



Officer Madeline Martinez (Fmr.) California Department of Corrections Portland, OR

Madeline Martinez spent nine years working for the California Department of Corrections. She served as a correctional peace officer at the California Institution for Women, a female-only state prison in Chino, California.

Martinez witnessed the number of the residents at the institution grow at an accelerating pace, largely due to the drug war. "Overcrowded prisons are dangerous to the inmates as well as staff," She says.

Martinez was a leader in Oregon's marijuana legalization movement and played a key role in the successful Measure 91 ballot initiative campaign. She's the executive director of Oregon N.O.R.M.L. and serves on their national board of directors. She was presented their Pauline Sabin Award in 2007.

Martinez is a grandmother of six and resides in Portland, Oregon. She is the sole proprietor of the Cannabis Café which opened in 2009.

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