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Title Interview with Michael Powell

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Description (a) Interview with Michael Powell. Interviewed by Peter Moran on

July 7, 2022 at New Haven Free Public Library Ives Branch, 133 Elm Street, New

Haven. (b) Photograph of Michael Powell taken at his interview. He was

interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History

Project discussing his experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Powell talked

about being in jail just as Covid hit and what it meant to be stranded there as the

court system was put on hold and he was in a legal limbo. He talked about

getting out and his girlfriend's pregnancy and the concerns that they had

because of Covid. He admits to being afraid, which gave way to a more resigned

acceptance. He thinks that Covid is here to stay and that people will adapt by

not wearing masks. He worries about balancing choice in a pandemic and what

that means. He was vaccinated and boosted, but being claustrophobic, he had a

hard time wearing masks. And while he doesn't think that it changed his own

habits much, he does notice that his older kids and others have changed their

habits. In discussing the Presidential elections, the events of January 6, 2021,

Powell is sad and angry over the division in the country, much of which he lays

at the feet of former President Donald Trump. He doesn't think that it will get

better any time soon and says that the pandemic taught him not to trust

anyone. "I just never saw life being lived this way," he reflected.

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