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**[Which title] Toy Gun Today Is A Real Gun Tomorrow. A
Mentor Gets A Call From An Angel. Black On Black Crime
Solutions Panel**

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Recently, mentor, author, and inspirational speaker, Kevin Dorival, noticed a fourth grader buying a toy gun in a corner store.

Before leaving the store, Mr. Dorival asked him if he would rather buy something that would be a benefit to his life and someday be a blessing to his family?

"I felt compelled to say something positive to him. I sensed that he understood that my words weren't condescending, but that I wanted to inspire him to do better," Mr. Dorival stated.

Before finally exiting the store, Mr. Dorival turned around, handed the young man his card and asked the boy to please have his parents call him. The boy looked at him with a perplexed look and proceeded to purchase the gun.

Three weeks later, Mr. Dorival received a call from Rashard Jenkins, the 4th grader from the corner store, and with this call, received a second chance to continue to positively impact this young man's life.

Since 1980, there have been approximately 325,000 deaths of black men at the hands of black offenders. Current statistics also show that approximately 38% of the black males in America are either in prison, on probation or on parole.

Unfortunately, until we address the root cause of these behaviors, we will continue to see young black males, like Rashard Jenkins, end up included in these statistical numbers. We must seek to stem the tide of black males that die by a violent crime perpetrated by another black male or that become trapped in the justice system as a part of the offender population.

Statistics like these and stories like Rashard's are among the factors that have motivated Mr. Dorival to host the “2nd Annual Black On Black Crime Solutions Panel” on May 16th, 2015.

This free community event will be held at the *African-American Research Library and Cultural Center* at 1:00 PM.

This year's featured panelists will be: Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Dr. A.K. Kwasi, Dr. Reverend O’Neal Dozier, Connie Moss, and rapper, HD.

The event will also feature live entertainment, refreshments, and networking opportunities.

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