

## Special Agent Finn Selander (Ret.) U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Phoenix, AZ

The son of a Holocaust survivor, Finn Selander grew up knowing he wanted a career in law enforcement, fighting for truth and justice. The TV shows of his youth inspired him to help society. He first worked as a police officer for the Pensacola Police Department in Florida and later moved on to the Drug Enforcement Administration, where he was posted in Miami.

Prior to joining law enforcement, he served in the US Navy, excelling in many areas including scuba diving and salvage work. He earned a degree in International Studies and completed numerous certifications which impacted his law enforcement work: thermography, trace element collection, and agent development schools including: Money Laundering, Marijuana Investigations, Asset Forfeiture, and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) investigations.

Selander put his knowledge of marijuana investigations to work in Florida and New Mexico as the DEA's Marijuana Coordinator for six years, then spent seven years as a demand reduction coordinator. Later, as the Public Affairs Officer in the agencie's Albuquerque office, he encountered LEAP for the first time, which intensified his concern about the real effectiveness of the drug war. After retiring from the DEA, he served three tours as a contractor in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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