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AT: 00:54:29 So, and the high school you went to was

JT: 00:54:34 I went to Cregier High School, one semester. That was the school I went to when I first got out.

AT: 00:54:43 Your first day?

JT: 00:54:43 Because I was fighting. I got, it was on the West Side. That was Cregier is a two year branch of McKinley High School is, um, I forgot, it was on the Wood Street, I think it was Wood Street It was close to the medical center. Not Too far away, but that's the school I went to.

AT: 00:55:02 I'm sorry, what was?

JT: 00:55:04 Cregier

AT: 00:55:06 And um for the first one, you were just there for a semester?

JT: 00:55:13 I went to just for one semester because what happened is this, Peter and the other Mexican friends, I became friends with them. They weren't in my class. I still hang out with them and so, uh, one of them was, they're all boxers. One guy's name was Frank Lopez and the other guy was Richard Guerrero. Let me see, I think Frank Lopez was one year older than me. So I used to hang out with them and the West Side. You know in those days kids used to carry a switch blade and a roll of pennies. Switch blade and roll of pennies. It's fortunate I didn't have to use the switch blade, but I did use the roll of pennies a couple of times, fighting. My parents, my mother didn't know what, my siblings didn't know what I was doing. You know, I was very, I was pretty mature. I used to, I used to, my mom used to give me money and we used to go down to Wieboldt's, it was close to Madison Street and Ashland. I used to, when I was, from

when I was 14, I was buying my own clothes. My mother wouldn't take me. I used to buy my own clothes. She'd give the money, I would buy my own clothes. So I did those things, which is kind of unusual, right? She would give me money.

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