

# MEDIA KIT

## THE LEAST Likely CRIMINAL



by **CINDY McDONALD**  
with **JENI GROSSMAN**  
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What would compel the devoted Mormon mother of three, and wife of a high-profile criminal attorney, to deliberately and repeatedly break the law?

*Introduce your audience to the mother who risked everything to save her son's life.*

**CINDY McDONALD** and her coauthor, **JENI GROSSMAN**, are available for interview to discuss their new book, ***THE LEAST LIKELY CRIMINAL***, a compelling story about this mother's courageous choices and the personal and legal changes that came about because of them.

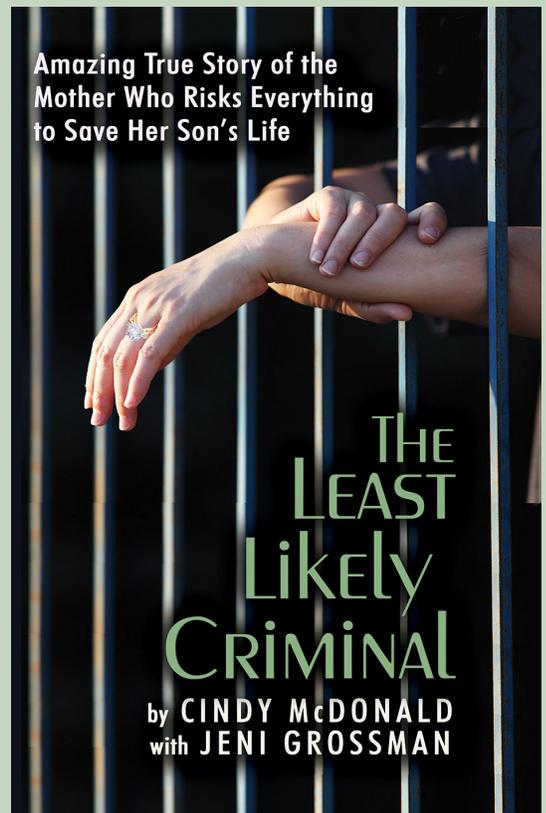
McDonald (and Grossman) will tell your audience:

- Why Cindy made the decision to purchase illegal street drugs behind her attorney husband's back
- How medical cannabis saved Cindy's son's life
- Why it is imperative that medical cannabis be made legally available to all who need it
- The importance of removing cannabis from the federal list of Schedule 1 drugs

This moving story is a deceptively easy read that will stay with its readers for a very long time.

*"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."*

— Rosa Parks



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## INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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| 1. Tell us what made you the Least Likely Criminal?  | 90 seconds to answer |
| 2. What was the scariest/most dangerous part about illegally obtaining marijuana for your son? | 2 minutes to answer  |
| 3. How did you get your husband to come around?  | 45 seconds to answer |
| 4. Why did you decide to write a book about your experiences?                                  | 30 seconds to answer |
| 5. How did you decide to bring on Jeni as your coauthor?                                       | 1 minute to answer   |
| 6. What was your process for writing the book?   | 90 seconds to answer |
| 7. Who is the audience for this book?  | 1 minute to answer   |
| 8. How have people been responding to the book?  | 1 minute to answer   |
| 9. What would you like to see happen as a result of publishing this book?                      | 2 minutes to answer  |
| 10. Why do you think medical marijuana should be legalized everywhere?                         | 1 minute to answer   |
| 11. What do you think is the biggest obstacle to legalizing medical cannabis?                  | 45 seconds to answer |
| 12. What is your position on the legalization of recreational                                  | 20 seconds to answer |
| 13. And how can people get a copy of the book?   | 1 minute to answer   |

## FACTS & STATISTICS

- As of November 2018, medical cannabis has been approved in 33 states.
- Medical cannabis is used to treat health issues as diverse as cancer, glaucoma, Parkinson's, seizure disorders, anxiety, ALS, insomnia, MS, and migraines.
- Research has shown significantly reduced rates of fatal opioid overdoses in states with legalized medical cannabis.
- Cannabis remains a Schedule 1 drug, according to the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. This designation means that it: (a) has a high potential for abuse; (b) has no accepted medical use; (c) is not safe to use, even under medical supervision.

## ADVANCE PRAISE FOR *THE LEAST LIKELY CRIMINAL*

"From my years working in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Marshal Service, I know marijuana is generally misunderstood. This is especially true regarding its medicinal value. This timely book pulls no punches. It will set people straight and help America pass new, sensible medical marijuana laws." *Don Tucker*  
*Former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Former Special Agent In Charge of the United States Secret Service, Former U.S. Marshal for the state of Arizona, and Former Chief of Security for the U.S. Federal Court System*

"This stunning new book, *THE LEAST LIKELY CRIMINAL*, reveals the depth of one mother's love for her son, and the extraordinary risks she endured to ease his suffering. Regardless of your view on the legality of marijuana, this book will challenge, inform, and inspire you." *Mike Poling and Lyn Hirschhorn*  
*World travelers, Munich, Germany*

"I especially appreciate the characterization of Hope as a 'bitch.' I was also struck by the transformations that occurred over time as Cindy and Mel moved beyond their inherited social and religious groupthink to a higher level of reasoning. This is an incredibly compelling story, one of many like it that has to be told for the public to understand what is at stake in this battle." *Dr. Dee, Ph.D., MSW*

"Impressive and moving. ...a tender narrative regarding a national debate in our society today." *Dr. Diane Furnish, Ph.D.*  
*School counselor, Gilbert, Arizona*

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## AUTHOR BIOS

**Cindy McDonald** is a devoted wife, mother, stepmother, and grandmother to a large clan of interesting human beings. She is a sought-after interior designer and runs her own property management company that keeps her busy night and day. For the past year, she has added writing this book to her list of many passions and accomplishments. She loves to travel to other countries, especially to little-known areas where she can enmesh herself in the lives of the fascinating new friends she meets. A graduate of Arizona State University, her major in Communication has served her well in her engagement with the world. Her experience raising a brain-injured son with epilepsy led her to write this book. Cindy invites you to look beyond the surface to see the bigger picture and the deeper meanings that adversity can teach us all. Her goal in telling her story is to increase compassion for those who struggle daily with serious health issues of all kinds.

**Jeni Grossman** is an award-winning journalist and the author of six works of fiction and creative nonfiction, including *Beneath the Surface*, *Behind the Scenes*, *Missing Pieces*, *Lacuna*, and her memoir, *Graduating from Religion*. Since *Lacuna* (*Kayıp Parça* in Turkish) is largely set in Turkey, it was translated into Turkish and became a bestseller there. Jeni earned two master's degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and is currently working toward a third in Religious Studies from Arizona State University. She also teaches religion at ASU. Jeni lives with her husband, Gary, in Gilbert, Arizona. Her grown children and the couple's children live nearby. Jeni's son was born with spina bifida and, at age 37, is one of the oldest Americans living with this disability. Her experiences with disability, advocacy, and medical interventions made Jeni a natural ally to help Cindy tell her own life story.

Cindy and Jeni have been friends for 25 years and have helped each other along the way. *The Least Likely Criminal* is a deeply felt, extremely personal look into what it took to survive and flourish despite the tragedies and traumas that are among life's challenges.



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