

Queering the Lone Star State  
Episode 5 Guiding Questions

What insights do Michael Cline's experiences reveal about the Village Station Raid of 1979?

What motivated police officers to raid queer establishments like the Village Station? What justification did they provide for doing so?

In what ways did police enforce the Texas public lewdness statute in a discriminatory way? How was this law related to the homosexual conduct statute?

In what ways was the Village Station Raid in Dallas in 1979 similar to the Stonewall Uprising in New York City in 1969? In what ways were these two events different?

What strategies did attorney Don Maison use to defend his clients after the Village Station Raid? Were those strategies effective?

Did Village Station defendants like Richard Schwiderski receive fair trials?

In what ways did Dallas's queer community support the Village Station defendants?

Why is *The State of Texas v. Richard Schwiderski* significant in the movement for queer equality in Texas?

What does the 2009 police raid of the Rainbow Lounge in Fort Worth indicate about the current state of the movement for queer equality?