## Celebrating Success: Mekhi Dedrick's Triumph on the Court

In the latest MissionSAFE spotlight, we're thrilled to share the inspiring journey of Mekhi Dedrick, a young talent who recently achieved a significant milestone at Richard Bland College in South Prince George, VA. Mekhi reached out to our dedicated Youth Engagement Specialist, Coach Nugget, brimming with excitement about winning his first college basketball game.

Mekhi's stat line is impressive—8 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 5 steals—a testament to his resilience and determination. It's a victory that almost didn't happen, as Mekhi faced challenges that made him contemplate giving up on his college basketball career. However, a change of scenery and the unwavering support of MissionSAFE Youth Engagement Specialists, Coach Nugget, Ryann Herrell, & Roddy Lugay, have provided him with a new outlook on life.



Coach Nugget, reflecting on Mekhi's journey, shared, "Richard Bland College is located in South Prince George, VA. Mekhi has been there for over 4 months, and I believe he's adapting well! Our staff invested time in checkins, including school and home visits, and attending basketball games. We wanted him to know that everyone at MissionSAFE supports him. Sometimes, that's all someone needs."

When asked what makes him proud of himself? The response was "Because I didn't give up on myself and I trusted my mentors."

This success story is a testament to the transformative impact of MissionSAFE's work. It's not just about basketball stats; it's about building resilience, fostering trust, and providing a support system that empowers young individuals to overcome challenges. Your donations play a crucial role in making these efforts possible. By supporting MissionSAFE, you contribute to the success stories of young people like Mekhi, helping them build a brighter future. Join us in celebrating these victories and being a part of positive change. Donate today to continue making a difference in the lives of at-risk youth.

Your generosity fuels success. Together, we can create more stories of triumph, resilience, and empowerment. Thank you for being a vital part of the MissionSAFE family.

