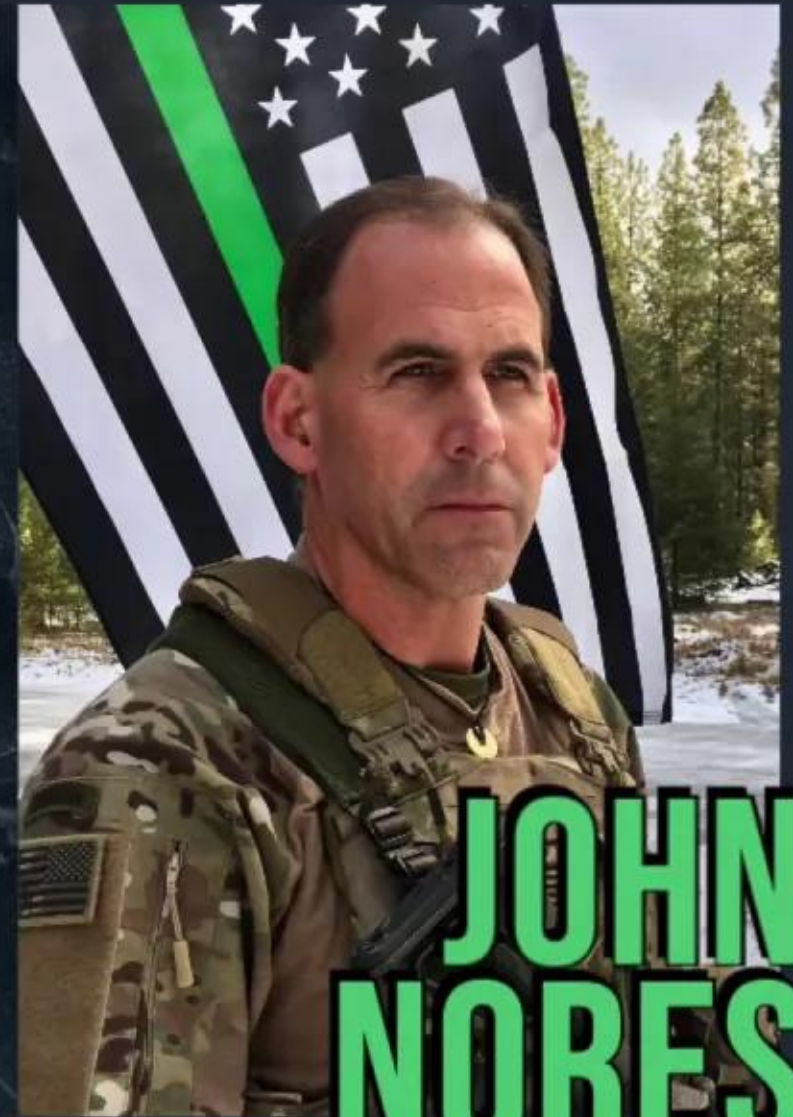
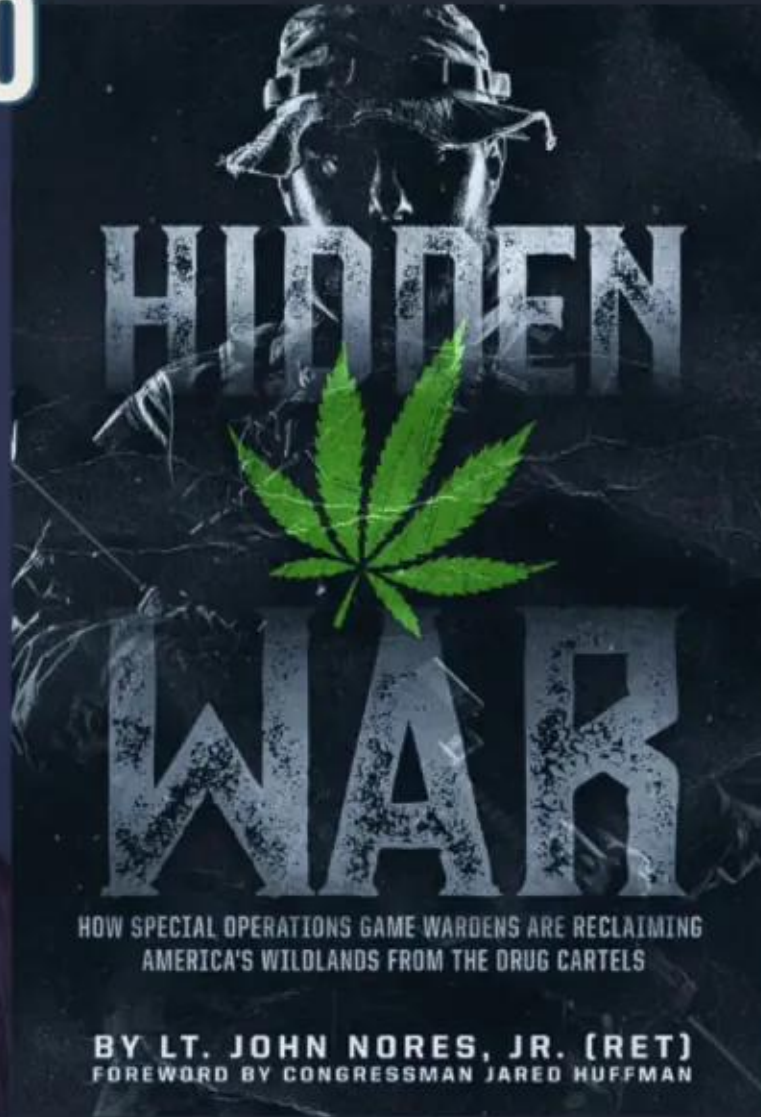


# HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



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NORES**

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Fresno welcome back to the hidden truth

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show today we continue our legalize it

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deep dive about the legalization of

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00:00:39,799 --> 00:00:36,780

recreational drugs in the u.s. John

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Norris is the author of hidden war how

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special operations game wardens are

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reclaiming America's wild lands from the

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drug cartels Norris was a California

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game warden for many years his job was

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to protect hunting fishing and hiking on

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state lands that all changed when one

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day he stumbled upon a big marijuana

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farm on state land incredibly it was

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being guarded by Mexican drug cartels

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00:01:10,730 --> 00:01:08,700

his job ultimately morphed into fighting

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00:01:13,100 --> 00:01:10,740

these cartels over their multi-million

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00:01:16,130 --> 00:01:13,110

dollar illegal drug farms in California

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00:01:19,100 --> 00:01:16,140

in the interview he reports that there

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00:01:22,460 --> 00:01:19,110

are approximately 10,000 Mexican drug

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00:01:24,800 --> 00:01:22,470

cartel members living in California they

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00:01:27,530 --> 00:01:24,810

oversee huge marijuana fields on state

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00:01:29,899 --> 00:01:27,540

and federal lands he reports that they

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grow as much marijuana in California as

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00:01:35,390 --> 00:01:32,390

do all of the legal growers combined

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00:01:38,020 --> 00:01:35,400

they cross illegally into California in

34

00:01:41,300 --> 00:01:38,030

order to illegally grow and sell drugs

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00:01:43,899 --> 00:01:41,310

yet California's sanctuary state laws

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00:01:47,389 --> 00:01:43,909

protect them from deportation

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00:01:49,490 --> 00:01:47,399

unbelievable before we start the

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00:01:51,950 --> 00:01:49,500

interview a reminder to please join our

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00:01:55,399 --> 00:01:51,960

search for the truth by becoming a

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00:01:56,990 --> 00:01:55,409

hidden truth show subscriber for just \$5

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00:01:59,660 --> 00:01:57,000

a month you'll receive newsletters

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00:02:02,810 --> 00:01:59,670

special episodes a hidden truth baseball

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00:02:05,560 --> 00:02:02,820

cap and email access to me to share your

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00:02:08,979 --> 00:02:05,570

thoughts and questions go to

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00:02:12,800 --> 00:02:08,989

patreon.com/scishow that's patreon.com

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:12,810

forward slash hidden truth show

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00:02:18,050 --> 00:02:15,360

okay now for our interview with John

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00:02:20,780 --> 00:02:18,060

Norris author of hidden war I started by

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00:02:22,190 --> 00:02:20,790

asking him exactly how long the cartels

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00:02:24,830 --> 00:02:22,200

have been growing marijuana in

51  
00:02:27,410 --> 00:02:24,840  
California yeah we know approximately it

52  
00:02:29,990 --> 00:02:27,420  
started back in the mid 80s that's when

53  
00:02:31,760 --> 00:02:30,000  
the first cartel groups from Mexico

54  
00:02:33,949 --> 00:02:31,770  
basically breached the border out of San

55  
00:02:36,440 --> 00:02:33,959  
Diego and started putting these you know

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00:02:37,790 --> 00:02:36,450  
illegal trespass marijuana grows and

57  
00:02:39,920 --> 00:02:37,800  
these encampments in the national

58  
00:02:41,720 --> 00:02:39,930  
forests especially right down into like

59  
00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:41,730  
San Diego Riverside County where I

60  
00:02:45,020 --> 00:02:43,680  
started my career back in 1992 as a

61  
00:02:47,180 --> 00:02:45,030  
fishing game were and I was right in the

62  
00:02:48,620 --> 00:02:47,190  
Temecula Riverside County area and I

63  
00:02:50,570 --> 00:02:48,630

actually gone into a handful of growth

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00:02:53,570 --> 00:02:50,580

sites with Forest Service officers law

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00:02:55,400 --> 00:02:53,580

enforcement officers way back then and

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00:02:56,930 --> 00:02:55,410

they were embedded pretty heavy in

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00:03:00,080 --> 00:02:56,940

mostly in Southern California and then

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00:03:02,300 --> 00:03:00,090

since then they've migrated north to the

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00:03:03,710 --> 00:03:02,310

entire rest of California the whole West

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00:03:06,530 --> 00:03:03,720

Coast all the way up the Canadian border

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00:03:09,830 --> 00:03:06,540

and in about 25 other states nationally

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00:03:11,690 --> 00:03:09,840

so I I assume their analysis was very

73

00:03:13,820 --> 00:03:11,700

simple they're going through all this

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00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:13,830

hassle to figure out how to bring

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00:03:17,900 --> 00:03:16,560

marijuana across the border into the

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00:03:19,759 --> 00:03:17,910

United States which they were quite

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00:03:21,410 --> 00:03:19,769

successful at but it's also very

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00:03:23,420 --> 00:03:21,420

dangerous and expensive and they're like

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00:03:25,160 --> 00:03:23,430

wait a minute why don't we just grow it

80

00:03:26,800 --> 00:03:25,170

in California and we don't have to worry

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00:03:29,180 --> 00:03:26,810

about getting it across the border

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00:03:31,430 --> 00:03:29,190

exactly they eliminated a step they

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00:03:33,140 --> 00:03:31,440

eliminated basically a roadblock along

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00:03:35,630 --> 00:03:33,150

the way now they still do produce in

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00:03:38,150 --> 00:03:35,640

Mexico in central Mexico and we got to

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00:03:40,130 --> 00:03:38,160

remember Jim that this is the tainted

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00:03:42,770 --> 00:03:40,140

cannabis it has the EPA banned poisons

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00:03:44,990 --> 00:03:42,780

on it directly not only on the waterways

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00:03:46,220 --> 00:03:45,000

and the soil around where it's grown but

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00:03:49,190 --> 00:03:46,230

actually on the plant and the bug

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00:03:51,020 --> 00:03:49,200

material people ingest itself so the

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00:03:52,940 --> 00:03:51,030

method they've used in Mexico for many

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00:03:55,160 --> 00:03:52,950

many decades they just brought up to

94

00:03:58,670 --> 00:03:55,170

brought up to America through California

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00:04:01,400 --> 00:03:58,680

first to do as well so grown within our

96

00:04:03,050 --> 00:04:01,410

country to take out that hindrance of

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00:04:06,140 --> 00:04:03,060

like you said get across the border and

98

00:04:07,580 --> 00:04:06,150

then in addition to that still grown in

99

00:04:10,160 --> 00:04:07,590

Mexico and still smuggled across the

100

00:04:12,650 --> 00:04:10,170

border it's also brought in on the water

101

00:04:14,210 --> 00:04:12,660

which I talked about a little bit in the

102

00:04:16,009 --> 00:04:14,220

new book hidden war and we got into it a

103

00:04:18,020 --> 00:04:16,019

little bit on some other shows is the

104

00:04:20,360 --> 00:04:18,030

panga boats the one way you know

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00:04:22,640 --> 00:04:20,370

clandestine cartel panga boats that are

106

00:04:24,589 --> 00:04:22,650

made to bring a big load of three to six

107

00:04:26,690 --> 00:04:24,599

thousand pounds of this toxic we tainted

108

00:04:28,610 --> 00:04:26,700

weed onto the coastline

109

00:04:30,470 --> 00:04:28,620

or methamphetamine or fentanyl or even

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00:04:33,230 --> 00:04:30,480

traffic people and then it's a

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00:04:34,430 --> 00:04:33,240

disposable boat and that load gets into

112

00:04:35,720 --> 00:04:34,440

the American black-market to be

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00:04:37,700 --> 00:04:35,730

distributed all over the country on the

114

00:04:39,290 --> 00:04:37,710

west coast usually of California and

115

00:04:41,480 --> 00:04:39,300

north of there so let's talk some

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00:04:44,540 --> 00:04:41,490

numbers and let's start with percentages

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00:04:47,660 --> 00:04:44,550

so what percentage of cartel marijuana

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00:04:51,140 --> 00:04:47,670

would you say comes across the border as

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00:04:53,630 --> 00:04:51,150

opposed to being grown in the US as far

120

00:04:56,800 --> 00:04:53,640

as what how much makes it to America in

121

00:04:59,150 --> 00:04:56,810

the total market no what I'm saying is

122

00:05:00,620 --> 00:04:59,160

well maybe that's the question but but

123

00:05:03,830 --> 00:05:00,630

really when we look about cartel

124

00:05:05,390 --> 00:05:03,840

marijuana sales in the US that marijuana

125

00:05:09,650 --> 00:05:05,400

what percentage that marijuana was grown

126  
00:05:12,110 --> 00:05:09,660  
in the u.s. versus somehow came in into

127  
00:05:13,730 --> 00:05:12,120  
the u.s. from from Mexico yeah the stuff

128  
00:05:15,140 --> 00:05:13,740  
grown in America that's on the

129  
00:05:17,330 --> 00:05:15,150  
clandestine black market for the whole

130  
00:05:19,460 --> 00:05:17,340  
country somewhere between 16 80 % a

131  
00:05:22,070 --> 00:05:19,470  
large number of it okay so basically

132  
00:05:24,080 --> 00:05:22,080  
that's their primary way of selling

133  
00:05:27,380 --> 00:05:24,090  
marijuana into the u.s. is just growing

134  
00:05:28,790 --> 00:05:27,390  
it in the u.s. most of it is but I've

135  
00:05:30,500 --> 00:05:28,800  
been doing a lot of work on the border

136  
00:05:32,330 --> 00:05:30,510  
filming shows down there talking with

137  
00:05:34,250 --> 00:05:32,340  
Border Patrol agents and dealing with

138  
00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:34,260

the trafficking and the cartel routes in

139

00:05:39,080 --> 00:05:36,240

Southwest Texas on the Arizona border

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00:05:40,880 --> 00:05:39,090

and I've just learned recently that the

141

00:05:42,290 --> 00:05:40,890

numbers we thought were kind of low as

142

00:05:44,750 --> 00:05:42,300

far as stuff coming across the border

143

00:05:46,100 --> 00:05:44,760

are a lot higher than we thought I mean

144

00:05:48,560 --> 00:05:46,110

to the tune of where it's coming close

145

00:05:50,240 --> 00:05:48,570

to matching what's generated say in

146

00:05:51,920 --> 00:05:50,250

California which is the biggest weed

147

00:05:53,900 --> 00:05:51,930

producing state for the cartels and of

148

00:05:55,610 --> 00:05:53,910

course for legitimate growers because

149

00:05:57,980 --> 00:05:55,620

we're a Mediterranean climate and we are

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00:06:00,050 --> 00:05:57,990

a great marijuana state for growing

151  
00:06:02,390 --> 00:06:00,060  
outdoors and indoors but it's pretty

152  
00:06:03,650 --> 00:06:02,400  
eye-opening and shocking to me what I've

153  
00:06:06,500 --> 00:06:03,660  
learned actually in the last couple of

154  
00:06:08,420 --> 00:06:06,510  
months of how much the numbers on the

155  
00:06:09,800 --> 00:06:08,430  
border are increasing from stuff coming

156  
00:06:12,470 --> 00:06:09,810  
in from south of the border well and

157  
00:06:14,210 --> 00:06:12,480  
again when we say stuff as a result of

158  
00:06:16,130 --> 00:06:14,220  
them now being able to grow in the US

159  
00:06:17,540 --> 00:06:16,140  
the marijuana does that mean that

160  
00:06:19,550 --> 00:06:17,550  
they've shifted their attention a little

161  
00:06:21,950 --> 00:06:19,560  
bit more to other drugs getting those

162  
00:06:23,780 --> 00:06:21,960  
across they certainly have

163  
00:06:26,000 --> 00:06:23,790

you see methamphetamine smuggle across

164

00:06:28,790 --> 00:06:26,010

the border the synthetic heroin fentanyl

165

00:06:30,380 --> 00:06:28,800

it's a highly highly potent very

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00:06:32,030 --> 00:06:30,390

concentrated that's killing that that

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00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:32,040

you know a thousand thousands of people

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00:06:35,390 --> 00:06:33,840

across the u.s. being used and properly

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00:06:37,490 --> 00:06:35,400

we're seeing a lot more of that coming

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00:06:38,870 --> 00:06:37,500

across the border and like the tainted

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00:06:40,640 --> 00:06:38,880

weed that's produced in the US by the

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00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:40,650

cartels they're producing those

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00:06:45,020 --> 00:06:42,960

mother what we call the white drugs the

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00:06:47,240 --> 00:06:45,030

other narcotics in America as well so if

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00:06:47,680 --> 00:06:47,250

we had a pie chart for what's coming

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00:06:50,390 --> 00:06:47,690

across

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00:06:51,890 --> 00:06:50,400

give me some percentages as to what

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00:06:55,219 --> 00:06:51,900

percent you know kind of from a dollar

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00:06:56,900 --> 00:06:55,229

standpoint I guess is marijuana its

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00:07:00,890 --> 00:06:56,910

consists of marijuana versus let's say

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00:07:03,230 --> 00:07:00,900

cocaine heroin methamphetamine and

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00:07:05,300 --> 00:07:03,240

whatever I'm missing yeah you're gonna

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00:07:06,770 --> 00:07:05,310

see a much higher number value

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00:07:09,290 --> 00:07:06,780

numerically from a financial standpoint

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00:07:10,939 --> 00:07:09,300

to drugs like cocaine because the cost

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00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:10,949

is so much higher because it's so much

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00:07:14,990 --> 00:07:13,039

more concentrated but you're looking at

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00:07:16,610 --> 00:07:15,000

approximately and these are very general

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00:07:18,020 --> 00:07:16,620

approximations because it's evident

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00:07:20,090 --> 00:07:18,030

flowing on what we're seeing with trends

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00:07:22,490 --> 00:07:20,100

increasing and decreasing but probably a

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00:07:24,020 --> 00:07:22,500

little less than half of what's getting

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00:07:26,300 --> 00:07:24,030

into America or right at the halfway

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00:07:31,610 --> 00:07:26,310

point is being produced in Mexico and

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smuggled across half of what everything

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00:07:36,620 --> 00:07:34,380

tainted weed methamphetamine the

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00:07:38,510 --> 00:07:36,630

fentanyl as well as human trafficking in

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00:07:40,689 --> 00:07:38,520

which everything is coming you know

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primarily from the south to the north

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00:07:46,490 --> 00:07:42,960

when it comes to moving people across

201  
00:07:47,960 --> 00:07:46,500  
the border as well yeah so how many

202  
00:07:50,510 --> 00:07:47,970  
cartels are we dealing with right now do

203  
00:07:53,120 --> 00:07:50,520  
you know in Mexico there's you know

204  
00:07:55,370 --> 00:07:53,130  
there's so many because the the major

205  
00:07:57,260 --> 00:07:55,380  
cartels like Sinaloa the new generation

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00:07:59,839 --> 00:07:57,270  
cartel what used to be called La Familia

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00:08:01,700 --> 00:07:59,849  
Michoacana or lfm cartel there's a new

208  
00:08:03,170 --> 00:08:01,710  
version of that but they've all broken

209  
00:08:05,120 --> 00:08:03,180  
into little cells that are you know

210  
00:08:06,890 --> 00:08:05,130  
rivaling right now I mean the cartel

211  
00:08:08,600 --> 00:08:06,900  
wars going down in dangerous cities like

212  
00:08:10,850 --> 00:08:08,610  
Juarez right on the southwest Texas

213  
00:08:12,589 --> 00:08:10,860

border they've all broken into factions

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00:08:15,020 --> 00:08:12,599

they're all loosely associated with each

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00:08:17,540 --> 00:08:15,030

other but they're territorial so that

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00:08:19,550 --> 00:08:17,550

impact is now transcended into America

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00:08:21,379 --> 00:08:19,560

where we know Sinaloa is embedded in

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00:08:23,210 --> 00:08:21,389

America when you know the new generation

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00:08:25,610 --> 00:08:23,220

cartel is embedded in America our team

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00:08:27,650 --> 00:08:25,620

sees signs of that all the time but to

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00:08:29,900 --> 00:08:27,660

pin it down to just those guys would be

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00:08:31,520 --> 00:08:29,910

would be erroneous to do because we know

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00:08:33,380 --> 00:08:31,530

the trends happening south of the border

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00:08:35,630 --> 00:08:33,390

have they bisected and splintered so

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00:08:37,159 --> 00:08:35,640

much in two rival factions we have many

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00:08:40,130 --> 00:08:37,169

rival factions throughout America

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00:08:42,409 --> 00:08:40,140

embedded doing drug crimes trafficking

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00:08:43,699 --> 00:08:42,419

in humans running guns you name it a

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00:08:47,120 --> 00:08:43,709

multitude of crimes what is their

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00:08:48,920 --> 00:08:47,130

involvement with gangs in California

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00:08:51,140 --> 00:08:48,930

they have direct involvement with our

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00:08:52,940 --> 00:08:51,150

gangs that's a great question I don't

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00:08:54,830 --> 00:08:52,950

get too much him and basically they do

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00:08:57,080 --> 00:08:54,840

they sublet or base

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00:09:00,020 --> 00:08:57,090

we subcontract in grow sites especially

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00:09:02,450 --> 00:09:00,030

we've seen ms-13 gang members we've seen

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00:09:04,460 --> 00:09:02,460

Asian gang members violent crews from

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00:09:06,920 --> 00:09:04,470

from different factions that aren't from

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Mexico but have a gang embeddedness here

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00:09:10,760 --> 00:09:09,480

in America we use California's example

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00:09:13,490 --> 00:09:10,770

my old home state where we built

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marijuana Enforcement Team we see a lot

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00:09:17,210 --> 00:09:15,000

of these gang members working for the

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cartels directly and running operations

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00:09:22,060 --> 00:09:19,710

on the ground quite a bit actually are

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00:09:26,780 --> 00:09:22,070

they aren't the gangs the primary

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00:09:28,250 --> 00:09:26,790

retailer of the drugs yes in many cases

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they are because they're embedded here a

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00:09:32,960 --> 00:09:30,330

lot of them have citizenship they have

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infrastructure they have distribution so

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00:09:36,590 --> 00:09:34,770

it's a very cooperative network of

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utilizing assets they already have like

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contractors that know what they're doing

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00:09:42,260 --> 00:09:40,890

in America to distribute that that

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00:09:44,330 --> 00:09:42,270

foreign entity if you will for their

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black-market purposes what about the

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ones everybody always used to hear about

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00:09:49,790 --> 00:09:47,970

I don't keep open the game fair there's

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00:09:51,830 --> 00:09:49,800

always the Crips and the Bloods in South

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00:09:54,410 --> 00:09:51,840

Central LA the Crips and the Bloods

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00:09:54,940 --> 00:09:54,420

first of all major drug dealers am I

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00:09:57,710 --> 00:09:54,950

correct

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00:09:59,240 --> 00:09:57,720

they were primarily in the cocaine and

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the crack cocaine trade and I'm

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therefore you don't have a sorry so

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00:10:05,060 --> 00:10:03,270

therefore you need to have a

267

00:10:08,420 --> 00:10:05,070

relationship with the cartels if you're

268

00:10:11,030 --> 00:10:08,430

gonna be getting this this product from

269

00:10:12,890 --> 00:10:11,040

from across the border right you very

270

00:10:14,960 --> 00:10:12,900

much do you very much do and we got to

271

00:10:16,820 --> 00:10:14,970

remember it's not just those embedded

272

00:10:18,560 --> 00:10:16,830

gang members that are distribution it's

273

00:10:20,510 --> 00:10:18,570

a lot of growers it's a lot of

274

00:10:23,480 --> 00:10:20,520

distributors it's a lot of armed gunmen

275

00:10:25,520 --> 00:10:23,490

and defenders from Mexico that get their

276

00:10:27,470 --> 00:10:25,530

metod 'no sand their expertise and their

277

00:10:29,180 --> 00:10:27,480

effectiveness down in the central

278

00:10:31,010 --> 00:10:29,190

highlands of mexico growing tainted weed

279

00:10:33,950 --> 00:10:31,020

you know producing methamphetamine and

280

00:10:35,300 --> 00:10:33,960

then once they are vetted and good at

281

00:10:37,010 --> 00:10:35,310

what they're doing down there and they

282

00:10:38,810 --> 00:10:37,020

do it successfully against the mexican

283

00:10:41,600 --> 00:10:38,820

government and the police forces are

284

00:10:43,040 --> 00:10:41,610

military then the cartels will spend the

285

00:10:44,600 --> 00:10:43,050

money to send them across the border get

286

00:10:46,640 --> 00:10:44,610

them smuggled very easily without any

287

00:10:48,980 --> 00:10:46,650

hindrance or for very little hindrance

288

00:10:50,360 --> 00:10:48,990

to embed in America and save that step

289

00:10:51,290 --> 00:10:50,370

we talked about as when we started

290

00:10:54,680 --> 00:10:51,300

discussing this today

291

00:10:56,810 --> 00:10:54,690

how many cartel members do you believe

292

00:10:57,500 --> 00:10:56,820

are in California right now as a part of

293

00:11:00,260 --> 00:10:57,510

this operation

294

00:11:02,180 --> 00:11:00,270

oh man I'm a conservative estimate I'm

295

00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:02,190

going to say 10,000 and it's probably

296

00:11:06,290 --> 00:11:04,560

much higher than that because what is so

297

00:11:08,030 --> 00:11:06,300

crazy and what we really started to

298

00:11:08,780 --> 00:11:08,040

learn through Intel circles and as we

299

00:11:10,940 --> 00:11:08,790

fought this fight

300

00:11:14,300 --> 00:11:10,950

directly as a focused effort with our

301  
00:11:15,620 --> 00:11:14,310  
new team that developed in 2013 we

302  
00:11:17,000 --> 00:11:15,630  
started to learn the infrastructure we

303  
00:11:18,860 --> 00:11:17,010  
started to be able to debrief some of

304  
00:11:21,050 --> 00:11:18,870  
these upper-level cartel Plaza bosses

305  
00:11:23,330 --> 00:11:21,060  
that were responsible for fifty to say a

306  
00:11:26,330 --> 00:11:23,340  
hundred grows in half a California or

307  
00:11:28,850 --> 00:11:26,340  
maybe even other states and to hear them

308  
00:11:31,130 --> 00:11:28,860  
talk about moving personnel around like

309  
00:11:32,210 --> 00:11:31,140  
an expert on apprentice commodity if

310  
00:11:35,480 --> 00:11:32,220  
like say you're a journeyman electrician

311  
00:11:36,920 --> 00:11:35,490  
and you can work on Levi's Stadium and

312  
00:11:38,090 --> 00:11:36,930  
build the new 49ers stadium as an

313  
00:11:40,370 --> 00:11:38,100

electrician but all of a sudden you're

314

00:11:42,590 --> 00:11:40,380

needed to go to Seattle to work on

315

00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:42,600

another high-tech project you move to do

316

00:11:46,700 --> 00:11:44,640

that because you have expertise they

317

00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,710

work the same way their business model

318

00:11:50,390 --> 00:11:48,720

is very organized it's very logical it's

319

00:11:52,190 --> 00:11:50,400

very efficient and they need more

320

00:11:54,580 --> 00:11:52,200

embedded guys that are really good at

321

00:11:57,770 --> 00:11:54,590

what they're doing in grow sites in

322

00:11:59,420 --> 00:11:57,780

distribution centers defending this

323

00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:59,430

stuff you know from the field to

324

00:12:02,630 --> 00:12:00,720

distribution centers to get to the black

325

00:12:03,980 --> 00:12:02,640

market they need a lot of personnel and

326

00:12:07,220 --> 00:12:03,990

it's much easier to have them embedded

327

00:12:08,510 --> 00:12:07,230

kind of covertly in America than have to

328

00:12:11,420 --> 00:12:08,520

deal with that border crossing all the

329

00:12:13,490 --> 00:12:11,430

time so conservative estimate 10,000 in

330

00:12:15,140 --> 00:12:13,500

California alone and that's probably a

331

00:12:16,280 --> 00:12:15,150

very conservative estimate but when you

332

00:12:18,200 --> 00:12:16,290

look at the rest of the country that's

333

00:12:20,270 --> 00:12:18,210

affected by this the numbers are much

334

00:12:21,770 --> 00:12:20,280

higher because even though this is a

335

00:12:24,320 --> 00:12:21,780

california-based problem and where my

336

00:12:27,080 --> 00:12:24,330

experience lies we've learned that these

337

00:12:29,030 --> 00:12:27,090

cartels have human trafficking networks

338

00:12:31,280 --> 00:12:29,040

methamphetamine production in all 50

339

00:12:33,410 --> 00:12:31,290

states in the lower 48 we know they're

340

00:12:35,480 --> 00:12:33,420

embedded in every state so that takes

341

00:12:36,800 --> 00:12:35,490

personnel and we know what what's

342

00:12:39,800 --> 00:12:36,810

happening in California on the weed

343

00:12:43,460 --> 00:12:39,810

front being you know the primary primary

344

00:12:45,200 --> 00:12:43,470

method of profit and lucrative profit

345

00:12:47,750 --> 00:12:45,210

for the cartels in California because we

346

00:12:49,190 --> 00:12:47,760

grow so much good weed here the numbers

347

00:12:50,750 --> 00:12:49,200

are much higher now nationwide the night

348

00:12:54,170 --> 00:12:50,760

so the operation started in California

349

00:12:56,240 --> 00:12:54,180

but it has now moved nationwide it has

350

00:12:57,740 --> 00:12:56,250

it has and as much as my book goes in

351  
00:13:00,100 --> 00:12:57,750  
and hid more we have a grid map at the

352  
00:13:02,450 --> 00:13:00,110  
end of the book Jim that goes into

353  
00:13:04,370 --> 00:13:02,460  
presence we know in certain states and

354  
00:13:06,440 --> 00:13:04,380  
we know that 25 to 27 other states

355  
00:13:08,390 --> 00:13:06,450  
besides California have this toxically

356  
00:13:11,270 --> 00:13:08,400  
tainted marijuana production being done

357  
00:13:12,680 --> 00:13:11,280  
in those states by the cartels but we

358  
00:13:14,660 --> 00:13:12,690  
want to remember that these groups

359  
00:13:16,220 --> 00:13:14,670  
aren't just doing toxically tainted weed

360  
00:13:17,360 --> 00:13:16,230  
and on the environmental crime and

361  
00:13:19,220 --> 00:13:17,370  
public safety goes along with that

362  
00:13:20,810 --> 00:13:19,230  
they're also doing like we said

363  
00:13:22,610 --> 00:13:20,820

methamphetamine fentanyl production

364

00:13:24,500 --> 00:13:22,620

human trafficking etc

365

00:13:26,090 --> 00:13:24,510

all 50 states and these are all the same

366

00:13:28,130 --> 00:13:26,100

groups so it's not like one groups just

367

00:13:30,320 --> 00:13:28,140

doing math and then the the marijuana

368

00:13:32,090 --> 00:13:30,330

experts are doing marijuana they're all

369

00:13:33,890 --> 00:13:32,100

multi trained and doing different things

370

00:13:35,060 --> 00:13:33,900

at different parts of the year it's a

371

00:13:36,560 --> 00:13:35,070

business enterprise that the more

372

00:13:38,330 --> 00:13:36,570

product that can put out the more profit

373

00:13:39,530 --> 00:13:38,340

they generate so the diversity of them

374

00:13:41,180 --> 00:13:39,540

being skilled and everything is

375

00:13:43,610 --> 00:13:41,190

beneficial to the organization and

376

00:13:47,120 --> 00:13:43,620

what's the estimate for dollar amount of

377

00:13:48,320 --> 00:13:47,130

annual growth in California whether you

378

00:13:50,510 --> 00:13:48,330

want to use the wholesale number the

379

00:13:52,460 --> 00:13:50,520

retail number either one but what's

380

00:13:54,080 --> 00:13:52,470

what's the dollar amount prime in

381

00:13:56,870 --> 00:13:54,090

California we're talking hundreds of

382

00:13:59,120 --> 00:13:56,880

millions if not load billions to put it

383

00:14:02,240 --> 00:13:59,130

in perspective we estimate between four

384

00:14:04,250 --> 00:14:02,250

and six thousand DTO what we call drug

385

00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:04,260

trafficking organization ie cartel

386

00:14:08,360 --> 00:14:06,480

marijuana grows in California alone

387

00:14:10,310 --> 00:14:08,370

every year what's the number again every

388

00:14:13,280 --> 00:14:10,320

four to six thousand four to six

389

00:14:16,670 --> 00:14:13,290

thousand and operations basically a farm

390

00:14:19,190 --> 00:14:16,680

right yep yep grow sites and in those

391

00:14:20,660 --> 00:14:19,200

grow sites you're talking about a small

392

00:14:23,210 --> 00:14:20,670

grow site is about two thousand plants

393

00:14:25,280 --> 00:14:23,220

and a monstrous one might be fifty to a

394

00:14:27,320 --> 00:14:25,290

hundred thousand plants let's take 5,000

395

00:14:29,750 --> 00:14:27,330

plants as be an average across the board

396

00:14:31,160 --> 00:14:29,760

and if you take 5,000 plants and you

397

00:14:33,380 --> 00:14:31,170

know that every plant they grow is going

398

00:14:36,080 --> 00:14:33,390

to produce a pound to two pounds maybe

399

00:14:38,030 --> 00:14:36,090

more of marketable bud material from

400

00:14:39,500 --> 00:14:38,040

each plant and even if you're talking

401  
00:14:41,930 --> 00:14:39,510  
eight hundred nine hundred thousand

402  
00:14:43,010 --> 00:14:41,940  
dollars or less per plant you add it to

403  
00:14:44,540 --> 00:14:43,020  
five thousand and do the multiplication

404  
00:14:46,550 --> 00:14:44,550  
you're talking about a whole lot of

405  
00:14:48,380 --> 00:14:46,560  
zeros you're talking about low a couple

406  
00:14:49,760 --> 00:14:48,390  
million on a small grow and you're

407  
00:14:52,400 --> 00:14:49,770  
talking twenty thirty forty million

408  
00:14:54,890 --> 00:14:52,410  
profit on a big grow over twenty

409  
00:14:57,050 --> 00:14:54,900  
thousand plants and knowing that we

410  
00:15:00,530 --> 00:14:57,060  
interdict we estimate if we're lucky

411  
00:15:03,020 --> 00:15:00,540  
we're getting twenty five to maybe

412  
00:15:04,820 --> 00:15:03,030  
thirty five percent of this at the most

413  
00:15:06,500 --> 00:15:04,830

we're talking about a lot of stuff

414

00:15:08,660 --> 00:15:06,510

making it into the black market and a

415

00:15:10,060 --> 00:15:08,670

lot of black market money and the high

416

00:15:11,780 --> 00:15:10,070

hundreds of millions if not higher

417

00:15:14,270 --> 00:15:11,790

making it into the cartels

418

00:15:18,080 --> 00:15:14,280

infrastructure so in California is there

419

00:15:20,390 --> 00:15:18,090

more legal under California law legal

420

00:15:23,720 --> 00:15:20,400

marijuana grown or illegal marijuana

421

00:15:25,850 --> 00:15:23,730

grown I would I would say more illegal

422

00:15:27,680 --> 00:15:25,860

marijuana grown because we've regulated

423

00:15:29,330 --> 00:15:27,690

in California we've made it legal and

424

00:15:31,250 --> 00:15:29,340

recreational front we made it legal on

425

00:15:33,170 --> 00:15:31,260

the medicinal front but we still have a

426  
00:15:36,350 --> 00:15:33,180  
lot of those growers not in compliance

427  
00:15:38,480 --> 00:15:36,360  
because of the fees to do so

428  
00:15:40,100 --> 00:15:38,490  
permits needed the inspection they're

429  
00:15:41,509 --> 00:15:40,110  
gonna have from agencies like California

430  
00:15:43,250 --> 00:15:41,519  
Department of Fish and Wildlife or Water

431  
00:15:45,980 --> 00:15:43,260  
Board or other police regulatory

432  
00:15:47,540 --> 00:15:45,990  
agencies on the Cannabis front so we've

433  
00:15:49,190 --> 00:15:47,550  
actually seen a backlash since we've

434  
00:15:51,500 --> 00:15:49,200  
regulated in California the way we've

435  
00:15:53,660 --> 00:15:51,510  
regulated to an increase in the black

436  
00:15:55,069 --> 00:15:53,670  
market with not only the cartels which

437  
00:15:56,690 --> 00:15:55,079  
were always going to be black market

438  
00:15:59,180 --> 00:15:56,700

regardless of regulation in California

439

00:16:01,759 --> 00:15:59,190

or not but now with the quasi legitimate

440

00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:01,769

growers saying okay I can't afford to

441

00:16:05,420 --> 00:16:03,360

regulate I can't afford to go through

442

00:16:07,069 --> 00:16:05,430

all this permit process and pay these

443

00:16:08,600 --> 00:16:07,079

fees and I don't want to be on the radar

444

00:16:10,490 --> 00:16:08,610

I'm just gonna stay black market and

445

00:16:12,680 --> 00:16:10,500

take my chances so we've unfortunately

446

00:16:14,840 --> 00:16:12,690

seen the black market increase on both

447

00:16:18,290 --> 00:16:14,850

fronts not just on the cartel trespass

448

00:16:20,449 --> 00:16:18,300

stuff all of these illegal drugs

449

00:16:23,030 --> 00:16:20,459

probably a billion plus that that the

450

00:16:25,100 --> 00:16:23,040

cartels are growing in California is all

451  
00:16:27,500 --> 00:16:25,110  
of this being sold on the black market

452  
00:16:30,199 --> 00:16:27,510  
or is any of it from a retail standpoint

453  
00:16:33,079 --> 00:16:30,209  
is any of it making its way maybe not

454  
00:16:35,240 --> 00:16:33,089  
necessarily to med men but I'll ask a

455  
00:16:37,250 --> 00:16:35,250  
question about med men or the other

456  
00:16:38,360 --> 00:16:37,260  
legal dispensaries do you think any of

457  
00:16:40,639 --> 00:16:38,370  
us being sold through these legal

458  
00:16:42,439 --> 00:16:40,649  
dispensaries we have seen in

459  
00:16:44,740 --> 00:16:42,449  
investigations at least a small

460  
00:16:49,069 --> 00:16:44,750  
percentage has gotten into dispensaries

461  
00:16:51,380 --> 00:16:49,079  
you know it legitimately rather it got

462  
00:16:54,139 --> 00:16:51,390  
in the back door rather it was you know

463  
00:16:56,120 --> 00:16:54,149

sold as a wholesale product from a black

464

00:16:58,730 --> 00:16:56,130

market source we have seen it some

465

00:17:00,530 --> 00:16:58,740

dispensaries fortunately most of the

466

00:17:02,420 --> 00:17:00,540

dispensaries we see in California as an

467

00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:02,430

example you know knowing California

468

00:17:07,220 --> 00:17:04,799

regulation and cannabis issues be in my

469

00:17:09,230 --> 00:17:07,230

home state most of the dispensaries a

470

00:17:10,460 --> 00:17:09,240

vast majority of them are not having

471

00:17:12,319 --> 00:17:10,470

this stuff come through their

472

00:17:14,030 --> 00:17:12,329

dispensaries they're getting an organic

473

00:17:16,850 --> 00:17:14,040

testing they're looking for pesticides

474

00:17:18,620 --> 00:17:16,860

on the plants they're being rated and

475

00:17:20,329 --> 00:17:18,630

certified and tested now for purity

476

00:17:22,610 --> 00:17:20,339

which is really essential for cannabis

477

00:17:23,780 --> 00:17:22,620

users in the legitimate market that

478

00:17:25,640 --> 00:17:23,790

they're not ingesting these banned

479

00:17:27,049 --> 00:17:25,650

poisons on Cartel marijuana when they're

480

00:17:29,180 --> 00:17:27,059

going to a dispensary thinking they're

481

00:17:31,010 --> 00:17:29,190

getting a pure product so socially you

482

00:17:31,909 --> 00:17:31,020

have a lot of it in dispensaries so

483

00:17:33,409 --> 00:17:31,919

they're still being sold the

484

00:17:39,350 --> 00:17:33,419

old-fashioned way dealers on the street

485

00:17:41,030 --> 00:17:39,360

essentially essentially they are and and

486

00:17:42,289 --> 00:17:41,040

I like to say focus on California just

487

00:17:45,049 --> 00:17:42,299

because we're here and just because it's

488

00:17:47,570 --> 00:17:45,059

the biggest that business theoretically

489

00:17:49,280 --> 00:17:47,580

the black market sale of marijuana

490

00:17:51,940 --> 00:17:49,290

the illegal sale of marijuana the street

491

00:17:55,790 --> 00:17:51,950

sale through the local dealer that

492

00:17:57,980 --> 00:17:55,800

should be declining based on the

493

00:18:01,250 --> 00:17:57,990

legalization of marijuana and now being

494

00:18:02,210 --> 00:18:01,260

able to get it at Med men or your local

495

00:18:05,060 --> 00:18:02,220

dispensary

496

00:18:08,000 --> 00:18:05,070

so is that happening or not is is

497

00:18:09,410 --> 00:18:08,010

illegal sales declining illegal sales

498

00:18:11,330 --> 00:18:09,420

are not declining and this is the

499

00:18:14,480 --> 00:18:11,340

problem when you can get really really

500

00:18:18,170 --> 00:18:14,490

potent high THC content cartel black

501  
00:18:21,380 --> 00:18:18,180  
black-market marijuana for half or less

502  
00:18:24,620 --> 00:18:21,390  
than the price of organically pure well

503  
00:18:28,340 --> 00:18:24,630  
produced inspected you know basically

504  
00:18:29,780 --> 00:18:28,350  
seed to plant to sale cannabis people

505  
00:18:31,370 --> 00:18:29,790  
are going to go for that black market

506  
00:18:32,750 --> 00:18:31,380  
price and that price savings it's just

507  
00:18:35,030 --> 00:18:32,760  
the way the black market is always

508  
00:18:37,040 --> 00:18:35,040  
worked so sadly the way things are

509  
00:18:38,660 --> 00:18:37,050  
structured right now it is not helping

510  
00:18:40,340 --> 00:18:38,670  
reduce the black market and the black

511  
00:18:42,830 --> 00:18:40,350  
market is thriving because this because

512  
00:18:43,610 --> 00:18:42,840  
potent weed is very low costs on the

513  
00:18:45,470 --> 00:18:43,620

black market

514

00:18:47,480 --> 00:18:45,480

even though if it's a cartel grow it's

515

00:18:49,220 --> 00:18:47,490

probably got EPA banned carbo fear and

516

00:18:51,590 --> 00:18:49,230

poisons all over it and you're ingesting

517

00:18:53,690 --> 00:18:51,600

nerve agents and carcinogens without

518

00:18:56,480 --> 00:18:53,700

knowing it but the demand is there in

519

00:18:59,660 --> 00:18:56,490

America for this stuff so it's right not

520

00:19:01,220 --> 00:18:59,670

to mention it's not taxed it's not taxed

521

00:19:03,590 --> 00:19:01,230

it's completely underground its cash

522

00:19:06,560 --> 00:19:03,600

sales only so there's a whole nother

523

00:19:08,750 --> 00:19:06,570

element of you know economy and you know

524

00:19:10,850 --> 00:19:08,760

checks and balances if you will in the

525

00:19:14,480 --> 00:19:10,860

business model throughout America being

526

00:19:16,130 --> 00:19:14,490

basically subverted so I think a lot of

527

00:19:17,930 --> 00:19:16,140

people I know the words getting out

528

00:19:19,370 --> 00:19:17,940

thanks to you and others but but I think

529

00:19:20,990 --> 00:19:19,380

there's still a huge percentage of the

530

00:19:23,480 --> 00:19:21,000

population that knows nothing about this

531

00:19:25,960 --> 00:19:23,490

that the Mexican drug cartels are

532

00:19:30,430 --> 00:19:25,970

operating a billion-dollar business

533

00:19:32,600 --> 00:19:30,440

within the state of California and

534

00:19:36,800 --> 00:19:32,610

you're saying it's been going on for

535

00:19:41,450 --> 00:19:36,810

decades right you personally discovered

536

00:19:43,310 --> 00:19:41,460

you you stumbled upon a site in 2004

537

00:19:43,910 --> 00:19:43,320

right and had been working on it ever

538

00:19:46,490 --> 00:19:43,920

since

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00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:46,500

I guess one question for you is when you

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00:19:50,480 --> 00:19:48,240

stumbled upon it and learned about this

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00:19:52,010 --> 00:19:50,490

for the first time and then you shared

542

00:19:53,690 --> 00:19:52,020

this information with others were they

543

00:19:55,960 --> 00:19:53,700

saying oh yeah this is a big problem

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00:19:59,120 --> 00:19:55,970

this has been around for a long time

545

00:20:01,630 --> 00:19:59,130

back then where I was where I found that

546

00:20:03,710 --> 00:20:01,640

growth site in the Silicon Valley it was

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00:20:05,450 --> 00:20:03,720

pretty common knowledge with narcotics

548

00:20:07,640 --> 00:20:05,460

law enforcement traditional drug

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00:20:09,620 --> 00:20:07,650

enforcement teams to know that that was

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00:20:11,620 --> 00:20:09,630

going on but for game wardens to see it

551  
00:20:13,610 --> 00:20:11,630  
for the first time and to bring in

552  
00:20:15,890 --> 00:20:13,620  
conservationists and preservationist and

553  
00:20:18,320 --> 00:20:15,900  
outdoor enthusiasts to expose that

554  
00:20:19,970 --> 00:20:18,330  
element of what I was seeing until my

555  
00:20:21,890 --> 00:20:19,980  
first book or in the woods came out

556  
00:20:23,450 --> 00:20:21,900  
until we started doing the reality TV

557  
00:20:24,470 --> 00:20:23,460  
show about game wardens called wild

558  
00:20:26,960 --> 00:20:24,480  
justice on the National Geographic

559  
00:20:28,940 --> 00:20:26,970  
Channel no one knew about this the

560  
00:20:30,770 --> 00:20:28,950  
masses the general public throughout

561  
00:20:32,510 --> 00:20:30,780  
America went what the heck is going on

562  
00:20:34,460 --> 00:20:32,520  
this is an American who are these guys

563  
00:20:37,880 --> 00:20:34,470

right right so who was so sorry so

564

00:20:41,659 --> 00:20:37,890

before you guys joined the fight who was

565

00:20:44,570 --> 00:20:41,669

fighting it was it just DEA was it state

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00:20:46,580 --> 00:20:44,580

who was on the fight it was a multitude

567

00:20:48,049 --> 00:20:46,590

it was Drug Task Forces what they call

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00:20:49,580 --> 00:20:48,059

high two teams high intensity drug

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00:20:51,950 --> 00:20:49,590

trafficking area teams that were

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00:20:53,570 --> 00:20:51,960

federally funded and state funded which

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00:20:55,130 --> 00:20:53,580

would have a plethora of officers from

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00:20:58,340 --> 00:20:55,140

everything from Highway Patrol to police

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00:21:00,260 --> 00:20:58,350

departments to federal law enforcement

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00:21:02,000 --> 00:21:00,270

like Bureau of Land Management Forest

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00:21:03,789 --> 00:21:02,010

Service we weren't involved in those

576

00:21:05,990 --> 00:21:03,799

quite yet okay so bottom line

577

00:21:08,480 --> 00:21:06,000

the enforcement that was in place

578

00:21:10,460 --> 00:21:08,490

obviously was insufficient because we

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00:21:12,380 --> 00:21:10,470

went from having zero grown in

580

00:21:15,289 --> 00:21:12,390

California to it being a billion-dollar

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00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:15,299

business so this happened under the

582

00:21:20,990 --> 00:21:18,000

noses of state and federal authorities

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00:21:22,730 --> 00:21:21,000

it starts becoming more known thanks to

584

00:21:25,159 --> 00:21:22,740

you discovering it writing a book about

585

00:21:27,649 --> 00:21:25,169

it and doing the net geo thing etc so

586

00:21:31,210 --> 00:21:27,659

since it's now been better known has

587

00:21:34,010 --> 00:21:31,220

additional resources been put on this

588

00:21:36,980 --> 00:21:34,020

compared to before and how significant

589

00:21:38,990 --> 00:21:36,990

it has the increase been absolutely a

590

00:21:41,270 --> 00:21:39,000

lot more resources have come to this and

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00:21:42,830 --> 00:21:41,280

not just be not just because of our

592

00:21:45,380 --> 00:21:42,840

efforts on the Fish and Wildlife front

593

00:21:47,180 --> 00:21:45,390

and the game were in front but everybody

594

00:21:49,430 --> 00:21:47,190

started to take notice federal funding

595

00:21:51,799 --> 00:21:49,440

started to shift from just eradicating

596

00:21:53,419 --> 00:21:51,809

plants to restoring environmental damage

597

00:21:54,830 --> 00:21:53,429

the drug czars under the Obama

598

00:21:57,140 --> 00:21:54,840

administration under the Trump

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00:21:59,120 --> 00:21:57,150

administration are fully aware of what's

600

00:22:00,890 --> 00:21:59,130

going on with this because of the press

601  
00:22:03,470 --> 00:22:00,900  
because of the books because of the TV

602  
00:22:07,250 --> 00:22:03,480  
shows because of scientific work that

603  
00:22:08,480 --> 00:22:07,260  
groups like ie RC the NGO scientific

604  
00:22:10,789 --> 00:22:08,490  
study group that's looking at the

605  
00:22:12,590 --> 00:22:10,799  
poisons and the soils the waterways from

606  
00:22:14,659 --> 00:22:12,600  
these trespass cartel grows that's

607  
00:22:15,289 --> 00:22:14,669  
getting out into national news all of

608  
00:22:17,389 --> 00:22:15,299  
those efforts

609  
00:22:19,070 --> 00:22:17,399  
are fueling awareness nationally and I'm

610  
00:22:20,869 --> 00:22:19,080  
certainly now in retirement pushing

611  
00:22:22,639 --> 00:22:20,879  
awareness on the national front as far

612  
00:22:25,190 --> 00:22:22,649  
and wide as I can like with you today

613  
00:22:26,509 --> 00:22:25,200

and I'm grateful for this to expose the

614

00:22:28,960 --> 00:22:26,519

issue more and more so we do get more

615

00:22:32,749 --> 00:22:28,970

fun so have these alerts resulted in

616

00:22:35,119 --> 00:22:32,759

less of it is it reducing it yet or is

617

00:22:37,580 --> 00:22:35,129

it still gross yeah it's still growing

618

00:22:39,499 --> 00:22:37,590

but we have gone from I would say when

619

00:22:41,330 --> 00:22:39,509

we first started doing this back in say

620

00:22:43,999 --> 00:22:41,340

2004 when I found that first Silicon

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00:22:45,320 --> 00:22:44,009

Valley grow site all law enforcement is

622

00:22:47,029 --> 00:22:45,330

he at that time we felt like we were

623

00:22:49,220 --> 00:22:47,039

lucky to get five to 10% of this stuff

624

00:22:51,080 --> 00:22:49,230

eradicated out of the field and stop

625

00:22:53,479 --> 00:22:51,090

these guys from operating in our forests

626  
00:22:55,609 --> 00:22:53,489  
within American soil now we're up to you

627  
00:22:57,590 --> 00:22:55,619  
know maybe as much as 40% on a good day

628  
00:22:59,989 --> 00:22:57,600  
so we're making a bigger dent we're

629  
00:23:01,759 --> 00:22:59,999  
effectively taking more of it out we're

630  
00:23:03,379 --> 00:23:01,769  
catching more people we're putting more

631  
00:23:05,149 --> 00:23:03,389  
of a hindrance on their efforts making

632  
00:23:07,099 --> 00:23:05,159  
it harder for them to profit but we're

633  
00:23:08,960 --> 00:23:07,109  
not stopping it because ultimately when

634  
00:23:11,180 --> 00:23:08,970  
40-plus million Americans have a

635  
00:23:12,200 --> 00:23:11,190  
cannabis desire and they can get it on

636  
00:23:14,960 --> 00:23:12,210  
the black market

637  
00:23:17,060 --> 00:23:14,970  
that desire obviously that that need

638  
00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:17,070

will fuel this black market as long as

639

00:23:19,759 --> 00:23:18,720

the black market is profitable so we're

640

00:23:21,139 --> 00:23:19,769

not going to stop it but we're gonna

641

00:23:22,430 --> 00:23:21,149

slow it down and hold back the tide a

642

00:23:24,919 --> 00:23:22,440

little bit as best we can

643

00:23:26,749 --> 00:23:24,929

well when I see some of the numbers the

644

00:23:28,369 --> 00:23:26,759

the they're not very impressive but

645

00:23:32,029 --> 00:23:28,379

maybe I'm not seeing all the numbers I

646

00:23:33,560 --> 00:23:32,039

saw some number about 400 Game Wardens

647

00:23:37,430 --> 00:23:33,570

is that how many great state of

648

00:23:38,840 --> 00:23:37,440

California yeah we're over that now and

649

00:23:40,489 --> 00:23:38,850

we're actually we've gained a lot of

650

00:23:42,259 --> 00:23:40,499

game words because of funding through

651  
00:23:44,899 --> 00:23:42,269  
cannabis enforcement programs we have

652  
00:23:46,789 --> 00:23:44,909  
close to 70 to 80 game words out of our

653  
00:23:49,009 --> 00:23:46,799  
four to 500 game words in California

654  
00:23:51,169 --> 00:23:49,019  
dedicated to just cannabis enforcement

655  
00:23:52,940 --> 00:23:51,179  
okay so certainly optical unit I

656  
00:23:54,499 --> 00:23:52,950  
developed in those guys but all these

657  
00:23:57,019 --> 00:23:54,509  
other marijuana permitting teams and

658  
00:23:59,299 --> 00:23:57,029  
watershed force matine's regulating on

659  
00:24:01,489 --> 00:23:59,309  
the private lands the new quasi legal

660  
00:24:03,499 --> 00:24:01,499  
growers making sure they're compliant to

661  
00:24:04,820 --> 00:24:03,509  
make a bigger dent so we're growing but

662  
00:24:06,049 --> 00:24:04,830  
we're not growing fast enough to keep up

663  
00:24:07,489 --> 00:24:06,059

with the demand and the problem out

664

00:24:10,759 --> 00:24:07,499

there by any means yeah so you're really

665

00:24:12,680 --> 00:24:10,769

just saying 70 are dedicated to the

666

00:24:15,470 --> 00:24:12,690

marijuana what you call the MIT the

667

00:24:16,789 --> 00:24:15,480

marijuana enforcement team yeah well the

668

00:24:18,710 --> 00:24:16,799

marijuana enforcement team is our

669

00:24:20,029 --> 00:24:18,720

tactical unit the one we formed up and I

670

00:24:21,560 --> 00:24:20,039

talked about hidden war and there's

671

00:24:24,440 --> 00:24:21,570

there's a handful of guys on that only

672

00:24:26,570 --> 00:24:24,450

about 10 to 12 and canines and then the

673

00:24:29,090 --> 00:24:26,580

rest of that we're part of that 70 and

674

00:24:31,100 --> 00:24:29,100

the rest of those officers are on

675

00:24:33,770 --> 00:24:31,110

teams that don't deal necessarily with

676

00:24:35,840 --> 00:24:33,780

the outdoor trespass cartel threat they

677

00:24:37,880 --> 00:24:35,850

deal with the private land illegal or

678

00:24:39,950 --> 00:24:37,890

legal grows on people that are citizens

679

00:24:41,600 --> 00:24:39,960

here on their own private land rather

680

00:24:43,850 --> 00:24:41,610

they've legalized or not and then

681

00:24:46,190 --> 00:24:43,860

Newsome our governor announced I think

682

00:24:48,680 --> 00:24:46,200

it's been about a year ago now that he

683

00:24:51,080 --> 00:24:48,690

was bringing National Guard troops to

684

00:24:52,250 --> 00:24:51,090

bear on the problem but again the number

685

00:24:54,380 --> 00:24:52,260

was pretty modest I think it was like a

686

00:24:56,000 --> 00:24:54,390

hundred and forty National Guard members

687

00:24:59,690 --> 00:24:56,010

that were being redeployed from the

688

00:25:01,159 --> 00:24:59,700

border to these areas right right and

689

00:25:02,630 --> 00:25:01,169

that was something really good our new

690

00:25:04,909 --> 00:25:02,640

governor did in California was

691

00:25:06,560 --> 00:25:04,919

acknowledge the trespass grow problem

692

00:25:09,500 --> 00:25:06,570

even though regulation was supposed to

693

00:25:10,880 --> 00:25:09,510

solve that he learned from reports and

694

00:25:12,860 --> 00:25:10,890

from experiences of what we were doing

695

00:25:15,350 --> 00:25:12,870

on the ground that after two years since

696

00:25:16,820 --> 00:25:15,360

prop 64 was passed the black market was

697

00:25:18,830 --> 00:25:16,830

thriving the cartel groups weren't

698

00:25:20,210 --> 00:25:18,840

slowing down and there was actually less

699

00:25:22,549 --> 00:25:20,220

pressure and attention from law

700

00:25:24,620 --> 00:25:22,559

enforcement on them in our national

701  
00:25:27,230 --> 00:25:24,630  
forests and our public lands once Prop

702  
00:25:28,700 --> 00:25:27,240  
64 past and that catalyzed the need to

703  
00:25:29,930 --> 00:25:28,710  
bring in National Guard that we've

704  
00:25:32,000 --> 00:25:29,940  
worked with for the better part of

705  
00:25:33,380 --> 00:25:32,010  
twenty years very effectively they've

706  
00:25:34,669 --> 00:25:33,390  
been involved in the counter drug task

707  
00:25:37,039 --> 00:25:34,679  
force when they're not deployed overseas

708  
00:25:39,680 --> 00:25:37,049  
of helping us in these cartel grow sites

709  
00:25:42,320 --> 00:25:39,690  
but to make a concerted effort to move

710  
00:25:45,500 --> 00:25:42,330  
personnel to help us was a great move

711  
00:25:47,000 --> 00:25:45,510  
and and definitely necessary and still

712  
00:25:49,310 --> 00:25:47,010  
seems like a pretty modest number though

713  
00:25:52,820 --> 00:25:49,320

140 I mean still seems like we need a

714

00:25:55,060 --> 00:25:52,830

lot more than that to get every growth

715

00:25:57,140 --> 00:25:55,070

site more people would help definitely

716

00:25:58,970 --> 00:25:57,150

logistically with all the other wildlife

717

00:26:00,260 --> 00:25:58,980

enforcement tasks we have on Fish and

718

00:26:02,419 --> 00:26:00,270

Wildlife front all the things the

719

00:26:04,399 --> 00:26:02,429

National Guard have to do it really

720

00:26:05,750 --> 00:26:04,409

comes back to force multiplying and

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00:26:07,520 --> 00:26:05,760

bringing teams together because we're

722

00:26:09,620 --> 00:26:07,530

just understaffed in every single

723

00:26:11,840 --> 00:26:09,630

particular entity rather it's game

724

00:26:13,940 --> 00:26:11,850

wardens rather it's Drug Task Force a

725

00:26:16,789 --> 00:26:13,950

Narcotics Task Force members police

726  
00:26:18,590 --> 00:26:16,799  
officers sheriff's deputies BLM Rangers

727  
00:26:20,480 --> 00:26:18,600  
Forest Service elio there's just not

728  
00:26:22,580 --> 00:26:20,490  
enough of us to tackle this thing safely

729  
00:26:23,870 --> 00:26:22,590  
because these operations take a lot of

730  
00:26:25,970 --> 00:26:23,880  
personnel that are really well trained

731  
00:26:27,740 --> 00:26:25,980  
and skilled they take really good can is

732  
00:26:29,029 --> 00:26:27,750  
to do them effectively and to get out of

733  
00:26:31,700 --> 00:26:29,039  
there safe because of the dangers we

734  
00:26:33,649 --> 00:26:31,710  
face so it ties up a lot of resources to

735  
00:26:34,909 --> 00:26:33,659  
do one grow site and if we're looking at

736  
00:26:37,280 --> 00:26:34,919  
four to six thousand a year in

737  
00:26:38,270 --> 00:26:37,290  
California it's real obvious when you

738  
00:26:40,130 --> 00:26:38,280

start doing the numbers and the

739

00:26:42,499 --> 00:26:40,140

comparisons and you do those ratios and

740

00:26:43,669 --> 00:26:42,509

fraction it out there's no way we

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00:26:45,289 --> 00:26:43,679

have enough people and enough time and

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00:26:47,839 --> 00:26:45,299

the day to get all of them what impact

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00:26:49,279 --> 00:26:47,849

does being a sanctuary state have on the

744

00:26:51,769 --> 00:26:49,289

problem would you say I mean just

745

00:26:53,329 --> 00:26:51,779

obviously if you arrest somebody in

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00:26:55,249 --> 00:26:53,339

California he's not gonna get deported

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00:26:56,449 --> 00:26:55,259

he's gonna go through the court system

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00:26:57,589 --> 00:26:56,459

and he's gonna spend time in jail and

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00:27:00,560 --> 00:26:57,599

then he's going to get out of jail and

750

00:27:02,899 --> 00:27:00,570

he's free to then go back to his cartel

751  
00:27:05,149 --> 00:27:02,909  
work so that's one impact of sanctuary

752  
00:27:06,889 --> 00:27:05,159  
state could you comment on what you see

753  
00:27:09,680 --> 00:27:06,899  
the implications are of that on this

754  
00:27:11,149 --> 00:27:09,690  
fight yeah I absolutely can and I talked

755  
00:27:13,129 --> 00:27:11,159  
about this in the last chapter hidden

756  
00:27:15,889 --> 00:27:13,139  
more of what what are we really doing

757  
00:27:17,419 --> 00:27:15,899  
with sanctuary state doctrine we need to

758  
00:27:19,339 --> 00:27:17,429  
remember when we're talking about cartel

759  
00:27:20,659 --> 00:27:19,349  
black-market cannabis growers and all

760  
00:27:22,549 --> 00:27:20,669  
those other crimes we talked about the

761  
00:27:24,559 --> 00:27:22,559  
beginning of the show we're not talking

762  
00:27:26,119 --> 00:27:24,569  
about people from Mexico that are that

763  
00:27:27,849 --> 00:27:26,129

are illegal immigrants coming across the

764

00:27:30,139 --> 00:27:27,859

border to try to make a better family

765

00:27:32,269 --> 00:27:30,149

opportunity for themselves get into the

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00:27:35,209 --> 00:27:32,279

workforce and not do anything harmful to

767

00:27:37,159 --> 00:27:35,219

the public or to wildlife our particular

768

00:27:39,019 --> 00:27:37,169

group that we're tackling are deportable

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00:27:40,669 --> 00:27:39,029

felons they're usually on international

770

00:27:42,829 --> 00:27:40,679

watch list because they have felony

771

00:27:44,899 --> 00:27:42,839

convictions or a you know arrest

772

00:27:46,609 --> 00:27:44,909

warrants for murder for assault with

773

00:27:48,289 --> 00:27:46,619

weapons for narcotics trafficking you

774

00:27:50,119 --> 00:27:48,299

name it and sanctuary state

775

00:27:53,239 --> 00:27:50,129

unfortunately protects those individuals

776

00:27:55,669 --> 00:27:53,249

from one being deported or handled by

777

00:27:57,889 --> 00:27:55,679

ice agents or federal agents that handle

778

00:28:00,919 --> 00:27:57,899

that as their you know general general

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00:28:03,169 --> 00:28:00,929

general duties but it also hinders us

780

00:28:05,359 --> 00:28:03,179

from doing anything with them through

781

00:28:07,459 --> 00:28:05,369

our court system and working with

782

00:28:09,469 --> 00:28:07,469

federal officers that need to get these

783

00:28:10,819 --> 00:28:09,479

guys out of circulation and so they

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00:28:12,949 --> 00:28:10,829

don't do any more harm in America

785

00:28:14,389 --> 00:28:12,959

there's a little bit of a contradiction

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00:28:17,059 --> 00:28:14,399

there quite a bit of a contradiction

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00:28:18,729 --> 00:28:17,069

actually and so sanctuary state as it

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00:28:20,329 --> 00:28:18,739

sits right now to blanket protecting

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00:28:23,149 --> 00:28:20,339

everybody coming up from Mexico

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00:28:24,649 --> 00:28:23,159

illegally I think needs to be looked at

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00:28:26,569 --> 00:28:24,659

especially when it comes to deportable

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00:28:29,979 --> 00:28:26,579

felons that we're facing and how

793

00:28:32,659 --> 00:28:29,989

dangerous these guys are if there have

794

00:28:35,180 --> 00:28:32,669

federal charges out there pending

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00:28:37,519 --> 00:28:35,190

against them is there even cooperation

796

00:28:41,059 --> 00:28:37,529

in that regard where they're handed over

797

00:28:42,469 --> 00:28:41,069

to the FBI or the defense yeah again it

798

00:28:44,059 --> 00:28:42,479

depends on what city and what state

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00:28:45,739 --> 00:28:44,069

you're in in California for law

800

00:28:47,269 --> 00:28:45,749

enforcement we've sometimes been given

801

00:28:49,489 --> 00:28:47,279

gag orders and I talked about this in

802

00:28:51,619 --> 00:28:49,499

the new book where we're on a case we

803

00:28:53,930 --> 00:28:51,629

capture deportable felons we've actually

804

00:28:55,729 --> 00:28:53,940

gotten gun fights with them and/or our

805

00:28:56,430 --> 00:28:55,739

canines have had you engage and bite a

806

00:28:57,930 --> 00:28:56,440

suspect

807

00:29:00,660 --> 00:28:57,940

was armed and trying to bear a gun down

808

00:29:02,610 --> 00:29:00,670

on us and because of sanctuary state we

809

00:29:05,600 --> 00:29:02,620

were told don't talk to ice officers

810

00:29:07,740 --> 00:29:05,610

don't talk to immigration services

811

00:29:09,090 --> 00:29:07,750

because this needs to be let go we're in

812

00:29:11,190 --> 00:29:09,100

a sanctuary state that comes straight

813

00:29:13,380 --> 00:29:11,200

from the top and that just doesn't add

814

00:29:15,360 --> 00:29:13,390

up it doesn't make sense because I don't

815

00:29:17,460 --> 00:29:15,370

think anybody that under the doctrine of

816

00:29:19,110 --> 00:29:17,470

or the orchestrators the builders of the

817

00:29:21,690 --> 00:29:19,120

sanctuary state doctrine in California

818

00:29:23,070 --> 00:29:21,700

as an example ever foresaw or I would

819

00:29:24,720 --> 00:29:23,080

hope would not want to protect

820

00:29:26,640 --> 00:29:24,730

affordable felons from being handled in

821

00:29:28,230 --> 00:29:26,650

the justice system and at least taken

822

00:29:29,940 --> 00:29:28,240

out of circulation so they can't do any

823

00:29:31,950 --> 00:29:29,950

more harm to our wildlife waterways and

824

00:29:34,050 --> 00:29:31,960

wild lands and worse than that are more

825

00:29:36,210 --> 00:29:34,060

public yeah well you know Newsom could

826

00:29:38,460 --> 00:29:36,220

really really score points politically

827

00:29:40,110 --> 00:29:38,470

if he were to come forward and say

828

00:29:43,920 --> 00:29:40,120

something along the lines you said is to

829

00:29:45,990 --> 00:29:43,930

recognize to his credit he brought light

830

00:29:49,140 --> 00:29:46,000

to this problem he's acknowledging that

831

00:29:52,170 --> 00:29:49,150

we've got Mexican drug cartels growing

832

00:29:54,420 --> 00:29:52,180

weed in our state and we need to stop it

833

00:29:56,880 --> 00:29:54,430

he should also come out and say and also

834

00:30:00,540 --> 00:29:56,890

I'm gonna modify this sanctuary state

835

00:30:03,840 --> 00:30:00,550

rules so that it only applies in certain

836

00:30:05,850 --> 00:30:03,850

circumstances in not others absolutely I

837

00:30:07,380 --> 00:30:05,860

agree with that 100% and kudos to our

838

00:30:09,180 --> 00:30:07,390

new governor for making that step

839

00:30:10,580 --> 00:30:09,190

acknowledging to publicly bring in

840

00:30:12,680 --> 00:30:10,590

National Guard members up and

841

00:30:15,210 --> 00:30:12,690

differentiating the difference between

842

00:30:17,160 --> 00:30:15,220

deportable felons and any immigration

843

00:30:19,230 --> 00:30:17,170

you know not making about an immigration

844

00:30:21,060 --> 00:30:19,240

issue not making it about a border

845

00:30:23,640 --> 00:30:21,070

control issue but really making it about

846

00:30:25,170 --> 00:30:23,650

an environmental crime destruction of

847

00:30:28,230 --> 00:30:25,180

our resources and a public safety issue

848

00:30:30,120 --> 00:30:28,240

and identifying who's causing that and

849

00:30:31,560 --> 00:30:30,130

that would be neat to see and you know

850

00:30:33,330 --> 00:30:31,570

kudos if the governor does make that

851  
00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:33,340  
distinction and continues to put efforts

852  
00:30:38,010 --> 00:30:35,200  
to stopping these deportable felons

853  
00:30:40,340 --> 00:30:38,020  
decimating our wildlife and then what

854  
00:30:44,190 --> 00:30:40,350  
about just cooperation with the feds

855  
00:30:46,800 --> 00:30:44,200  
generally let's say the DEA or is the

856  
00:30:50,280 --> 00:30:46,810  
DEA doing all they should to work with

857  
00:30:53,370 --> 00:30:50,290  
you guys on this problem or is there a

858  
00:30:57,480 --> 00:30:53,380  
tension between federal and state as a

859  
00:30:59,070 --> 00:30:57,490  
result of sanctuary state etc well and

860  
00:31:01,380 --> 00:30:59,080  
the fact that California has legalized

861  
00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:01,390  
marijuana and and the feds have kind of

862  
00:31:05,520 --> 00:31:03,600  
taken somewhat of a hands-off approach

863  
00:31:07,500 --> 00:31:05,530

absolutely you're always gonna have that

864

00:31:08,760 --> 00:31:07,510

tension because of the politics involved

865

00:31:10,050 --> 00:31:08,770

but here's what I've learned when it

866

00:31:12,150 --> 00:31:10,060

comes to boots on the ground

867

00:31:14,700 --> 00:31:12,160

and having run a team from the ground

868

00:31:16,740 --> 00:31:14,710

level leading missions with my guys and

869

00:31:20,100 --> 00:31:16,750

doing our missions and then working with

870

00:31:21,570 --> 00:31:20,110

ice agents or FBI or DEA we're all about

871

00:31:23,370 --> 00:31:21,580

protecting America and nobody's

872

00:31:24,540 --> 00:31:23,380

anti-immigration we're about protecting

873

00:31:26,760 --> 00:31:24,550

our wildlife protecting our public

874

00:31:28,500 --> 00:31:26,770

safety and we work together fine at the

875

00:31:31,140 --> 00:31:28,510

field level when politics get involved

876

00:31:32,610 --> 00:31:31,150

up higher and you know politically our

877

00:31:33,990 --> 00:31:32,620

directors and our Chiefs are given

878

00:31:36,300 --> 00:31:34,000

certain directives that we can't work

879

00:31:37,920 --> 00:31:36,310

with the feds tensions arise at the

880

00:31:39,720 --> 00:31:37,930

upper-level echelon and hinder

881

00:31:42,210 --> 00:31:39,730

operations they truly do and they have

882

00:31:43,530 --> 00:31:42,220

in the past they started to the second

883

00:31:46,800 --> 00:31:43,540

we had a sanctuary state doctor in

884

00:31:48,810 --> 00:31:46,810

California and really even after prop 64

885

00:31:50,340 --> 00:31:48,820

has passed but the bottom line is when

886

00:31:52,410 --> 00:31:50,350

it comes to the agents working the field

887

00:31:54,270 --> 00:31:52,420

we're all on the same page and we just

888

00:31:55,590 --> 00:31:54,280

want to protect our public and we want

889

00:31:57,690 --> 00:31:55,600

to protect our Wildlife Resources

890

00:31:59,730 --> 00:31:57,700

estimated and we'd like to see that

891

00:32:01,590 --> 00:31:59,740

transcend into the political arena to be

892

00:32:03,000 --> 00:32:01,600

more effective can't yeah what I'm

893

00:32:06,300 --> 00:32:03,010

really saying is it would not surprise

894

00:32:09,840 --> 00:32:06,310

me if the feds through the DEA and FBI

895

00:32:11,450 --> 00:32:09,850

cetera are putting limited resources

896

00:32:13,710 --> 00:32:11,460

toward this problem in California

897

00:32:14,970 --> 00:32:13,720

because they're saying well you guys are

898

00:32:16,980 --> 00:32:14,980

the ones that legalized it so you

899

00:32:18,420 --> 00:32:16,990

legalize marijuana in your state which

900

00:32:21,390 --> 00:32:18,430

it's you know still against federal law

901  
00:32:22,710 --> 00:32:21,400  
and you guys are a sanctuary state

902  
00:32:24,960 --> 00:32:22,720  
you're not cooperating with us and I

903  
00:32:27,990 --> 00:32:24,970  
think so you know this is your problem

904  
00:32:29,970 --> 00:32:28,000  
and the DEA is not putting as much

905  
00:32:32,490 --> 00:32:29,980  
resources into California as they might

906  
00:32:34,440 --> 00:32:32,500  
have otherwise that's absolutely the

907  
00:32:35,940 --> 00:32:34,450  
case and something we've seen and we're

908  
00:32:37,860 --> 00:32:35,950  
not getting a whole lot of federal help

909  
00:32:39,840 --> 00:32:37,870  
unless it's from those those resource

910  
00:32:42,690 --> 00:32:39,850  
type agencies like BLM and Forest

911  
00:32:44,700 --> 00:32:42,700  
Service involved in cartel marijuana

912  
00:32:46,650 --> 00:32:44,710  
operations we're not seeing it from the

913  
00:32:48,810 --> 00:32:46,660

DEA anymore per se we're not seeing it

914

00:32:50,340 --> 00:32:48,820

from the FBI you know when it can

915

00:32:52,350 --> 00:32:50,350

involve them unless it goes on in Ursa

916

00:32:54,900 --> 00:32:52,360

Major interstate case it's gonna go you

917

00:32:56,490 --> 00:32:54,910

know back east and involve some illegal

918

00:32:58,050 --> 00:32:56,500

transport across state lines things like

919

00:33:00,240 --> 00:32:58,060

that but no we're not seeing that type

920

00:33:03,240 --> 00:33:00,250

of cooperation and understandably so you

921

00:33:05,010 --> 00:33:03,250

hit that one on the head and going back

922

00:33:06,840 --> 00:33:05,020

to the legal market you know we need to

923

00:33:08,130 --> 00:33:06,850

reduce the price on the legal market so

924

00:33:09,660 --> 00:33:08,140

that it's more competitive with the

925

00:33:12,060 --> 00:33:09,670

illegal market to help drive that out

926  
00:33:15,750 --> 00:33:12,070  
right what what are you seeing that the

927  
00:33:18,270 --> 00:33:15,760  
state is doing wrong with the the legal

928  
00:33:20,370 --> 00:33:18,280  
sale of marijuana well there's just red

929  
00:33:22,410 --> 00:33:20,380  
tape and there's red tape since we we

930  
00:33:23,940 --> 00:33:22,420  
regulated and Prop 64 was voted into

931  
00:33:25,980 --> 00:33:23,950  
effect a couple of years ago

932  
00:33:28,740 --> 00:33:25,990  
now but we did not have the bandwidth

933  
00:33:31,320 --> 00:33:28,750  
not only on my old agency's side but in

934  
00:33:34,759 --> 00:33:31,330  
any other regulatory agency licensing

935  
00:33:39,240 --> 00:33:34,769  
groups to really get these new growers

936  
00:33:42,029 --> 00:33:39,250  
into the system quickly efficiently and

937  
00:33:44,430 --> 00:33:42,039  
get them operational and inspected and

938  
00:33:47,220 --> 00:33:44,440

on track legally in an effective way and

939

00:33:48,690 --> 00:33:47,230

when we look at the when we look at all

940

00:33:50,220 --> 00:33:48,700

the permits that are required for these

941

00:33:51,690 --> 00:33:50,230

growers trying to legitimize themselves

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00:33:53,700 --> 00:33:51,700

even if they've come out of previously

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00:33:55,710 --> 00:33:53,710

being black market growers for say 20

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00:33:57,690 --> 00:33:55,720

years and it's gonna cost them between

945

00:33:59,190 --> 00:33:57,700

40 and 80 thousand dollars in permits

946

00:34:00,990 --> 00:33:59,200

and they're gonna have to wait six

947

00:34:02,490 --> 00:34:01,000

months to a year in a particular County

948

00:34:05,100 --> 00:34:02,500

in California before they can grow

949

00:34:07,860 --> 00:34:05,110

legally we're not we're not helping that

950

00:34:09,419 --> 00:34:07,870

legalization we all voted in from right

951  
00:34:11,069 --> 00:34:09,429  
wrong or indifferent we're not helping

952  
00:34:12,300 --> 00:34:11,079  
that process out we're basically driving

953  
00:34:14,520 --> 00:34:12,310  
those growers back into the black market

954  
00:34:15,690 --> 00:34:14,530  
so we need to eliminate the red tape a

955  
00:34:17,700 --> 00:34:15,700  
regulation if we're gonna stay

956  
00:34:19,169 --> 00:34:17,710  
regulating in California we have to make

957  
00:34:20,909 --> 00:34:19,179  
sure these growers are compliant

958  
00:34:22,109 --> 00:34:20,919  
environmentally they're not harming the

959  
00:34:24,720 --> 00:34:22,119  
public safety which if done correctly

960  
00:34:25,919 --> 00:34:24,730  
they won't but we're just not seeing

961  
00:34:27,180 --> 00:34:25,929  
that we're seeing that black market

962  
00:34:29,280 --> 00:34:27,190  
thrive like we've been talking about so

963  
00:34:30,359 --> 00:34:29,290

far in your show because it's not an

964

00:34:32,220 --> 00:34:30,369

efficient process

965

00:34:34,740 --> 00:34:32,230

it'll be very slow unfortunately we

966

00:34:37,550 --> 00:34:34,750

interviewed coincidentally a guy just

967

00:34:40,409 --> 00:34:37,560

this week about marijuana in Colorado

968

00:34:43,859 --> 00:34:40,419

and he's written a book about it there

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00:34:46,409 --> 00:34:43,869

and really had you know 80% positive

970

00:34:48,210 --> 00:34:46,419

things to say about how it has gone in

971

00:34:49,680 --> 00:34:48,220

Colorado and been implemented and what

972

00:34:51,540 --> 00:34:49,690

it's done in reducing the black market

973

00:34:53,609 --> 00:34:51,550

cetera it seems like it was implemented

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00:34:56,339 --> 00:34:53,619

well there and perhaps not so well in

975

00:34:59,160 --> 00:34:56,349

California well it's it's a mixed bag in

976  
00:35:00,930 --> 00:34:59,170  
Colorado honestly Colorado still has and

977  
00:35:03,690 --> 00:35:00,940  
had a problem right when they regulated

978  
00:35:05,430 --> 00:35:03,700  
of black market interstate transport to

979  
00:35:07,380 --> 00:35:05,440  
the joining states just east of Colorado

980  
00:35:09,839 --> 00:35:07,390  
so there was still a thriving black

981  
00:35:12,210 --> 00:35:09,849  
market from Colorado produced cannabis

982  
00:35:13,859 --> 00:35:12,220  
not necessarily in Colorado per se but

983  
00:35:16,530 --> 00:35:13,869  
to the other states and this gets into

984  
00:35:19,620 --> 00:35:16,540  
the federal regulation issue do we look

985  
00:35:22,050 --> 00:35:19,630  
at widespread federal regulation across

986  
00:35:23,790 --> 00:35:22,060  
the board making it fairly inexpensive

987  
00:35:25,500 --> 00:35:23,800  
or approachable that for cannabis users

988  
00:35:27,720 --> 00:35:25,510

that are going to use cannabis that they

989

00:35:29,849 --> 00:35:27,730

get it at an even price and romantically

990

00:35:31,559 --> 00:35:29,859

pure product that is universal across

991

00:35:33,359 --> 00:35:31,569

the nation where the cartels black

992

00:35:35,609 --> 00:35:33,369

market is virtually eliminated or

993

00:35:37,859 --> 00:35:35,619

significantly impacted we need to look

994

00:35:38,970 --> 00:35:37,869

at that consideration as well because

995

00:35:40,920 --> 00:35:38,980

none of the states that have regulated

996

00:35:42,480 --> 00:35:40,930

honestly including Colorado have been

997

00:35:45,359 --> 00:35:42,490

without their problems of still

998

00:35:46,829 --> 00:35:45,369

generating a good black market in the

999

00:35:49,170 --> 00:35:46,839

states around them to have it regulated

1000

00:35:51,420 --> 00:35:49,180

yeah it's really silly that the federal

1001

00:35:54,509 --> 00:35:51,430

government hasn't done anything yet

1002

00:35:55,319 --> 00:35:54,519

to address this and basically change the

1003

00:35:56,789 --> 00:35:55,329

law

1004

00:35:58,380 --> 00:35:56,799

I guess you're hearing some of it now

1005

00:36:00,329 --> 00:35:58,390

and the Democratic debates I noticed

1006

00:36:02,430 --> 00:36:00,339

that at the last one a couple of them

1007

00:36:04,109 --> 00:36:02,440

came forward so they're gonna they want

1008

00:36:08,220 --> 00:36:04,119

to legalize marijuana very early in

1009

00:36:09,989 --> 00:36:08,230

their administration yeah I think it's

1010

00:36:11,160 --> 00:36:09,999

always a hot-button topic you know this

1011

00:36:12,509 --> 00:36:11,170

is one of those things and even though

1012

00:36:14,700 --> 00:36:12,519

we named the book the new book hidden

1013

00:36:17,039 --> 00:36:14,710

war because so few people seem to really

1014

00:36:18,660 --> 00:36:17,049

know the depth of the problem and the

1015

00:36:20,579 --> 00:36:18,670

damage is going on environmentally and

1016

00:36:23,069 --> 00:36:20,589

the threat to public safety that we have

1017

00:36:24,720 --> 00:36:23,079

in our public lands this is an issue

1018

00:36:26,069 --> 00:36:24,730

that's hotter than people think and it

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00:36:27,450 --> 00:36:26,079

involves even if you're not a cannabis

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00:36:29,069 --> 00:36:27,460

user or don't really have a stance on

1021

00:36:30,870 --> 00:36:29,079

cannabis one way or the other you're

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00:36:32,549 --> 00:36:30,880

getting affected by it directly or

1023

00:36:34,920 --> 00:36:32,559

indirectly whether its environmental

1024

00:36:37,230 --> 00:36:34,930

crime water poisoning threat to you and

1025

00:36:39,539 --> 00:36:37,240

the outdoors or a thriving black market

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00:36:41,489 --> 00:36:39,549

that doesn't only involve cannabis but

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00:36:43,739 --> 00:36:41,499

in the case of the cartels like we've

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00:36:45,390 --> 00:36:43,749

talked about all these other crimes so

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00:36:47,999 --> 00:36:45,400

it does need to be addressed it needs to

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00:36:49,739 --> 00:36:48,009

be looked at federally as a priority and

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00:36:52,259 --> 00:36:49,749

there definitely need to be changes in

1032

00:36:53,789 --> 00:36:52,269

in how we regulate in certain states

1033

00:36:55,410 --> 00:36:53,799

like California maybe other states as

1034

00:36:57,359 --> 00:36:55,420

well from from our experience on the

1035

00:36:59,190 --> 00:36:57,369

ground it just makes the most sense yeah

1036

00:37:05,579 --> 00:36:59,200

well certainly the federal government

1037

00:37:07,559 --> 00:37:05,589

can change the law and make it no longer

1038

00:37:08,819 --> 00:37:07,569

illegal from a federal standpoint and

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00:37:10,170 --> 00:37:08,829

then it would be up to the states each

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00:37:12,420 --> 00:37:10,180

state can make its own decision whether

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00:37:15,029 --> 00:37:12,430

or not to make it legal or illegal which

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00:37:16,109 --> 00:37:15,039

it seems to me this is exactly a type of

1043

00:37:17,279 --> 00:37:16,119

issue that should be left up to the

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00:37:19,079 --> 00:37:17,289

states whether or not you want to make

1045

00:37:20,640 --> 00:37:19,089

something like marijuana legal in your

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00:37:23,999 --> 00:37:20,650

state should be state by state just as

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00:37:26,989 --> 00:37:24,009

it's happening now but they they need to

1048

00:37:29,279 --> 00:37:26,999

change the federal law it seems to me

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00:37:30,599 --> 00:37:29,289

yeah I completely agree I think you're

1050

00:37:31,920 --> 00:37:30,609

hitting it on the head there and again

1051  
00:37:33,809 --> 00:37:31,930  
this is something that we got to look

1052  
00:37:35,849 --> 00:37:33,819  
from a unifying standpoint and something

1053  
00:37:38,220 --> 00:37:35,859  
I've really really pushed in face to

1054  
00:37:39,720 --> 00:37:38,230  
since retirement from operations is look

1055  
00:37:41,489 --> 00:37:39,730  
man let's just get unified on this issue

1056  
00:37:43,380 --> 00:37:41,499  
don't make it a left I'll make it a

1057  
00:37:44,130 --> 00:37:43,390  
right don't make the pro cannabis anti

1058  
00:37:45,660 --> 00:37:44,140  
cannabis issue

1059  
00:37:47,819 --> 00:37:45,670  
let's get unified what's going to

1060  
00:37:49,289 --> 00:37:47,829  
protect our public the best way keep our

1061  
00:37:51,269 --> 00:37:49,299  
citizens safe and protect our

1062  
00:37:51,780 --> 00:37:51,279  
environment in the process and along

1063  
00:37:53,520 --> 00:37:51,790

those lines

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00:37:54,690 --> 00:37:53,530

make sure people aren't getting the weed

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00:37:56,700 --> 00:37:54,700

they're gonna consume whether it's

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00:37:59,010 --> 00:37:56,710

legitimate or black-market from being

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00:38:00,750 --> 00:37:59,020

poisoned by black-market weed that's

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00:38:02,820 --> 00:38:00,760

really potent and really affordable but

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00:38:04,740 --> 00:38:02,830

deadly when ingested I mean that just

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00:38:06,150 --> 00:38:04,750

that's one of those just baffling things

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00:38:07,410 --> 00:38:06,160

to me that we're not we're not putting

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00:38:09,300 --> 00:38:07,420

more attention to that needs to be

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00:38:10,680 --> 00:38:09,310

remedied and and I agree federal

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00:38:13,860 --> 00:38:10,690

attention is going to help expose that

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00:38:15,930 --> 00:38:13,870

and keep the issue on point tell us

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00:38:20,690 --> 00:38:15,940

before we wrap up a little bit of what

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00:38:23,640 --> 00:38:20,700

you learned on the border as far as

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00:38:28,370 --> 00:38:23,650

human trafficking the drug trafficking

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00:38:31,800 --> 00:38:28,380

the state of the cartels in Mexico today

1080

00:38:34,230 --> 00:38:31,810

etc yeah the interesting thing about the

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00:38:36,150 --> 00:38:34,240

border is there's not much there's not

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00:38:37,710 --> 00:38:36,160

much border there that hinders these

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00:38:39,630 --> 00:38:37,720

guys from getting across I was just down

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00:38:40,920 --> 00:38:39,640

there a couple weeks ago hosting a new

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00:38:44,100 --> 00:38:40,930

show we're doing called the thing Green

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00:38:46,050 --> 00:38:44,110

Line about conservation ethical hunting

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00:38:47,820 --> 00:38:46,060

and border issues as the cartel is

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00:38:50,220 --> 00:38:47,830

affected and coming across the border

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00:38:51,930 --> 00:38:50,230

for Oban all the crimes we discussed and

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00:38:53,670 --> 00:38:51,940

we have so much stretch of unprotected

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00:38:54,870 --> 00:38:53,680

border right now that doesn't have a

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00:38:56,670 --> 00:38:54,880

boundary doesn't have a fence doesn't

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00:38:58,890 --> 00:38:56,680

have a wall and has a very little Border

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00:39:00,510 --> 00:38:58,900

Patrol presence because it's so spread

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00:39:03,390 --> 00:39:00,520

out southwest Texas is an example

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00:39:04,650 --> 00:39:03,400

certain parts of Arizona and when I was

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00:39:06,990 --> 00:39:04,660

on that ranch which was just

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00:39:09,990 --> 00:39:07,000

mind-blowing to me this beautiful 50,000

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00:39:11,880 --> 00:39:10,000

acre ranch with tons of wildlife on it

1100

00:39:13,740 --> 00:39:11,890

tons of environmental purity there were

1101  
00:39:16,170 --> 00:39:13,750  
embedded cartel trafficking routes

1102  
00:39:18,750 --> 00:39:16,180  
hideout caves on the ranch trafficking

1103  
00:39:20,010 --> 00:39:18,760  
routes that some cartel traffickers were

1104  
00:39:22,110 --> 00:39:20,020  
being interdicted some we're getting

1105  
00:39:23,460 --> 00:39:22,120  
away and getting through from human

1106  
00:39:25,980 --> 00:39:23,470  
trafficking bringing up you know

1107  
00:39:27,840 --> 00:39:25,990  
hundred-pound bindles of tainted weed

1108  
00:39:30,230 --> 00:39:27,850  
that they produce across the border and

1109  
00:39:32,280 --> 00:39:30,240  
bring it across to you know basically

1110  
00:39:34,710 --> 00:39:32,290  
adjunct to what they're producing here

1111  
00:39:36,060 --> 00:39:34,720  
in California not hard for them to get

1112  
00:39:37,590 --> 00:39:36,070  
across and like I talked about in the

1113  
00:39:39,870 --> 00:39:37,600

new book the information we got is

1114

00:39:42,420 --> 00:39:39,880

between four and seven thousand dollars

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00:39:44,280 --> 00:39:42,430

for any cartel organization to get there

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00:39:46,830 --> 00:39:44,290

tear wine growers or human traffickers

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00:39:48,750 --> 00:39:46,840

across the border without even a blip so

1118

00:39:50,520 --> 00:39:48,760

border control is certainly a hot topic

1119

00:39:53,010 --> 00:39:50,530

issue whatever we can do to slow down

1120

00:39:55,380 --> 00:39:53,020

especially the cartel element I mean

1121

00:39:57,480 --> 00:39:55,390

into America I am definitely a proponent

1122

00:39:59,340 --> 00:39:57,490

of and I think by the public the

1123

00:40:01,500 --> 00:39:59,350

American public knowing how easy it is

1124

00:40:03,060 --> 00:40:01,510

to get across right now for these guys I

1125

00:40:05,400 --> 00:40:03,070

think everybody would agree if they

1126  
00:40:05,790 --> 00:40:05,410  
start to see the facts down and cartels

1127  
00:40:10,020 --> 00:40:05,800  
are

1128  
00:40:12,930 --> 00:40:10,030  
more powerful in Mexico or less more

1129  
00:40:14,940 --> 00:40:12,940  
powerful without a doubt right now the

1130  
00:40:17,370 --> 00:40:14,950  
cartels in many parts of Mexico are

1131  
00:40:19,800 --> 00:40:17,380  
running Mexico you know to think that

1132  
00:40:21,330 --> 00:40:19,810  
there's government influence it just

1133  
00:40:23,160 --> 00:40:21,340  
isn't the case my good friend had called

1134  
00:40:24,750 --> 00:40:23,170  
arun goes in this all the time from his

1135  
00:40:26,610 --> 00:40:24,760  
experience down in mexico and what we're

1136  
00:40:28,440 --> 00:40:26,620  
seeing just over the border you look at

1137  
00:40:30,030 --> 00:40:28,450  
cities like juarez one of you know that

1138  
00:40:32,010 --> 00:40:30,040

was recently named a couple years ago

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00:40:33,690 --> 00:40:32,020

the most dangerous city in America where

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00:40:35,550 --> 00:40:33,700

the cartels are freely having their Wars

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00:40:37,110 --> 00:40:35,560

and the police are just kind of stepping

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00:40:39,660 --> 00:40:37,120

back because they don't want to get

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00:40:41,520 --> 00:40:39,670

involved because getting so violent just

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00:40:43,020 --> 00:40:41,530

a couple weeks ago while filming that

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00:40:44,670 --> 00:40:43,030

show we were just on our site at the

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00:40:47,010 --> 00:40:44,680

border from Juarez and I was able to

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00:40:49,320 --> 00:40:47,020

talk a hundred yards from the wall

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00:40:51,030 --> 00:40:49,330

looking over into Juarez and see all the

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00:40:52,920 --> 00:40:51,040

crime going on in the police response to

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00:40:55,050 --> 00:40:52,930

the military response and it was truly

1151  
00:40:57,780 --> 00:40:55,060  
mind-blowing that was so close to our

1152  
00:40:59,250 --> 00:40:57,790  
border and knowing how freely they are

1153  
00:41:02,100 --> 00:40:59,260  
operating down there and running things

1154  
00:41:03,960 --> 00:41:02,110  
is is alarming yeah my Mexico City

1155  
00:41:07,230 --> 00:41:03,970  
friend says that this new president has

1156  
00:41:09,540 --> 00:41:07,240  
been pretty weak on enforcement that

1157  
00:41:10,800 --> 00:41:09,550  
he's kind of a kumbaya president that

1158  
00:41:14,520 --> 00:41:10,810  
says come on can't we all just get along

1159  
00:41:16,920 --> 00:41:14,530  
and he's reduced police enforcement's

1160  
00:41:19,710 --> 00:41:16,930  
and really allowed the cartels to run

1161  
00:41:21,720 --> 00:41:19,720  
wild now it's a hundred percent we're

1162  
00:41:23,730 --> 00:41:21,730  
seeing the same thing and the Intel I

1163  
00:41:25,650 --> 00:41:23,740

get and my experiences down there and

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00:41:27,210 --> 00:41:25,660

the people I keep in contact with on the

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00:41:30,360 --> 00:41:27,220

border especially rather it be Border

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00:41:31,950 --> 00:41:30,370

Patrol BLM or other agents on the border

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00:41:33,390 --> 00:41:31,960

from Arizona all the way through Texas

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00:41:35,220 --> 00:41:33,400

in New Mexico are saying the same thing

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00:41:36,420 --> 00:41:35,230

and then to see it firsthand when we

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00:41:37,860 --> 00:41:36,430

were down there in some of the most

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00:41:39,900 --> 00:41:37,870

pristine border country I've ever been

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00:41:41,550 --> 00:41:39,910

in a couple weeks ago it was it was

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00:41:44,070 --> 00:41:41,560

really an eye-opener and definitely

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00:41:46,140 --> 00:41:44,080

needs to be addressed on that side of

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00:41:47,460 --> 00:41:46,150

the border which it's kind of outside of

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00:41:49,920 --> 00:41:47,470

our influence but it's something I think

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00:41:52,680 --> 00:41:49,930

we need to look at country of country in

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00:41:55,020 --> 00:41:52,690

the long term also anecdotally what I've

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00:41:56,490 --> 00:41:55,030

kind of learned is the strongest border

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00:41:58,970 --> 00:41:56,500

patrol that we have right now is

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00:42:03,890 --> 00:41:58,980

actually the cartels themselves because

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00:42:06,750 --> 00:42:03,900

hearing the story from my handyman who

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00:42:08,700 --> 00:42:06,760

had to come across the border he was

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00:42:11,040 --> 00:42:08,710

stopped multiple times not by Border

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00:42:13,110 --> 00:42:11,050

Patrol he was stopped by the cartels and

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00:42:14,370 --> 00:42:13,120

they were either telling him pay us a

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00:42:17,820 --> 00:42:14,380

bunch of money and we'll let you through

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00:42:19,740 --> 00:42:17,830

or uh-uh you ain't going this way with a

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00:42:21,990 --> 00:42:19,750

gun in his face basically you

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00:42:24,330 --> 00:42:22,000

that way and a trip that he had planned

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00:42:26,910 --> 00:42:24,340

out on Google Maps that would have taken

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00:42:29,460 --> 00:42:26,920

him a day and a half on you know to

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00:42:31,380 --> 00:42:29,470

cross the border it ended up to end up

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00:42:32,940 --> 00:42:31,390

taking him four days to cross the border

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00:42:34,950 --> 00:42:32,950

because there was a number of ways that

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00:42:38,100 --> 00:42:34,960

he was not permitted to go not by Border

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00:42:39,930 --> 00:42:38,110

Patrol but by the cartels of course yeah

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00:42:41,370 --> 00:42:39,940

it's not the first story I've heard I'm

1199

00:42:42,690 --> 00:42:41,380

glad your friend was okay cuz a lot of

1200

00:42:44,910 --> 00:42:42,700

guys that encounter that don't always

1201

00:42:47,190 --> 00:42:44,920

make it out to tell the story so I'm

1202

00:42:49,320 --> 00:42:47,200

glad he's safe but that is a testament

1203

00:42:51,450 --> 00:42:49,330

to what's going on down there I've seen

1204

00:42:53,370 --> 00:42:51,460

it when I've been in Mexico racing in

1205

00:42:55,800 --> 00:42:53,380

Baja we've been interdicted and checked

1206

00:42:57,270 --> 00:42:55,810

by some of those guys in the past it's

1207

00:42:58,890 --> 00:42:57,280

just it's just a crazy world it's a

1208

00:43:00,480 --> 00:42:58,900

whole different culture and it's a whole

1209

00:43:02,070 --> 00:43:00,490

different mindset that we're dealing

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00:43:03,300 --> 00:43:02,080

with down there and anyone traveling

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00:43:05,640 --> 00:43:03,310

down there needs to be aware of that and

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00:43:07,560 --> 00:43:05,650

be careful well it's been a depressing

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00:43:11,060 --> 00:43:07,570

day John I spent the previous part of

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00:43:13,620 --> 00:43:11,070

the day talking about coronavirus and

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00:43:16,560 --> 00:43:13,630

yeah I'm not sure which problem is worse

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00:43:19,650 --> 00:43:16,570

after talking to you because this sounds

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00:43:21,300 --> 00:43:19,660

pretty bad well brother I look at it

1218

00:43:23,610 --> 00:43:21,310

this way it's it's not it's not a happy

1219

00:43:25,590 --> 00:43:23,620

story but it's an important story and

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00:43:27,570 --> 00:43:25,600

you know there are positives because one

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00:43:29,310 --> 00:43:27,580

thing I've learned in retirement is as

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00:43:30,900 --> 00:43:29,320

much as pushing the rifle and being with

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00:43:32,430 --> 00:43:30,910

my team and fighting this head-on grow

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00:43:33,810 --> 00:43:32,440

after grow up or grow and trying to take

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00:43:36,510 --> 00:43:33,820

these guys out of circulation how

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00:43:37,830 --> 00:43:36,520

rewarding that is there's a lot more

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00:43:39,210 --> 00:43:37,840

power and getting the message out

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00:43:40,710 --> 00:43:39,220

because the people speak the pin is

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00:43:41,940 --> 00:43:40,720

truly mightier than the sword I think

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00:43:43,170 --> 00:43:41,950

that's what it's going to take to get

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00:43:46,320 --> 00:43:43,180

you know more federal administration

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00:43:49,050 --> 00:43:46,330

more funding and regulation discussion

1233

00:43:51,240 --> 00:43:49,060

on what we discussed to protect America

1234

00:43:52,920 --> 00:43:51,250

and protect Americans from this threat

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00:43:55,440 --> 00:43:52,930

rather we're talking about south of the

1236

00:43:57,000 --> 00:43:55,450

border infiltration or embedded and I

1237

00:43:58,680 --> 00:43:57,010

appreciate you and what gives me a

1238

00:44:01,650 --> 00:43:58,690

little bit of optimism in conversations

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00:44:03,090 --> 00:44:01,660

like this as as as sad as they may be is

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00:44:04,620 --> 00:44:03,100

we're getting a little bit of reach

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00:44:06,480 --> 00:44:04,630

through the work you guys are doing and

1242

00:44:08,010 --> 00:44:06,490

all we can do is keep it up and try to

1243

00:44:11,220 --> 00:44:08,020

do it I appreciate it yeah thank you

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00:44:12,630 --> 00:44:11,230

what about Doug wildfires is there based

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00:44:13,740 --> 00:44:12,640

on your experience as a game warden is

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00:44:16,590 --> 00:44:13,750

there something California should be

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00:44:18,870 --> 00:44:16,600

doing that it's not doing well one thing

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00:44:21,480 --> 00:44:18,880

I noticed in Montana where I'm now

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00:44:22,950 --> 00:44:21,490

located is we just had last summer and

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00:44:25,650 --> 00:44:22,960

I'll compare this to California that'll

1251  
00:44:28,440 --> 00:44:25,660  
make sense the last couple of summers in

1252  
00:44:30,570 --> 00:44:28,450  
Montana because we had no you know

1253  
00:44:32,070 --> 00:44:30,580  
select timber cutting and undergrowth

1254  
00:44:33,599 --> 00:44:32,080  
harvest for the sake of wildlife

1255  
00:44:36,569 --> 00:44:33,609  
movement all that's

1256  
00:44:38,700 --> 00:44:36,579  
all that force was just left unmanaged

1257  
00:44:40,859 --> 00:44:38,710  
for the better part of 20 years the last

1258  
00:44:42,660 --> 00:44:40,869  
couple administrations and there was so

1259  
00:44:44,789 --> 00:44:42,670  
much undergrowth and so much dry timber

1260  
00:44:46,319 --> 00:44:44,799  
and so little breathing room that it was

1261  
00:44:47,849 --> 00:44:46,329  
basically a powder keg waiting to go off

1262  
00:44:49,710 --> 00:44:47,859  
then we had a series of lightning

1263  
00:44:52,140 --> 00:44:49,720

strikes that pretty much had all in

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00:44:54,059 --> 00:44:52,150

northwestern Montana in like 11 massive

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00:44:56,729 --> 00:44:54,069

forest fires that lasted an entire

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00:44:58,170 --> 00:44:56,739

summer structures were destroyed we had

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00:45:00,660 --> 00:44:58,180

this with the Paradise California fire

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00:45:02,940 --> 00:45:00,670

recently we had so many structures so

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00:45:05,190 --> 00:45:02,950

many towns impacted where if a little

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00:45:07,769 --> 00:45:05,200

bit of select timber harvest without

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00:45:09,809 --> 00:45:07,779

destroying the forest was opened up the

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00:45:12,120 --> 00:45:09,819

only benefit habitat for well life it

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00:45:14,249 --> 00:45:12,130

would also slow down that forest fire is

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00:45:16,319 --> 00:45:14,259

you know that problem under a perfect

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00:45:18,359 --> 00:45:16,329

storm and California needs to look at

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00:45:20,130 --> 00:45:18,369

that in certain areas as well now

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00:45:21,569 --> 00:45:20,140

they're saying we've got position we can

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00:45:23,039 --> 00:45:21,579

balance it a little bit it's good we've

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00:45:26,039 --> 00:45:23,049

got lots of protected areas you're

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00:45:29,160 --> 00:45:26,049

saying and some of those protected areas

1281

00:45:32,309 --> 00:45:29,170

it's time to perhaps allow some of the

1282

00:45:33,900 --> 00:45:32,319

lumber industry in a little bit and you

1283

00:45:35,999 --> 00:45:33,910

can do it in such a way that is

1284

00:45:37,650 --> 00:45:36,009

ecologically conscious but it's also

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00:45:39,479 --> 00:45:37,660

fire prevention and it's also good for

1286

00:45:41,489 --> 00:45:39,489

wildlife it's moderation we don't want

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00:45:42,930 --> 00:45:41,499

to we don't want to clear-cut anything

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00:45:44,700 --> 00:45:42,940

anymore we don't want to strip the

1289

00:45:46,680 --> 00:45:44,710

forests of all the timber out there ie

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00:45:49,079 --> 00:45:46,690

like the rain forest destruction we see

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00:45:51,180 --> 00:45:49,089

in other parts of the world but it

1292

00:45:52,769 --> 00:45:51,190

really does transcend and do safer for

1293

00:45:54,779 --> 00:45:52,779

the public and for wildlife from fire

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00:45:56,519 --> 00:45:54,789

fire damage fire prevention and things

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00:45:58,920 --> 00:45:56,529

along those lines thank you again to

1296

00:46:00,599 --> 00:45:58,930

John Norris for coming on the hidden

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00:46:04,349 --> 00:46:00,609

truth show you can check out his book

1298

00:46:07,620 --> 00:46:04,359

hidden war on Amazon that's hidden War

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00:46:10,319 --> 00:46:07,630

John Norris and ores hidden war on

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00:46:12,960 --> 00:46:10,329

Amazon thank you to our producer Michael

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00:46:14,819 --> 00:46:12,970

Parker and we'll be back with a special

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00:46:18,059 --> 00:46:14,829

episode a second episode this week on

1303

00:46:20,809 --> 00:46:18,069

Friday so check your phones for a new

1304

00:46:24,520 --> 00:46:20,819

hidden truth episode coming this Friday

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00:46:29,089 --> 00:46:26,390

thank you for listening at the hidden

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