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Shawn Marion »

Standing at six feet seven inches tall, is Chicago, Illinois native Shawn Marion who has held court for 10 years as a professional basketball player. On July 9, 2009, Marion signed a five-year \$39 million contract and was immediately traded to the Dallas Mavericks. He is widely regarded as one of the most versatile players in the league thanks to his athleticism and ability to play and defend many positions. Marion was selected by the Suns in the first round and ninth overall in the 1999 NBA Draft. Nicknamed *The Motor* by TNT analyst Kenny Smith during the pre-season of his rookie year for his unrelenting energy,

Marion was selected to the US Olympic team's basketball team. Growing up in a large family,

Shawn explains that he did have his uncles who served as positive role models, in the absence of

Cargo Pants: Ralph Lauren Polo
Leather Jacket: Unavailable
Sweater: Ralph Lauren
Shoes: Louis Vuitton
Wool Hat: Louis Vuitton

Shawn has an extensive watch collection. And this 2010 Ferrari was delivered a couple hours before this photo was taken.

his father and they gave good advice and support. However, there were a few instances where he had run-ins with law enforcement. He admits that these instances and or experiences were life experiences that helped him grow to be the man he is today.

"As a child I had a choice. Do I want to sell drugs and go down that path or do I want to do something positive? It's reckless but it made me a stronger person today," says Shawn. And, not only has Shawn become a very strong player in the game of basketball, but a very successful business savvy individual in the game of life. In preparation of becoming a successful basketball player, Shawn put lots of hard work and effort in trying to achieve. *"It wasn't an easy thing to do,"* while Shawn explains, *"In high school... 1 out of every 175,000 students would make it into the NBA. In all visuals, I just really wanted to continue my education. I definitely wanted an opportunity to share in the college life. I always felt like if the NBA was meant to be, it would be. You don't really know until you have a taste for it."* Entering the league after his freshman year in college, brought about a taste for the sport which

Oliver Corburoy Vest: Jared M
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Belt: Stryker's Own
Watch: Bright Lane by Jason of Beverly Hills
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made him realize what he wanted. The environment and being around others who shared the same interest, gave him inspiration and caused him to work a lot harder at accomplishing his inner dream.

Shawn's hunger to... succeed keeps him going. "I want to leave behind a legacy. I'm one of the dynamic small forces that play this game. And what differentiates me from a lot of other players is that I'm me. And me all the time," says Shawn. Today, he has founded the Shawn Marion Foundation which is a non-profit organization that aids in the success and/or development of children who are products of single family homes, much like himself. Shawn also does an Annual Basketball Camp, based out of Chicago, IL, which provides student scholarships to underprivileged teens. There are currently 2 scholarships sponsored. One of which is named after himself, and the other after his mother. Although Shawn admits to being a big competitor, he feels

Cargo Slacks: Unreveled
Houndstooth jacket: Gucci
Wool sweater: Polo Ralph Lauren
Suspenders: Polo Ralph Lauren
Driving boots: Louis Vuitton

that too many parents and coaches are taking the fun out of the sport. He feels like basketball should be a fun sport when playing in high school. And that's why he plans to later coach basketball at a high school level, to put some fun back into the sport. "I want to teach guys to learn from the game while having fun. It's a team game, not an individual game. You win and lose as a team. You should be having fun though. If you're not having fun, you need to do something else." And we could all agree more. And obviously Shawn has set the bar for all those who come after him in the game. **The Luxe**

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