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Preston W. Thomas was born in the Bronx, New York, on October 31, 1955, and attended John Jay College in New York City, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice planning and administration in 1977.

As Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Technical Services Division at NCIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., Special Agent Thomas is responsible for the supervision of more than 20 special agents and 10 administrative and professional support personnel providing forensic and technical investigative support to NCIS field elements worldwide.

Special Agent Thomas began his law enforcement career at the age of 17 as a volunteer with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) Emergency Services Unit. While he was still in college, he worked part time with the Bronx County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as an investigator. Following graduation, he worked for a law firm and later started a communications business before joining the Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, District Attorney's Office as an investigator in 1978. He joined the NCIS in 1983.

Following his initial tour at the New York City Resident Agency, Special Agent Thomas was accepted in the Technical Investigative Specialty Program and was assigned to the Technical Services Department at NCIS Headquarters. Subsequent assignments included the Mid Pacific Regional Office in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Head of Radio Communications at NCIS Headquarters; Head of the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures/Investigative Support Division, where he served until his appointment to his current position in 1993.

Special Agent Thomas is the recipient of numerous awards to include the NYPD Award of Merit, two NYPD Unit Citations, a NYPD Personal Letter of Recognition, in addition to several NCIS merit pay performance awards.

Special Agent Thomas is married to the former Sheri Grier of New York, New York. The Thomas' have two sons and live in Bowie, Maryland.