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**Sgt. John Padgett (Fmr.)  
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John Padgett began his policing career as a patrol officer with the City of Augusta, which later became the Richmond County Sheriff's Department, in 1984. He served until 1997 and left the force as a sergeant. He held positions as Field Training Officer, detective in the Violent Crimes Unit, and sergeant in the Honor Guard.

In 1998, Padgett served the Columbia County Board of Education. He started as a security officer and eventually rose to the position of Administrative Law Judge, where he was responsible for system-wide disciplinary proceedings for 22,000 students in 27 High, Middle, Elementary, and Alternative Schools. His other duties included directing the federal safe and drug-free schools program, the Georgia Sex Offender Registry, Juvenile Justice Adjudication, and Adult Offender Corrections & Probation.

Since 2005, Padgett has taught psychology and developed criminal justice coursework at universities including Westwood College Online, Strayer University, and Capella University. He is currently a core faculty member of the Criminal Justice Department of Capella University and an adjunct professor at Strayer University, where he is a subject matter expert in terrorism, crisis intervention, domestic violence, and criminal psychology.

Padgett holds a B.A. in Business Administration, a M.Ed, a M.S. in Mental Health Counseling, a Ph.D. in Professional Psychology: Mass Violence, and over 40 state and federal certifications. He currently resides in Martinez, Georgia.

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