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From 1998 to 2011, Sean Dunagan served as an Intelligence Research Specialist for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Over the course of his career with the DEA, he participated in dozens of federal drug investigations in the U.S., Mexico, and Guatemala.

Dunagan spent three years working with a drug task force in the Miami airport, where he investigated a revolving door of cocaine mules. He saw how drug enforcement quotas pushed agents to prosecute low-level dealers instead of focusing on the cartel leaders. He also saw how civil asset forfeiture made agents prioritize seizing cash over seizing drugs.

Dunagan's investigations in Mexico and Guatemala found that drug cartel profits led to deep-rooted corruption of public officials and law enforcement. He saw how widespread poverty among law enforcement increased the cartels' allure. He also worked extensively with confidential informants, both on the street and in prison, two of whom were murdered during his career.

Sean holds a Master of Public Administration from Valdosta State University and a B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from Flagler College. He lives with his wife and four children in Pennsylvania and works at a government accountability organization in Washington, D.C.

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