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Take a look at some "Sexy Denim" The fabric of our lives! It's the most comfortable clothing that we wear 247 for dress up and casual. No guidelines, no thinking just doing what comes natural when you're wearing a pair of jeans.

We also look at some men's fall accessories, and get a peek at the men's cologne choices for 2015, they all smell so good!

Remember to always
"Rep Your Originality"

Many Blessings,
Yvonne
Editor-in-Chief

Yvonne Coleman-Burney

Welcome to our fourth issue of the Boss Mann. So far we have encountered some really interesting men from all walks of life such as actors, entrepreneurs, stepping out and taking the leap of faith to pursue their dreams.

This issue we are happy to do a recap of the controversial story of last year about a man just walking down the streets of Beverly Hills going to check the meter on his car and was falsely detained and arrested for fitting the description. See his compelling and heart warming story.

Best men's watches under $1000.



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Ermenegildo Zegna Woven Silk Tie, which features a paisley print.

All woven silks are made in Italy and come in various colors.

Zegna ties include intricate, detailed prints and patterns that are sure to stand alone.

They run anywhere from $120 dollars to over $200 dollars, and can be found at Nordstrom stores.

"Setting It Off"

From the top ten list of colognes for men this 2015 year Spicebomb by Viktor & Rolf rattle the list for top brand. It is a spicy frangrance with a contemporary blend for the Boss Mann in the know.

With a blend progression of non-gourmand cinnamon with a hint of tobacco note, it's truly a manly smell.

t's truly a manly smell and quality that lets anyone know its not for whimps. The grenade bottle let's you know that Spicebomb will set it off!

Retailing anywhere from $75 to $90, Spicebomb can be purchased at Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue.



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CHARLES BELK





"I get that the Beverly Hills Police Department didn't know that I was a well educated American citizen that had received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California, an MBA from Indiana University ... and an executive leadership certificate from Harvard Business School," Belk's statement read. "Hey, I was 'tall,' 'bald,' a 'male' and 'black,' so I fit the description."

Charles Belk survived the first half century of his life without ever being arrested; actually, without ever even being handcuffed. This record ended last year, and a new record was established – an arrest record.

On a typical sunny and warm August afternoon in Beverly Hills, California in 2014, Charles Belk's life was turned upside down. A successful entertainment marketing executive and independent Hollywood producer, he was walking to his car to put more money in his parking meter before attending a pre-Emmy Awards party.

Six hours later, Belk found himself being released as innocent, after being handcuffed, not read his rights, fingerprinted, photographed, denied a phone call, delayed in being able to speak with his attorney, put into a jail cell and held under a $100,000 bail for armed bank robbery. Although he was released as innocent, he ended up with an arrest record, because of mistaken identity.

But much like at many other points in his career, Charles Belk managed to find a way to make a difference. Determined to help give a voice to the voiceless, he decided to turn this negative into a positive.

Belk has always been a problem solver. Whether it has been in his role producing the red carpet for the NAACP Image Awards, overseeing community affairs for the Atlanta Hawks, or sharing in the responsibility for housing, feeding and transporting over 15,000 world-class athletes for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, he has always been one to "fix" something that he perceived as being broken.

And although Belk was released as innocent, he saw the fact that he ended up with an arrest record (that under normal circumstances would cost an average of $5,000 and take up to 6 months to erase), as a problem that needed fixing. Not just for him, but for everyone in every state.

Because of the power of social media and the country's frustration with law enforcement, Belk's "#AutoErase" movement was born.

At the heart of this effort is a campaign to educate Americans on the negative impact of a wrongful arrest record due to mistaken identity, and advocating for the automatic erasing of wrongful arrest records by the arresting law enforcement agency and removing that burden from the innocent individual wrongfully arrested.

It started with an online petition targeting the fifty state Attorney Generals, became part of the mission of a non-profit (Fitting The Description) that was founded, and grew into pledges by various state legislators to introduce legislation in their respective state in support of #AutoErase. Eventually, legislation (aka "The Belk Bill") was introduced in six states Illinois, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Through an extensive amount of traveling to various states, speaking to students and organizations, advocating to various lawmakers, and tons of emails and phone calls, Charles Belk participated in an event that saw the culmination of all of his hard work and efforts turn into something that would benefit's so many people in the future. On August 6, 2015, less then 2 weeks shy of his wrongful arrest a year earlier, Charles Belk watched Governor Pat McCrory of North Carolina, become the first governor to sign Belk's #AutoErase Bill into law. One week later, it was also signed into law in Illinois.

The Boss Mann magazine had a chance to sit down with Charles Belk to discuss this amazing accomplishment, and here is what he had to say:

BM- Last August when you were arrested and detained that evening, what ran through your mind?

Charles Belk- Initially when I was handcuffed on the curb, I thought that this would sort itself out in 10 minutes or so, and I would be on my way. As time continued to pass, although I began to feel a little more then inconvenienced, I knew I did not want to give the officers surrounding me any reason to feel that I was not going to fully cooperate with them. It wasn't until I was being booked at the police station and I said to the booking officer, "…wow, this is like a really bad dream…", and she looked at me and said, "…yes, this is a very serious crime you have committed…", that I began to realize that this was real, it was really happening.

Still in somewhat disbelief, when I was locked up in the cell, I was trying to process it all, going over it in my mind, step by step, to figure out why was this happening, what had I done to deserve being stripped of everything I had in my pockets, on my wrist, around my neck, on my feet, handed a toiletry kit, and locked behind a steel door, and held as a prisoner.

BM- What made you decide to change the law and create a bill that would expunge a person's record after being falsely accused and arrested?

Charles Belk- From reading a lot of the over 10,000 comments to my Facebook post about the incident, it became clear that it had also happened to a lot of other folks, and that a lot of people did not know that you still have an arrest record even if you are let go as innocent. I decided that ending up with an arrest record because of someone else's mistake was just not right, and something needed to be done about it. Once Illinois State Representative Ken Dunkin found out about my petition from a mutual Facebook friend and decided to introduce legislation in Illinois, I thought, hmm, if he felt it was appropriate for Illinois, then there would probably be other state legislators that would feel the same way. So the journey began. I traveled to the Congressional Black Caucus' (CBC) Annual Leadership Conference in DC, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators' conference in Puerto Rico, and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators' conference in Dallas, with the sole mission to inform legislators about my incident and the legislation that had been introduced in Illinois.

BM- Now that it's has been a year, and you have already seen two states with legislation passed, and it's pending in four other states, what is the ultimate goal for you?

Charles Belk- Ultimately, I would like to see it become law in all 50 states. But this has truly been a mission from God, who has guided me completely through this process. At some point, it may become apparent that there is something else that needs to be accomplished as well.

I will tell you that through this process, I have been thinking, that there are a lot of Americans that have no idea of what's on their criminal record! Much like we are able to get a copy of our credit report to view and correct errors, I think we should also be able to easily get a copy of our criminal record to view and correct errors.

BM: Did you think that this process would be so hard? Do you think that you will get all 50 states to pass the bill?

Charles Belk- Interesting enough, I had no idea in the beginning what the process even was. I had to take to the internet to refresh myself on how a law becomes a law, and found my source of information to come from an old familiar video from my youth – Schoolhouse Rock's "I'm Just A Bill". You know the one, "I'm just bill and I'm sitting here on Capitol Hill…" That video, believe it or not, equipped me for my meetings on the Hill during last year's CBC.

Because I felt that my bill was a no-brainer, I just assumed that it would be a pretty easy process. What I didn't factor in were the politics of the political process, or how each state is completely different and their legislative processes are all completely different.

It has truly been an extremely educational and eye opening experience, and so many times, I have wanted to rest on the laurels to date, and move on with my life. But, this is an awesome example of how one person can indeed make a difference in our great country, and as President Kennedy once said, "…and everyone should try."

I take great pride in being blessed to do so. I do indeed think that when it's all said and done, that yes, all 50 states will pass my or a similar bill.

I know this because it has truly been tenacity and my faith that has taken me from handcuffed curbside on August 22, 2014 to M.A.D. -- Making A Difference!



Signed copy of the North Carolina Bill and the pen that NC Governor Pat McCrory used to sign the bill into law.





Charles Belk caught in a moment looking at the pen that was just handed to him by the governor.

"Auto Erase Law"



Charles Belk, NC Bill Sponsor Senator Floyd McKissick, and Governor Pat McCrory at the 8/6/15 NC Governor Bill Signing Ceremony.

Charles Belk

MAN ON A MISSION

