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Special Agent Matthew E. Parsons began his career in law enforcement in 1972 as a police officer in Buffalo NY, where he served in both the Patrol Division and as an investigator in the Homicide Bureau. He left the Buffalo PD in 1981 for employment as a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), in Norfolk, VA, where he remained until 1985.

From 1985 through 1988, SA Parsons served as the Foreign Counterintelligence Squad Leader in Yokosuka, Japan. In 1988 he transferred to the Naval Air Warfare Center – Aircraft Division at Patuxent River, MD. There he served as Assistant Supervisory Special Agent until 1990, and then as Supervisory Special Agent until 1994.

In 1994 SA Parsons was selected for and tasked with the implementation of a concept to address “computer crime” in the Navy. His model matured into the Computer Investigations and Operations Department and the associated response capability for NCIS. He served as Division Chief, Computer Investigations and Operations Department, until his transfer in 2000. At the time of his transfer, the program had grown to more than 60 full-time agents and computer specialists, addressing network-related law enforcement and counterintelligence issues around the world for the Department of the Navy.

In 2000 SA Parsons began his assignment as Resident Agent in Charge, NCISRA Okinawa. In this capacity, he supervised criminal, counterintelligence and force protection operations there and throughout the Pacific theater in support of the Third Marine Expeditionary Force.

SA Parsons was selected to continue in a leadership role as the Special Agent in Charge, NCIS Far East Field Office, Yokosuka in July 2003. During this assignment, he designed and implemented numerous initiatives that improved the quantity and quality of service provided to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces. Under his leadership, NCIS Far East received two Meritorious Unit Commendations for excellence in resolving two brutal homicides, one with significant geo-political impact. In December 2006, he transferred to NCISHQ in Washington where he is currently assigned as Assistant Director for Planning and Evaluation.

SA Parsons earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from the State University College at Buffalo NY; a Master of Science degree in management from Troy State University, AL; and a Master of Business Administration degree from Grantham University, Kansas City, MO.