

Rich LAFERRIER

CONFESSIONS OF A DRUG SMUGGLER

"The Smuggler"



As a top-level trafficker, Rich Laferriere navigated a treacherous landscape fraught with conflicts involving Mexican cartels, the Mafia, and Hells Angels. From a troubled childhood marked by abuse and neglect in a small town, he rose to dominate the clandestine world of drug trafficking, crossing paths with the Italian Mafia and orchestrating multi-million-dollar operations. Over a span of twenty years, he transported over 10 tons of marijuana, approximately 1200 pounds of cocaine, and hundreds of millions of dollars across a vast network that includes states from California to Maine and cities from Texas to Montreal. In this training you will learn how Rich's role shifted from notorious trafficker to invaluable informant, collaborating with the DEA. You will learn details about his illicit activities as he unravels the complex web of connections and crimes that led to his ultimate downfall. Rich will expose his secrets to his success and how to catch high level drug traffickers like him and others.

This speaking engagement will cover the following topics:

- * How I was introduced to a life of crime.
- * Identifying the traits of a High-Level Criminal: Key characteristics that contribute to becoming a successful criminal.
- * Specialized transportation skills in drug and money smuggling operations.
- * Common techniques used for trafficking drugs and money on both national and international scales.
- * How the law of averages was employed to avoid detection.
- * Techniques for using trucking companies to facilitate drug smuggling.
- * Skills I used for deceiving law enforcement and border patrol.
- * Why some smugglers are nearly impossible to catch without informants.
- * Inside information Rich will provide to YOU, the law enforcement officer.

February 18, 2026
Wednesday Afternoon
Keynote Speaker
1pm - 5pm

About the Instructor:

Rich Laferriere's introduction to crime began at 7 years old by watching his grandmother shoplift. By 13, his life took a darker turn as he lived with a 25-year-old cocaine dealer, assisting him with counting money and packaging drugs during his summer vacation. Rich was legally emancipated at 16 and continued his illegal ventures by selling stolen furniture. Several years later he was sourcing marijuana from cartels and trafficking it from Texas, California and Denver to Connecticut using USPS, tractor trailers and rental cars. In 2008, Rich ran operations along the eastern seaboard for Montreal-based crime families, managing the smuggling using hidden compartments, and coordinating the distribution, storage, and financial transactions. He also ran cocaine and cash-smuggling operations in California. Today his life has changed dramatically. He's written two books, multiple training curriculums and is currently teaching Law Enforcement his tricks of the trade. He's deeply grateful for the second chance given to him through his cooperation.