Interview with James "Murr" Murray

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VIDEO - SLATE (10 SECONDS) - COVER SHOT (REMAINING 7 SECONDS) - TAKE ZOOM CAMERAS - CUT BETWEEN ZOOM CAMERAS THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW	NOTES	(CUT MUSIC) (OPEN MIC): Interviewer and Guest Interviewer: Hello, and thank you for tuning in for a very special interview. Today, I am joined with Staten Island's very own James Murray, but you may better know him as "Murr", one of the breakout stars of truTV's Impractical Jokers. Murr, I'm a huge fan of the show, so it's a pleasure to finally meet you. Guest: RESPONSE Question One: Introduction of Impractical Jokers Interviewer: So before we begin, could you explain the premise of your show, Impractical Jokers, to anybody who may be unfamiliar with it? Guest: RESPONSE - Filmed with hidden cameras - Show's motto: "Four lifelong friends who compete to embarrass each other" - Two or three challenges per episode and whoever loses the most challenges is considered the night's "big loser" and must therefore participate in the episode's final challenge - Typical challenges include: - Get strangers to sign absurd petitions - Say embarrassing things told through hidden ear-pieces - Give insane presentations in front of an audience without laughing
		Question Two: Murr's History Interviewer: I wanted to congratulate you on the

show's longevity: it's almost been a decade since the premier episode in 2011. Prior to the start of filming in 2011, you were just an average joe from Staten Island. What were your thoughts when truTV decided to pick up the show and air it?

Guest: RESPONSE

- Surprised that they thought it would be funny enough to air
- Worried that people wouldn't find it funny
- Scared of failure

Question Three: Murr's History

Interviewer: Speaking of failure, one thing that is continuously brought up throughout the show is your short film, "Damned", the story of a teenage Jesus living in a modern world. I won't ask you to explain the film too in-depth as we've already seen clips of it within an episode of the show, but did you learn anything from this experience?

Guest:

- I learned that I can be funny (even when I'm trying to be serious)
- Not to take anything in life too seriously because other people won't

Question Four: Funniest Moments

Interviewer: That's some great advice, Murr. On the show, you make everybody else laugh, so I wanted to learn a little bit about what makes you laugh. Out of all the challenges you've been a part of, which do you remember as being the funniest?

Guest: RESPONSE

- In season five: had to shave head and eyebrows
- In season six: had to wear a wig made of Q's hair for half of the season

- TAKE GRAPHIC (CUTAWAY ONE)

Interviewer: You didn't only have to shave your eyebrows/head and wear a wig for the remainder of the season, but you also had to retake your driver's license picture right after shaving your eyebrows and

- LOSE GRAPHIC (CUTAWAY ONE)

Guest: RESPONSE

Question Five: Scariest Moments

take your passport photo while wearing the wig. That

must have been pretty embarrassing, right?

Interviewer: The show captures a ton of hilarious moments and encounters, however, there are times when the challenges seem a bit extreme or the strangers you interact with are not in the best mood. Can you recall any time that you think the show went too far?

Guest: RESPONSE

- When I had to go skydiving since I have a massive fear of heights
- When somebody, who was double my size, got upset at me and tried to attack me.

Interviewer: I would not want to be you in that situation, but I would sure like to watch it. Let's take a look at your near death experience.

- TAKE GRAPHIC (CUTAWAY TWO)
- LOSE GRAPHIC (CUTAWAY TWO) AFTER VIDEO ENDS

Question Six: Future

Interviewer: Now before you go, can you tell us where we can find you in the future?

Guest: RESPONSE

- Impractical Jokers season 9 premiering later this year
- Moving on from the show:
 - Acting: *Impractical Jokers: The Movie* which was released in February
 - Stand Up comedy

Interviewer: I'm definitely looking forward to all of that! We're out of time for now, but thank you so much for coming on today; I really feel like I got to meet the true man behind James Murray. Like always, thanks for watching and have a good night.

- TAKE CLOSING	(CLOSE MIC): Interviewer and Guest
GRAPHIC	(TAKE MUSIC): 17 second audio clip