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James F. Lindner was born on October 4, 1950, in New York, N.Y. He attended Norwich University in Northfield Vermont, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1972. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army and served four years active duty in the Military Police, to include a tour in the Republic of Korea.

Joining the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in November 1981, Special Agent Lindner was initially assigned to the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Virginia. He served subsequent tours as a special agent afloat on U.S.S. America (CV-66); and at the NCIS Resident Agency in London, UK. In 1986, he became the first NCIS special agent permanently assigned to Bahrain. The following year, he returned to the London Resident Agency as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge and served in that position for three years. In February 1990, he was assigned as the Resident Agent in Charge of the NCIS Resident Agency in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where he served until May 1992. He was then detailed to the On-Site Inspection Agency (OSIA) and served as the Chief of Counterintelligence for OSIA-Europe in Frankfurt, Germany.

In August 1994, Special Agent Lindner entered the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Graduating from the College of Naval Warfare in June 1995, he was awarded a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Special Agent Lindner remained in Newport, serving as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Foreign Counterintelligence at the NCIS Northeast Field Office. In March 1997, he was transferred to the Counterintelligence Directorate at NCIS Headquarters, where he served as a Division Chief. In this capacity, he managed NCIS counterintelligence investigations and operations within North and South America.

Special Agent Lindner is the recipient of several awards, including the Army Commendation Medal and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. During his tenure as Chief of Counterintelligence for OSIA-Europe the members of the unit were awarded the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation by the Director of Central Intelligence. While attending the Naval War College, he was awarded the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Distinguished Essay Award. In addition to a masters degree from the Naval War College, Lindner also holds a Master of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice from Long Island University.