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Angel is a Special Agent with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General- Investigations (OIG-I). Angel graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. While at John Jay, Angel completed internships with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Office of Professional Responsibility; Department of Investigation, Manhattan District Attorney's Office; twice with the U.S. Marshals Service and a Cooperative Education Internship with OIG-USDA.

Angel's law enforcement career includes more than 22 years as a Special Agent with USDA OIG-I in New York's Northeast Region. Angel is currently a member of the National Technical Investigators Association (NATIA) and is assigned to the agencies Tech Committee. For several years Angel was also a member of OIG-USDA'S Emergency Response Team (ERT) conducting arrest, search and evidence gathering operations throughout the country.

Since 1989, Angel, a fluent Spanish speaker has completed numerous investigations as both the case agent and undercover agent throughout the Northeast. While conducting undercover operations Angel has purchased vehicles, weapons, drugs, a house, and numerous other items not permissible to purchase with food stamps. Angel has also conducted undercover operations related to bribery. Angel has successfully worked with Cooperating Witnesses.

Angel has received several U.S. Attorney Awards, District of Connecticut, for investigations in which he participated as both the case agent and undercover agent. While conducting a hurricane disaster investigation in Puerto Rico, Angel was recognized with the Excellence in Investigations Award from the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE).

Angel continues to act in an undercover capacity throughout the Northeast.