

Deputy Sheriff Jeff Studdard (Fmr.) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, California San Geronimo, CA

Jeff Studdard was born and raised in California. He served for 10 years in law enforcement as a school district police officer and reserve Los Angeles County deputy sheriff. He's a graduate of L.A. County's exclusive Drug Recognition Expert program, which teaches police how to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs including alcohol. The program was founded in the 1970s by Studdard's father, former L.A. Police Department Sgt. Dick Studdard, and has since been adopted and expanded internationally.

In 2003, Studdard broke his back, suffering eleven herniated disks. Three surgeries, numerous pain medications and various treatments did not alleviate his chronic pain, which he describes as "bolt-of-lightning nerve damage." What did finally alleviate his pain was cannabis. One of the reasons he initially tried marijuana was to counter side effects of the various pain medications and prescription drugs he was taking.

He has since left his wheelchair and walks without assistance.

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