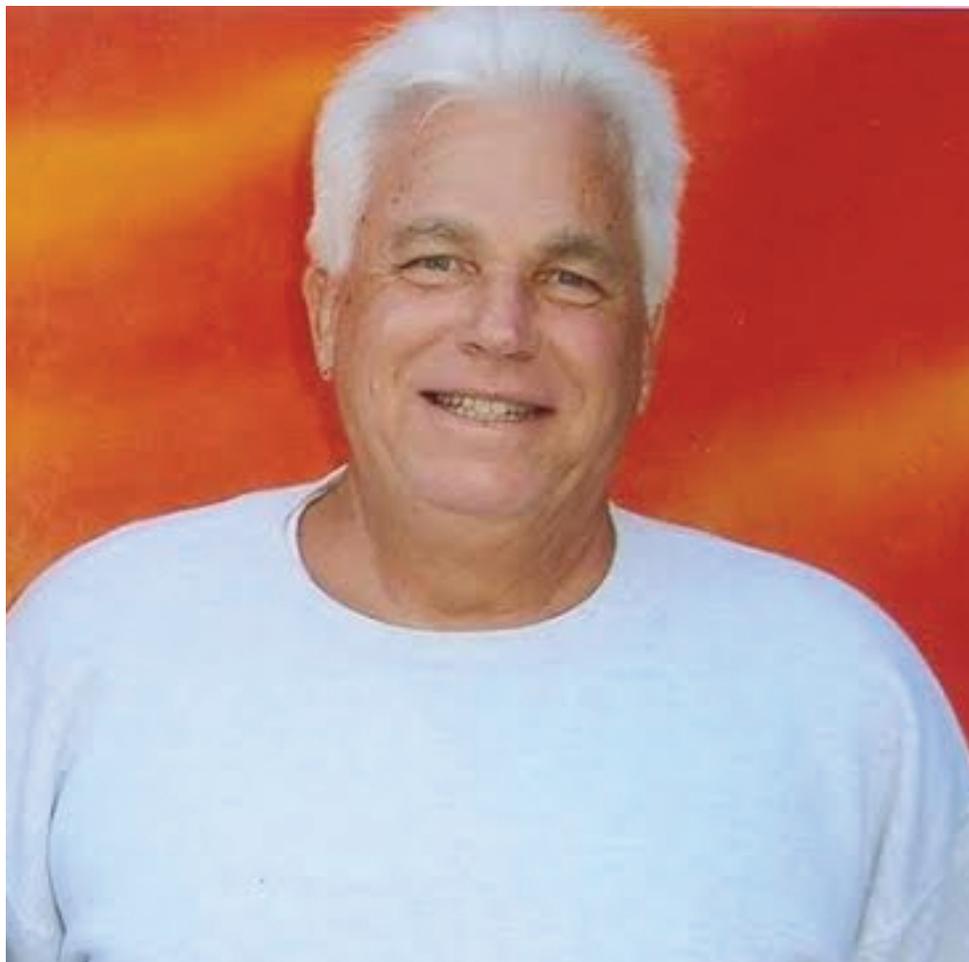


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**Billy Dekle**

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End **LIFE SENTENCES**  
for Marijuana

William Dekle is doing life without parole for flying planeloads of marijuana into the United States during the '70s and '80s. The Florida economy didn't provide many opportunities for the young pilot after he got out of the marines, at least none that could come close to marijuana smuggling.

In 1981, Billy was indicted on 18 counts in a RICO case that covered smuggling activity between 1977 and '79. Looking at 30 years, Billy caught a break when the government's star witness was tripped up on the stand telling lies. Over the next decade or so, Billy was indicted twice more by the Feds on RICO and conspiracy charges. When he wasn't in court or in jail, he was smuggling as much as he could to get money for lawyers. Things went from bad to worse. More of his business partners were getting busted. Billy skipped parole in 1987, figuring that when they caught him, he'd get 10 years. He decided he'd deal with that moment when it came. But in the three years that Billy was a fugitive, the laws changed. When the Feds finally caught up with him he ended up with two life sentences for conspiracy to import over 1,000 kilos of marijuana, and another life sentence for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 1,000 kilos of marijuana. On top of that, he got four 30-year sentences for importing, on four different occasions, over 100 kilos of marijuana, and four more 30-year sentences for possession with intent to distribute over 100 kilos of marijuana. The 30-year sentences were also part of that original load of over 1,000 kilos.

With sentencing enhancements due to his prior convictions, Billy is not eligible for parole. Presidential clemency remains Billy Dekle's only chance at freedom.

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