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WHOS SVN??

#### Sevin Christian, 25

Meet Sevin, a licensed Automotive Technician from Desoto, Texas, on a turbocharged quest to become the next African American open-wheel racing superstar! His love affair with speed and shiny machines kicked off at the tender age of four—talk about an early start! This speed demon has revved up his career with a smorgasbord of opportunities in the automotive world.

Growing up, he dove headfirst into racing adventures, fueling his motorsport passion even more.

"I knew from the moment I jumped into a go-kart that being behind the wheel was my destined joyride! The rush of cranking up the speed and zooming past others? Pure adrenaline rush!"

Sevin

#### The American Dutch Boy?

"The American Dutch boy isn't just my brand; it's a treasure chest of family history! My mom, Magdalena Christian (Waal), hails from The Netherlands, and our roots dig deep—dating all the way back to the 1200s with our fabulous great-grandma Doretha Engeline Ooms from sunny Spain! My Grandma Magdalena Charlot (Mema) is like our personal history guru, always reminding us of the importance of knowing our roots and where we come from!"



## Why Motorsports?

# WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MOTORSPORTS? ANY EXPERIENCE?

My passion for the automotive industry was ignited at the tender age of four when I assisted my father with vehicle maintenance. This early exposure provided me with valuable insights into the intricacies of cars and fostered a deep appreciation for the industry.

By the time I was 14 or 15, I began working alongside him at Freeman Dodge in Duncanville, Texas. This experience proved invaluable, serving as an informal internship that marked a significant turning point in my journey. Eventually, I was offered a position at Dodge, where I am currently employed.

At 18, I began working for Norwood Auto Italia, the premier Italian car specialist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This role allowed me to service some of the finest vehicles on the market. It is remarkable to think that a young kid from DeSoto, Texas, was working on a V10 engine capable of producing 570 horsepower and accelerating from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.9 seconds. This opportunity not only launched my career in the automotive industry but also laid the groundwork for my aspirations in motorsport.

Residing in Texas, entering the motorsport industry has proven challenging, particularly given the area's strong focus on football. Nevertheless, I sought any opportunity that would allow me to establish a footbold, including participating in karting.

My experiences include competing in various events such as SCCA Track Night in 2019 and the Champ Car Endurance Series with JS Motorsports in 2022. I had the honor of working alongside Mr. Al Unser Jr., a two-time Indy 500 winner. Recently, I test drove with Mr. Julius Curry, a former NFL player for the Detroit Lions, who is paving his way to diversify the motorsports world.

The most significant opportunity thus far has been the chance to test drive at the Circuit Zandvoort, the venue for the Heineken Dutch Grand Prix. This experience also afforded me a personal invitation to speak with Van Amersfoort Racing (VAR) in the Netherlands, where I participated in a day of simulation training, with the prospect of racing for their team. Can you imagine? Me, racing in Barcelona, Spain!

That would truly be the opportunity of a lifetime.









## Road to Indy Car

# WHAT IS INDY CAR? HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE? WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My ultimate aspiration is to become an IndyCar racer, which involves competing in the NTT IndyCar Series—a prestigious championship featuring single-seat, open-wheel race cars.

The NTT IndyCar Series is recognized as North America's premier open-wheel racing competition, attracting talented athletes from over 11 countries worldwide. To achieve this dream, I recognize the importance of rigorous preparation and unwavering dedication. In such a highly competitive arena, effective communication and teamwork are paramount. Nevertheless, securing funding to participate in this sport poses a significant challenge.

The average cost of participating in track events can vary considerably, typically ranging from \$12,000 to \$20,000, depending on various factors. Currently, in my series racing for Formula Mazda, I am paying approximately \$13,000 per race. This includes racing fees, transportation, tires and parts, fuel, insurance, and miscellaneous items such as gear, among others.

Working as an Automotive Technician for Freeman Dodge in Duncanville, Texas helps me pay for my expenses as much as it can. With the assistance of my big sister Christina, we have started my own brand, which features a diverse collection of merchandise and gear tailored for all adrenaline enthusiasts.

We have also crafted a proposal inviting both adrenaline enthusiasts and business owners to support my career by becoming sponsors of the SVN Racing Brand. Each sponsorship category offers the opportunity for their name or business to be highlighted and promoted in various ways. Moreover, we have planned events to express our gratitude to our sponsors and fellow enthusiasts for their generous contributions to my racing journey.

For any racing enthusiasts interested in sponsoring the next upand-coming talent, please visit my website at SevinChristianRacing.com or contact us at SevinChristianRacing@gmail.com.

One of my many inspirations in racing is the esteemed Daniel Ricciardo, an Australian motorsport driver who competed in the Formula One series from 2011 to 2024 for Red Bull Racing.







#### Mental Health Advocate

#### WHY MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS TO ME!

Mental health is of profound significance to me, as it has deeply influenced both my life and that of my family. The images shared depict my uncle Remco, my mother's younger brother, who battled depression and, tragically, passed away in 2006. I have also faced moments in my life where societal pressures and a lack of motivation led to shifts in my thinking and mood. However, I draw inspiration from my uncle's vibrant life and the unwavering support of my family, which motivates me to persevere.

My father, Ray Christian, consistently reminded my siblings and me of the wisdom found in Ecclesiastes 9:11: "The race is not given to the swift or the strong, but to those who endure to the end."

This personal journey highlights the urgent need for awareness and support regarding mental health issues. Effective communication and understanding within families and communities are essential to reducing the stigma surrounding mental health. We must prioritize mental well-being and establish supportive networks that promote open dialogue and provide necessary resources.

I am committed to advocating for mental health awareness and wish to partner with a mental health foundation that will enable me to further this cause.









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