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Eric Van der Zanden began his law enforcement career in 2009 with the Dutch National Police Force in The Netherlands. As a senior constable, he patrolled the streets, monitored protests, and provided protection for political figures. In 2017, Van der Zanden served as a lieutenant. He advised both internal and external partners on crime prevention with a focus on terrorism and high-impact crimes. Eric Van der Zanden also served as an Assistant Public Prosecutor where he judged the legality of arrests and seizures.

In 2019, Van der Zanden became a captain in the Dutch National Police Force. He advised police chiefs on strategic management and leadership within the organization. Captain Van der Zanden also implemented strategic initiatives based on data analyses and tactics to improve community policing. In 2021, Captain Van der Zanden retired from the Dutch National Police Force.

Eric Van der Zanden received an associates degree in sports instruction from ROC Mondrian. He was nominated to receive specialized education, equivalent to a BA, in leadership and change management from the Dutch National Police Academy. The program consisted of crime science, psychology, sociology, international law, and leadership. Captain Van der Zanden currently lives in New York, where he works as a director of City and State Initiatives for Stanton Chase.

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