



PATRICK VANIER

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Patrick Vanier is a prosecutor with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office assigned to the Santa Clara County Human Exploitation and Trafficking Task Force. During his twenty-five year career as a prosecutor, Patrick worked in DA's offices and has served on the Sexual Assault Team, the Narcotics Prosecution Team, and the Human Exploitation Unit. For five years Patrick was the Supervising Deputy District Attorney for the Narcotics Prosecution Team. Patrick has spent more than half of his career working with law enforcement agencies investigating and prosecuting major narcotics cases with a particular emphasis on drug cartels, organized crime, and gangs.

Patrick's area of expertise is in wiretap investigations. As the lead prosecutor for human trafficking in the county, Patrick has worked with police agencies to develop both a protocol and blueprint for investigating human trafficking cases. Patrick has also developed applications for using wiretaps and other proactive techniques for human trafficking investigations. These approaches have led to successful prosecutions of prolific traffickers, as well as organized crime groups involved in the trafficking of persons. Patrick was the 2015 State of California Prosecutor of the Year for the California Narcotics Officers' Association and the recipient of the 2017 San Jose Police Department George W. Kennedy Excellence in Prosecution Award.