



America's Black Forum Episode Synopsis

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This week on **America's Black Forum**:

Blacks and the Cannabis Industry

As more and more states decriminalize recreational and medicinal cannabis use, Black people are finding their way into the retail and farming space. America's Black Forum speaks with the **founders of Honey Hemp Farms and MONKO Dispensary** about access, equity, and their efforts to uplift communities working through the cannabis industry.

Prison Sentence Leads to a New Journey

Nicholas Crayton was 18 years old when he was convicted of murder. After being released in 2022 and serving 24 years, he has a new lease on life. He's releasing a new book where he shares his journey to encourage and inspire others.

Top Dogg K9 Foundation

Blake Rashad struggled with mental illness most of his life. As a former army veteran and police officer, he recognized his colleagues were dealing with similar challenges. Blake and his wife Sheila created the **Top Dogg K9 Foundation** with the hopes of providing service dogs to veterans suffering from mental and physical health issues.