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Ronald W. "Ron" Benefield was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on December 19, 1950, and graduated from Indiana State University in 1974 with a bachelor of science degree in criminology.

Following graduation, he was employed by the State of Indiana Prison System and later took a position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a correctional officer. He joined the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in 1976.

Special Agent Benefield was appointed as to his current position as Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Criminal Investigations at the Los Angeles Field Office in July, 1996.

After serving his initial tour at the NCIS Resident Agency in Great Lakes, Illinois, Special Agent Benefield has served in additional investigative assignments at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Lakehurst, New Jersey.

In 1984, he was appointed to a supervisory position at the NCIS Resident Agency in Newport, Rhode Island, where he served for three years before being assigned to the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet as the NCIS liaison agent. While serving in that assignment, Special Agent Benefield was also the Assistant to the Regional Director Pacific Region for Foreign Counterintelligence.

In 1990, he was appointed as the Agent in Charge of the NCIS Resident Agency at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, a position he held until 1993, when he was appointed Deputy Assistant Director for Public Affairs at NCIS Headquarters, where he served until his current assignment.

Special Agent Benefield is married to the former Susan Dupies of Terre Haute, Indiana. The Benefields have two daughters, Kimberly and Brook, and reside in the Upland, California, area.