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Special Agent (SA) Christopher J. McMahon is the Executive Assistant Director, National Security Directorate (NSD), Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). He provides leadership, strategic direction, and management for global counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations and operations, including espionage, terrorism, compromise, technology transfer, cyber operations, threats to research, development, and acquisition programs; force protection activities, and insider threat programs.

SA McMahon served previously as the Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) for the NCIS Office of Special Projects (OSP) (2018-2019), leading espionage investigations, surveillance operations, counterintelligence operations, and the Virtual Operations Center; Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) with NSD (2017-2018), overseeing NCIS counterintelligence operational programs; and the Department of the Navy (DON) Counterintelligence Coordinating Authority (2017-2018), leading collaborative opportunities within the DON counterintelligence enterprise.

His additional leadership positions include serving as DAD with the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Operations Coordination Directorate (2016-2017), where he coordinated whole-of-government offensive counterintelligence operational activities; Assistant SAC of Counterintelligence Operations with OSP (2014-2016); Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) of Counterintelligence Operations with OSP (2013-2014); SSA for the OSP Special Surveillance Team (2013-2014); and SSA for Counterintelligence Investigations and Operations at the NCIS Hawaii Field Office (2012-2013). He is experienced in all NCIS mission areas, having served in multiple domestic and overseas field offices (2002-2012), including his deployment to Iraq with the Coalition Provisional Authority, and a task force position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SA McMahon began his career in 1997 as a U.S. Navy Intelligence Officer, initially serving as the Intelligence Officer for Sea Control Squadron Two Two, deploying to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Fox and in the Mediterranean in support of Kosovo. During his second tour, he supported the NCIS Far East Field Office in Yokosuka, Japan as an active duty Special Agent.

SA McMahon earned a Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University; and both a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma.