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James (Jim) Nolan served in the Wilmington Police Department in Delaware for 13 years, seven of those years in the drug unit investigating conspiracy cases. He was involved in the execution of hundreds of search warrants and participated in no-knock raids. In the 1980s, he was assigned to the Vice Squad unit, where he went undercover to investigate drug dealers.

While working on his doctorate in psycho-educational processes, Nolan's attitude in policing began to change. By the early 1990s, he had been promoted to lieutenant and was supervising a community policing unit. He went on to join the F.B.I., serving as a unit chief in the Crime Analysis, Research & Development Unit. He is now a professor of sociology at West Virginia University.

Nolan holds a B.S. and M.S. from Wilmington University and an M.Ed and Ph.D. from Temple University. He wrote about his journey from the vice squad member to a sociology professor in the essay *From Vice Cop to Sociology Prof: A Long Journey to a Familiar Place*. It was published in 2002 in *The American Sociologist* journal.

Dr. Nolan's recent publications have appeared in the *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, *Justice Research & Policy*, *Information Sciences*, *Policing & Society*, *Criminal Justice Studies*, *Homicide Studies*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *The American Sociologist*.

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