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Brian Chapman is a former probation officer with the Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Chapman began to doubt the efficacy of the War on Drugs almost immediately after beginning his career.

He worked closely with probationers and was responsible for enforcing probation guidelines set by the court. His roles included testing

probationers for drug use, advocating for substance abuse treatment, and providing referrals for assistance in issues such as housing and employment.

Chapman's experiences in corrections led him to believe that resources were not being allocated in ways that truly benefited the community. Probationers would often be forced into treatment for drugs such as marijuana, despite not being addicted, which crowded out those who actually needed treatment.

By the time Chapman left his career in corrections, he had become thoroughly convinced that drug abuse and treatment was better left to doctors and counselors, not the criminal justice system.

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