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Special Agent Matthew Blake is a senior executive with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), and currently detailed to the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the Director for Counterintelligence and Law Enforcement in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I)). He is responsible for oversight, policy, guidance, strategic direction and advocacy for programs, resources, and activities within the Department of Defense pertaining to Counterintelligence, Counterterrorism investigations, and the law enforcement equities aligned under OUSD(I). He has held previous NCIS leadership positions as a Deputy Assistant Director in the National Security Directorate; Resident Agent in Charge of NCIS' office in the United Arab Emirates, the most visited overseas location by the U.S. Navy; Division Chief of National Security Operations, and Supervisory Special Agent for Counterintelligence/Counterterrorism Operations.

Special Agent Blake's senior leadership positions outside of NCIS include serving at the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity as a Deputy Special Agent in Charge/Chief of Operations at the Directorate of Field Activities, and as that agency's first Deputy Chief of Staff.

Special Agent Blake is a former Police Officer, and began his federal law enforcement career with the U.S. Treasury Department in 1998, where he served as a Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent in New York City. His assignments included a U.S. Secret Service transnational organized crime task force; the first Drug Enforcement Administration Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force in New York City during the events of 9/11.

Special Agent Blake received his commission from the U.S. Army in the Military Police Corps, and later transferred to the U.S. Air Force Reserve (USAFR) to become a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations where he held various leadership positions. He is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as a Counterintelligence Team Chief in the first Counterintelligence Directorate rotation of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq (2003). He serves currently in the USAFR at the National Intelligence University as an Assistant Professor of Intelligence Studies.

Special Agent Blake holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration; a Master's Degree in Military Operational Art and Science; and a B.S. in Accounting and Legal Studies. He also holds a lifetime Senior Fellow designation from the Excellence in Government Fellows Program of the Center for Government Leadership at the Partnership for Public Service.

Special Agent Blake's personal awards and decorations include the DoD Counterintelligence Agency Award; U.S. State Department Superior Honor Award; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Keith Connolly Memorial Award; Iraq CPA Administrator's Commendation; U.S. Attorney's Award from the Southern District of New York; Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Award; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; and the Air Force Combat Action Medal.