

Bio: Matthew Bryant, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent (Retired)

Matthew Bryant served as a federal law enforcement official for 38 years, including 30 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). During his tenure with USFWS, Mr. Bryant investigated illicit wildlife trade around the world and led high-profile enforcement actions across the United States. He has extensive experience with and understanding of the conditions in which wildlife crime takes place, including in the context of captive big cats. Mr. Bryant oversaw investigation of and enforcement actions against “Tiger King” Joseph Maldonado and others engaged in felid exploitation and trafficking, and he remains a leading expert in wildlife law. He now works to educate others about wildlife law enforcement, including students at U.S. universities and law schools, state enforcement agents, and civic leaders and organizations.