

# CODE OF THE WEST

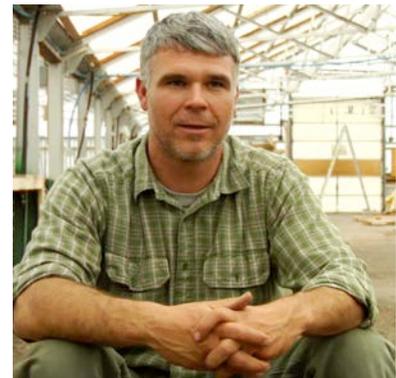
## Update on Montana Cannabis Partners

From filmmaker Rebecca Richman Cohen



**Tom Daubert** was indicted on the charge of Conspiracy to Maintain a Drug Involved Premise—and pled guilty. As a matter of federal law, Tom was prevented from submitting a defense, which argued that his company had complied with Montana’s medical marijuana law. In early September, our crew returned to Montana to film Tom’s sentencing. As the judge read Tom’s sentence, we had some reason to celebrate: Tom is not going to federal prison. On September 6, 2012, he was sentenced to five-years’ probation and \$50,000 in federal forfeiture fines for his role as an owner of Montana Cannabis. “I’m grateful for the judge’s leniency but I will never stop believing that patients deserve to live under a law that recognizes true science,” he said. Tom’s defense team submitted *CODE OF THE WEST* to the federal judge and highlighted the scenes of Tom’s growhouse tours. The judge watched the film in its entirety.

**Chris Williams** decided to take his case to a jury. Like Tom, he was prevented from presenting his compliance with state law as a defense against the federal charges. On September 27, 2012 he was convicted on marijuana and related gun charges and faced a *minimum* mandatory sentence of more than 80 years in prison. Two months after his conviction and ten of thousands of petition signatures later – in an incredibly rare, some say unprecedented move – federal prosecutors dropped six of the eight charges. Many supporters attributed the US Attorney’s decision to public pressure. Chris is currently behind bars serving a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison.



**Richard Flor** died in federal custody in August 2012. Unlike Tom, Richard was not given probation. He was sentenced to five years in prison despite a long history of serious health problems. He was held in a private prison in Montana for months, and authorities delayed his transfer to a federal prison where he could have received appropriate medical care. U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell wrote in his August 7 order that it was “unfortunate” that Flor’s transfer to a Bureau of Prisons medical facility was delayed, but “it is not factually or legally significant.” Richard’s family is working to file a wrongful death claim.

For more information and updates, please visit our website [www.codeofthewestfilm.com](http://www.codeofthewestfilm.com)



In the spring of 2013 we will release a new version of the film that includes these vital updates.

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