

## How Matt McCusker Got Scared Straight

The Joe Rogan experience I'm pretty sure anxiety and depression are baked into the human experience I don't think you can get away from it You sound like a good Catholic That's what I'm saying man That's what being Catholics I used to have wicked panic attacks when I was 23 and I was also a gigantic piece of shit And it was the thing that like made me start thinking about in my life I was like shocking and my I was like oh and if I had just gotten medication I just would have kept being a giant piece of shit So I'm always like me but sometimes you gotta go through it You know what I mean You gotta sl through that stuff I was a fucking how did you pull out of it Shit I just fucking had to come to grips with the fact that I was gonna die eventually When you say a piece of shit you were just dude I was just a nuance bro It wasn't even I was just doing just like selling drugs I was young I was a bad kid I had no excuse I had like you know I wasn't like I was like my back to the walls Like I just like got a couple of jobs and like I don't like this I was like I should sell drugs What kind of drugs are you selling Pretty much everything Weed was the main weed was the mainstay But then I started like I got I got coerced in a pill I didn't even know what pills did So I was like my friends would talk me into going and like finding pills for them turned into a whole thing dude It was it was bad news How did you get out of it Just stopped eventually just stopped podcast Now we're good Thank you Patreon No it was I had like I didn't know what pills did and I remember watching a whole not even a whole but like it was an apartment complex and there's these two buildings full of like all these kids that were living there and it's a long story But like I somehow got my hands on like Watson pharmaceutical like jugs of fucking it was they were Vicodins and like they were just I didn't know I thought that I somehow got my hands on jugs of how did that's never happened to me I've never any jugs of open up a cabinet Look at these jugs I don't think I've ever seen a Vicodin What's a jug of Vicodin How many are we talking dude It's you know when you're at the pharmacy and you look behind the counter it's those big boys oh like a whey protein bottle Like one of them big scooped protein things How much was that worth At the time It was you're going to jail You're talking about this on the podcast You're fucked Statue of Limitations What is the Statue of Limitations I don't know Statue of Limitations Statue Statue of Limitations dude I'm I'm in the clear shades got the shades on It's over OK Here we go But no it was that's basically the thing I was just a fucking nightmare Do do

do do do do do that was the thing I view Statute of limitations before the before the statute the statute the French gave us this I was laying in bed just going fuck Am I doing my fucking life having panic attacks And it forced me to be like yeah it's probably a pretty bad idea How did you how did you phase out of it I just stopped it It it made me develop like a sense of like yeah this is fucking other people up and I like saw people getting fucked up and I'm like I'm gonna stop doing this He kept getting robbed at gunpoint and I kept getting robbed at gun times You get robbed at gunpoint twice twice twice After the first time you're like this is never gonna happen again After the first time I went back the plug robbed me at gunpoint And he's like I won't do it again And I was like OK he said yes daddy the plug What's the plug The dude who was your supplier Oh your supplier robbed you a gun Yeah it was like a it was kind of a mess He I would give him money and he would go get them and then one time he came back without them and he I was like dude just have them I was so scared of these guys and I was like you can just keep it all I don't care And he was like how do I know you didn't set me up and he pulled a gun out on me and I was like oh and my roommate walked down and went and he just they both just ran out But yeah and so then you tried to buy from him again No I told him he like time passed and he's like dude I'm so sorry I found out who actually robbed me He's like if you could come back I'll take care of you blah blah blah you know I'll like make it worth your while and I'll just you'll never have to put any money up ever again And then what happened I just went back you know uh then apparently he got in trouble for I think he tried to shoot at somebody So I went back to pay him back one time and then some guy was like no he's in jail He tried to kill someone but he tried to you said he pulled a gun on you twice Once a different guy pulled a gun on me you said he said he would never do it again He didn't he he was true to his word So that guy would never do it again The other guy did it Some other guy it was some guy I was in a house and a guy came in with a gun that was that stunk What was this about Weed Pounds They said give me your weed Yeah he it was like kind of like one of those things where like a guy comes in and he goes oh my God some guy happened to be behind me with a gun Everyone get down and I was sitting there like this is bullshit So then he like just took the money took like the weed and then he was like just like who the fuck You know bla bla bla he started telling me like I was on his territory and I was like dude come on man and I just sat there and he just talked for like two minutes and he was like if you guys try to look out the window we're gonna there's people

outside they're gonna shoot you He took all of our cell phones I did have 1000 bucks behind my back though I didn't tell him about it So I got to keep that That's pretty that was pretty tough A lot of people would have lost the composure Thankfully that other guy pulled his gun on you before So you do know what I know what happens though is you lose everything slows down and you're able to like I was in that the first time I just shit my pants the second time I was like looking at the kid who I never met before who I knew kind of set this up because I watched one kid I knew like being a real state of fear And I watched this other guy pretending to be scared All all this guy in a ski mask was like who with a gun And it was just like fuck I really like the part of my brain like I might get shot just went offline and I was able to watch and be like I'm gonna fucking kill this little motherfucker when this guy you know blah blah blah But and so how long after that did you stop Couple of years I was chasing the bank dude I got robbed I didn't make any money I got robbed constantly I was too trusting I got robbed I got robbed by club one time Club point sucked Club These guys were like well in with the sh you better give me the where have you got Not again Fuck Damn He's a nonviolent He's a non violent drug dealer So how did you how did you start making money when you quit I always worked in construction and stuff too I'd always have a side gig so I never depended on one too much So I could always say like fuck you to my job if I didn't like it And if I ever things got like weird I could like I'm not gonna do I would chill So I had a kind of like hybrid approach And how did you get into podcasting I was as a comedian me and Shane were just living together I'm like dude can we please do a podcast I'm fucking dying here dude I was playing video games I was like yeah fuck it Yeah Yeah I was just I mean I was what is it called Matt and Shane's Secret Podcast But yeah man that was uh it's not the way that was not the way No it doesn't sound like the way But I was I would say you got some good stories out of it though and you lived pretty good Yeah pretty good But I live I was living according to a fucked up system and it was like things called mental disorders Got me out of it That's what I'm trying to say