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NEW LEADER FOR ATF DENVER FIELD DIVISION

Andrew Traver Takes Over as Agency Head in Denver

DENVER – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announces the arrival of Andrew L. Traver, as the new Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Denver Field Division. As SAC of the Denver Field Division, Mr. Traver has operational oversight responsibilities for all ATF activities, both criminal and regulatory, for Colo., Mont., Utah and Wyo. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Traver was the SAC of the Chicago Field Division for the last eight years. Under his administration, the Chicago ATF office successfully disrupted and dismantled some of the most violent street gang factions and illicit firearms trafficking networks in the history of Chicago.

Traver began his ATF career in 1987 as a special agent in the Chicago Field Division, where he served for approximately five years. He went on to leadership positions throughout the United States, including Group Supervisor, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Resident Agent in Charge of the Camden, New Jersey, Field Office, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the New Orleans Field Division and ASAC of the San Francisco Field Division.

Mr. Traver received a bachelor's degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice, from Northern Illinois University, where he graduated *summa cum laude*. Following graduation, he joined the United States Navy and graduated third in his class from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

In November 2010, Mr. Traver was nominated by President Barack Obama to become the Director of ATF (and was subsequently re-nominated to the new session of Congress in January 2011), the first ATF career Special Agent to be so nominated.

"I am highly encouraged to see the great cooperative relationships ATF has established with our law enforcement partners throughout the entire Denver Field Division," said Mr. Traver. "We will continue to target the most violent offenders with the goal of reducing violent crime and making our communities safer places to live."

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