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Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Nevarez began his career with IRS-CI in 1995 when hired as an IRS Special Agent in Laguna Niguel, CA. As a criminal investigator, he conducted a wide array of financial investigations involving tax evasion and money laundering crimes. As a special agent, he was assigned to the U.S. Embassies in Bogota, Colombia and Mexico City where he was responsible for coordinating international investigative actions in Central and South America.

SAC Nevarez began his IRS management career in 2005 when assigned as a Supervisory Special Agent in Phoenix, AZ. In July 2009, he was assigned to Headquarters in Washington, D.C. where he was responsible for overseeing CI's anti-money laundering program. In his first senior leadership role, he was Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of CI's Tampa Field Office responsible for overseeing criminal investigations and operation throughout central and northern Florida.

In July 2013, he returned to IRS headquarters as Director of Narcotics and Counterterrorism (NCT). As Director of NCT, he spearheaded the modernization of CI's Narcotics program, formulation of a Counter-terrorism Strategy, and creation of CI's Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) program. In addition, CI's contributions to National Security matters were increased via the design and implementation of collaborative projects with U.S. and International partners. As Director of NCT, he oversaw resources that CI has assigned to ONDCP, OCDETF, EPIC, Fusion Center, SOD, Defense Department, and the National Joint Terrorism Task Force.

In his current leadership role, SAC Nevarez is responsible for all of CI's investigative and operational activity in Arizona and New Mexico. As the head of office, SAC Nevarez authorizes initiation of criminal investigations and approves referrals for prosecution to Department of Justice. He ensures collaboration with Federal, State and local law enforcement and liaison with public and private entities.

SAC Nevarez is a native of Southern California and is married with three children. An avid sports fan, he has a special affinity for soccer having played the sport most of his life as well as attended a number of professional soccer matches throughout the world.

SAC Nevarez holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from DeVry University and a Master's in Management from the Catholic University of America.