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**Det. Sgt. Ted Nelson (Ret.)**  
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**Howard City, MI**

Over his 25-year career with the Michigan State Police, Theodore “Ted” Nelson served as a patrol officer in Detroit, interdicted drugs at airports, and investigated large-scale narcotic conspiracy cases. Nelson has seen everything from small arrests as a uniformed trooper to multi-year investigations with the F.B.I. and U.S. Customs on international marijuana trafficking and related murder cases.

Nelson is also an experienced teacher. He received training from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Michigan, on civil asset forfeiture and developed a course to teach all officers throughout the state on forfeiture procedure for narcotic and omnibus crimes. Nelson taught civil forfeiture and consensual searches to over 1,000 officers through Operation Pipeline during the 1990s. He also instructed for 10 years in all Michigan State Police recruit schools and Basic and Advanced Narcotic Schools. Nelson was assigned to the Investigative Resource Unit to coordinate training for all multi jurisdictional drug teams in Michigan.

Nelson has been involved in investigations that revealed the divide between communities of color and law enforcement. He recognized the need for better relations and worked hard to learn more about and develop relationships with the communities he served.

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