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## **Ricardo Karakadze**



### **Senior Intelligence Officer Naval Criminal Investigative Service**

Ricardo Karakadze was selected to the Defense Intelligence Senior Level (DISL) in May 2014 and currently serves as the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Senior Intelligence Officer. In this capacity, he manages, directs, and oversees intelligence specialists who collect, fuse, and analyze raw, multi-source information to produce all-source, time-sensitive finished intelligence products in support of DON, and NCIS counterintelligence; counterterrorism; cyber; research, development, and technology; criminal; and collection requirements in support of NCIS chartered mission objectives and operations and investigations. Mr. Karakadze has been a civilian employee with the Department of the Navy (DON) since 2005.

From August 2009 to August 2014, Mr. Karakadze was assigned to the NCIS Southeast Field Office in Jacksonville, Florida as the Senior Intelligence Officer. Mr. Karakadze was responsible for managing and directing NCIS intelligence efforts within the Southeast United States, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Previously, from February 2006 to April 2009, Mr. Karakadze served as the National Maritime Intelligence Center/Office of Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer to NORAD-U.S. Northern Command. In this position, he was responsible for global maritime intelligence issues related to U.S. homeland defense.

From February 2005 to January 2006, Mr. Karakadze served as the Division Head of the Counter-Proliferation, Homeland Defense and Cargo Tracking Division (CTD/ONI 114) at the Office of Naval Intelligence. In this capacity, Mr. Karakadze supervised 35 analysts and regularly coordinated and engaged with the broader Intelligence Community and senior governmental officials.

From 1982 to February 2005, Mr. Karakadze served in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator. His operational assignments include Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron ONE and FIVE, and 820 Naval Air Squadron where he participated in numerous named operations. Shore

and staff positions include assignments to Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV/N52), where he served as a Political-Military Affairs Officer; to Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, where he served as the Assistant Air Operations Officer, and to the Defense Attaché Office in Valletta, Malta. Mr. Karakadze also served in foreign exchange programs with Argentina and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Karakadze, a native of Miami, Florida, received a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Memphis and a master's degree from the University of Virginia. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal and the Department of State Meritorious Service Medal.