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**Officer Brian Gaughan (Ret.)**  
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Brian Gaughan was in law enforcement for 17 years, first in Davenport, Iowa, and then in his native Chicago area where his responsibilities included patrol assignments and narcotics investigations. He then served as a firefighter/paramedic until 2011, when he was injured on a call and forced to take medical retirement. He returned to law enforcement as a criminal investigator for the state of Illinois until retiring in 2021. He also had a long career in labor organizing, leading his Iowa police department to join the Fraternal Order of Police, and serving as

President of the firefighters' union for 10 years.

Brian became disillusioned with the War on Drugs as an undercover officer. One incident in particular made him question his service. “The mother of a suspect I was making cocaine purchases from told me she wanted to thank me for becoming her son’s friend. She said that after the death of his father, he had fallen in with the wrong crowd, and she was glad to see that I was now his new friend. She could tell that I was a good person and would be a positive influence in his life. Little did she know that not only was I not his friend, I was building a case against him that would send him to prison.”

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