



Senior Corporal Joe Morris (Fmr.) Dallas Police Department, Texas Carrollton, TX

Joe Morris spent 10 years with the Dallas Police Department, working both undercover and in uniform. As a specialist in crime scene investigation, he trained new officers and worked in the Research and Planning Division as a Research Analyst. He left the department after reaching the rank of Senior Corporal to work as a polygraph examiner and expert witness.

During his career, Morris participated in hundreds of undercover stings,

including selling and buying drugs from high school students. Over time, he realized the waste of time, money, and training this represented. When a close friend was shot and paralyzed in a drug raid over \$500, he concluded that prohibition had failed and isn't make us safer.

As a police officer, he taught Dallas Baptist University courses on criminal justice. When his captain discovered that he was discussing drug legalization in these courses, Morris was told to keep quiet.

Morris holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a M.A. in Urban Affairs from the University of Texas at Arlington.

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