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The subject is a twenty-year-old African-American male who has lived in Montgomery, Alabama for most of his life. His mother was born and raised in Montgomery and his father was raised in the Bronx (NY)

The subject's consonant action is relaxed, especially with regard to plosives. There is a consistent use of a softened d [d̠] where the tongue only reaches the back teeth and not the gum ridge. There is the typical Southern r- i substitution as in dʒɪntəl for gentle and a slight drawl, which can be heard in words like implied (ɪmpləd) smɔl for smile. You will also hear the substitution on ɪn for ɪŋ as in payɪn' for paying. The speaker also employs a fairly consistent downward inflection pattern at the ends of sentences