Mekeisha's pick: 'American Gangster'

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In his day, **Stanley** "Tookie" **Williams** ruled the streets of South Central Los Angeles with brute force. Intimidating and muscular, **Williams** didn't start the Crips, but he certainly took the notorious gang to its most menacing heights. Take a close and chilling look at his unbelievable life in the fascinating documentary series "**American Gangster**" on BET. Witness **Williams** 'gang ascension, surreal appearance on "The Gong Show" and eventual addiction to PCP. The drugs, along with a subsequent murder conviction, landed **Williams** on death row where his 11th-hour redemption failed to save his life.

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