen, they don't listen. Some of them seen me covered with this stuff burnin'. Some of them carried me over to the hospital. And some of them are still there. Like I said, it's bad. Whatever this concoction, cocktail, whatever you want to call it that they're mixing up, it's not good. It's a dose of bad medicine. It's killin' the earth.

CK: Did you think that way before—the killing the earth part?

RM: Like I said, I'm a Pennsylvania hillbilly, more or less. No. Not what this stuff doin'. This is destruction. This is devastation that's coming in and destroying. It's destroying. It's hurtin'. I can't breathe half the time. I'm 6 foot. I was 240 pounds. I think I weighed 209 pounds this morning. That's from 240 that I weighed a year ago. That's how much weight I lost. It's like a guy gets behind me, I can't breathe—he gets behind me and gives me a bear hug. That's how painful my chest and that gets. Some days I got to labor to breathe. I hack and cough all the time.

I got so many different symptoms—rashes, itches, feet swell up, tongue swelled 4 times and they had to take me down into ER. Yeah, try to make 12 miles with a spoon hanging out your mouth, trying to breathe. Holding your tongue over that's the size of a golf ball and growin'. And hopefully you make it. How do you like waking up like that? My mother seen that the first time, she thought—I'm trying to come downstairs and say, “Mom my tongue swelled up. Get me to the hospital.” And lucky my sister was there because she looked at me and looked at my tongue, because I was just like, “Auyayaya.” How do you communicate when your tongue is swelled up?

CK: What can they do for you?

RM: I lie down, they put IVs in me and shot all kinds of glue in me. I call it glue. IVs and whatever they did with the IVs and that. I don't know. Like I said, if I knew that what I know, I

wouldn't have been there then. I wouldn't have come close to that stuff. It's bad. I've been on pads where there have been blowouts. I've been on pads where there's been spills. All kinds of crazy stuff.

CK: Blowouts?

RM: **0:34:28.1** One blowed out up by Williamsport out there. Had a bad blowout up there. And one wells up there that I know had bad casings.

CK: What's a blowout?

RM: A guy come out and turn the wrong belt. The way I hear the story, you're supposed to turn valve 7. He turned valve 6 and it put too much pressure on it and there was a blowout. We wasn't allowed out on that mountain no more for a long time.

CK: What did you mean about killing the earth?

RM: It's poison they're puttin' in that hole. Whatever concoction it is, if it can jump on me and burn me for a year, that's poison. And it's bad when you get it. And it's bad when you can't breathe. Whatever cocktail—and you don't know what the cocktail is. You don't know what's in it. You don't know what chemicals are in there. I know one of them is sulfuric acid because I seen 2 of them rigs up on one of them pads. So one of them sulfuric acid. The other stuff that comes in, you never—there's nothing that I ever seen that was labeled. Nothin'.

MK: And what kind of a hole is you're pour it down.

RM: There in Ohio?

MK: Yeah.

RM: That was some kind of—like I said, that was all at night time we were in that stuff. Some kind of waste-treatment plant out there. Some of it went inside the building, some of it went in the hole in the back.

CK: Inside a building?

RM: Yeah, like you put it in the waste-treatment building. I used to deliver up a lot into Williamsport, but you go in there and take your 6-inch hose off your truck, hook it onto your truck, blow it off until it looks like a cement pit with mixer blades in there. And it looks like—well, it depends upon what you got. You either got gray milk or chocolate milk or brown milk. That's your water. What they do with it is beyond me. But stink—oh, that stuff stinks. Yeah, I never knowed what they—like I said, you go in, filled out your paper work, and go onto the next one. You haul this, you haul that. Truck driver—that's my title. Haul water, haul mud.

CK: Did the guys talk among themselves? You guys were living together.

RM: You work anywhere 13 hours. Some nights you just drive. I drove some nights way over what's legal. Way, way over. But it's your job. If you don't do your job, you ain't got a job. As for me as a truck driver for my own truck, I got D-O-T'd just about every other week in the landfill. These people in this industry don't get checked. They run up and down the highways, you don't know what's in them bottles—the baby bottles. That's what the workers call them—baby bottles. You're taking it to this state, to that state, to here, to there. It's crazy. Anybody's around this stuff, I'll give you fair advice to run. To run.

CK: **0:38:35.1** Are the guys banding together? Any of you guys who are hurt working?

RM: A few of us talk. Some of the guys—like I said, some of them seen me. A lot of them quit. The guy that's close around me quit. We're in the process, but the industry got you so sucked into this because it's money; it's easy work; it's easy pay. It's not a strenuous job, but it's definitely a dangerous one.

MK: Well I hope we haven't tired you out here tonight too much.

RM: We're doing good.

MK: Is there anything else you want to talk about before I turn this off?

RM: Like I said, life ain't supposed to be this way, what they're doing. The things I did as kid is going to be—once this industry comes, you ain't going to see no more. The things that's in your mind that you grew up watchin' and doin' and this industry comes through, you'll see it no more.

MK: What do you mean? What kinds of things?

RM: Like as a kid we used to go fishin'. I still take my boy fishin'. But we go up on the mountain for ramps and hunt. And this industry comes in, you ain't going to have that. It's going to be gone. And once it's gone, it ain't comin' back. It destroys. This stuff destroys. I had to self-educate myself. Self-educate. When I got this stuff, the doctors didn't know what I had. I had to go on the Internet and find people like me that had this stuff to figure out what I had or how to deal with what I had, because I was getting nowhere with doctors. And if people want that kind of lifestyle, bring them in. Me, I want to get out. I had enough. (coughs)

MK: Anything else, Baby?

CK: How did you find others? It seems like it'd be awfully hard to find other people going through what you're going through—so hush, hush.

RM: How I got started on this? I put the illness to the fracking on the website and how I started it. I wanted to know what the illness is. From illness is fracking. Then they showed fracking hill in Bradford County, which I was in. I jumped onto that one. Then I jumped over to Rick Roles, which that guy—if I ever see him, I'm going to give him a big hug because I think that man there is the one that saved my life with this because he knows what he's talking about.

MK: Rick Rules?

RM: Rick Roles from Colorado. A Colorado farmer.

MK: R-U-L-E-S?

RM: R-O-L-E-S.

MK: **0:42:02.2** R-O-L-E-S.

RM: Yeah, Rick Roles. And he talks about this stuff. And like I said, he talks about this stuff. And like I said, everybody makes their own little query I'd call them—what they've been through. I've been following—start following them through the Internet. But yeah, I year later I'm just discovering—excuse me—what this stuff is—how can I say it? I know what it does. You'll know what it does when you get it on you quick. But for the doctors and that, they're clueless. I've been in Pittsburgh. I've been in Washington, PA. I've been in Johnstown. I've been in Towanda. I've been over in East Freedom. You'll go chase doctors to get nowhere because they have no clue what it is. They have no clue how to treat it. They'll tell you it's rashes, it's hives, and you've got asthma.

CK: But they know what you exposed—they know what happened? I don't get it. Help me out here. (laughs)

RM: Like I said, my mother was cuttin' articles out of the paper, like to have the gag orders for the doctor. You just get little chunks and start putting your own puzzle together. When you get your puzzle together, and hopefully you're smart enough to put your own puzzle together and show someone else. Because if you got your puzzle together and take care of you and don't help nobody else, you ain't going to be—it's going to get worse. Put it that way—it's going to get worse. And quick. But yeah, it took me a year to put my puzzle together and running on money I didn't have to go see doctors in Pittsburgh. And I'm an hour and a half away from Pittsburgh. The doctor out of Virginia down here—West Virginia. It's 2 hours or 2 ½ hours.

MK: Did you get anymore satisfaction out of this doctor today in Morgantown?

RM: This doctor in Morgantown, yeah. He seemed to know what's—He had insight. The doctors in Pennsylvania have none. Up there, I don't know if they ain't educated of the fact or if they're scared. That part I can't answer. It's bad business.

MK: Well I think we'll let you rest awhile. We worked you pretty hard here.

RM: Yeah, my chest is getting tight.

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