



Officer Rusty White (Fmr.) Bridgeport, TX

A native of Hamlin, Texas, Rusty White wanted to serve as a law enforcement officer after seeing the effects of drug abuse in his community. He grew up as an avid dog lover and developed an early proficiency with firearms. He became a top K-9 narcotics dog trainer, Track and Attack K-9 trainer and handler, and served as the sniper for the Department of Corrections. White also worked for 7 years as a corrections officer in an maximum security prison in Arizona.

White started to question the way the War on Drugs was being fought. He questioned the arrests of low-level dealers when all of the promises were about kingpins. He watched with confusion and dismay as child molesters and other violent criminals were released from prison to make room for an ever-growing population of non-violent drug offenders. He despised the lies told to kids about drugs and came steadily to the realization that no matter how many prisons were built, no matter how many drug dealers were killed, he was not making a difference. After years of research and review, White realized that the real problem was prohibition and left law enforcement because of it.

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