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## The Next War to End

I don't know if David Schubert is guilty. You don't either. But it wouldn't shock me if a jury convicted him, or if he pled out. You probably wouldn't be surprised, either.

The fact that we aren't shocked is what is shocking about the story.

You see, Schubert is the Nevada prosecutor who has handled many celebrity drug prosecutions -- Paris Hilton, most famously. He has [now been arrested](#) for possession of cocaine.

Common story: The people in charge of prosecuting America's ongoing War on Drugs are often drug users themselves. Many are "on the take" to drug gangs and warlords and kingpins. Or themselves embroiled in the drug trade.

The evidence for mass corruption, up and



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down the criminal justice system's chain of command, is massive itself. It reminds me of the stories of Inquisitors themselves accused of heresy, in the Middle Ages. It's a very old story.

And now it's become a way of life in America. Corruption is endemic, and that says something about the drug war itself. About our drug laws.

Which could be repealed.

Did you know that [Portugal](#) has had great success decriminalizing pretty much all recreational drugs?

Last week, Rep. Ron Paul [castigated House Republicans](#) for overlooking America's foreign wars as targets for cutting America's overblown budget. I agree with him, but really: We should look close to home, too.

It is high time for a complete cease-fire in the costly War on Drugs.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

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