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**Melissa Rittenhouse, Police Officer (Fmr.)  
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In 2001, Rittenhouse began her law enforcement career as a member of the Crime Scene Identification Unit with the Huntington Police Department in Huntington, WV. In 2003, she joined the Collier County Sheriff's Department in Naples, FL as a Crime Scene Investigator; she instructed courses on the duties of the Crime Scene Bureau and received commendations from the Sheriff for her work on a major homicide case.

In 2005, Rittenhouse joined the Columbus, IN Police Department as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to detective after two years on patrol, as a result of her thorough report writing and investigative skills. She was awarded "Officer of the Year" by the local domestic violence shelter, Turning Point, for her efforts in assisting victims and families. During her time with the Columbus PD, Officer Rittenhouse also served as a School Liaison/Resource Officer for the school district and was active with the DARE Program.

Rittenhouse continues her work and commitment to youth advocacy and community involvement and education. She has given several presentations, including Policing in America: A Piece of Community Health and Policing in America: A Three Part Series.

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