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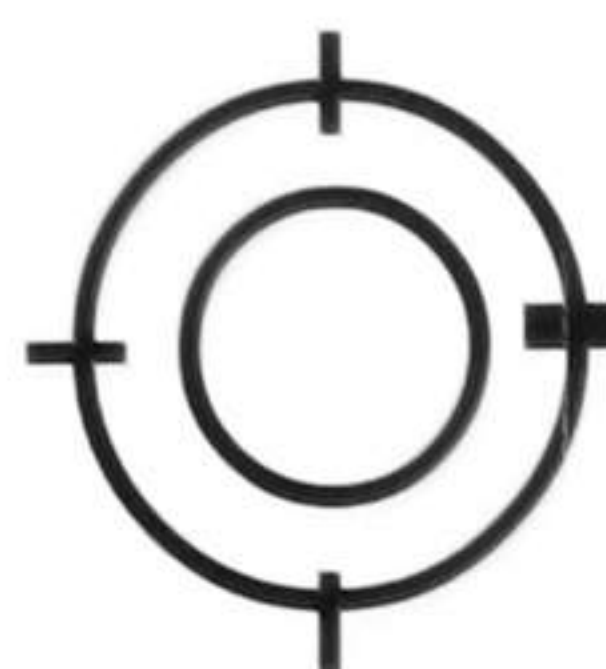
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Innovation and excellence—essential leadership qualities and words that characterize what we're all about. Together, they ensure that NCIS will remain at the forefront of law enforcement and that our work will continue to have a positive impact on the quality of life of our Sailors and Marines. It is this impact that drives us. Think of the sense of relief felt by a victim when her assailant is apprehended; think of a family's sense of closure; think of the missing child found in a foreign country.

As I read this issue of *The Bulletin*, I was struck with the innovation and excellence it takes to overcome the obstacles we face every day, from paucity of evidence to fiscal constraints to doing something nobody has ever done before. The Safekids program, for example, is in huge demand because it takes an innovative approach to protecting kids on the Internet. The reputation of our Cold Case Homicide Unit continues to grow within the law enforcement community for their excellent results and innovative methodology for solving cold cases. And the article on joint fraud training highlights how we can make better use of our resources through innovative thinking and action.



We are constantly looking for ways to recognize and foster innovation and excellence. Your ideas, your suggestions, and your work are critical to the continued improvement of this organization. Whether it's the civilian-of-the-year awards or recognition for our GS-13 street agents, everything starts with an idea. I hope you'll continue to let me know your thoughts about how we can make NCIS even better.

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Operation Jambalaya: NCIS Cold Case Homicide Unit Resolves #29

By Larry Jackson

In the end, it came down to words.

The words of a killer. An admission. Then a confession.

"A lot of times, confessions are the only way we're going to get a conviction on a cold case," says NCIS Special Agent Sam Worth, "And we usually only get one chance; so, we put in a lot of planning and hard work to make sure that we make the most of that one opportunity."

In the case of Operation Jambalaya, the investigation and planning took over a year, with agents calling on the specialized skills of local police departments, forensic consultants, psychologists, crime analysts, pathologists, and forensic scientists to solve a murder that took place in 1992.

On a fall morning in that year, fishermen found the body of Marilyn Yvette Allen, partially submerged in Lake O'Neill aboard Camp Pendleton, CA. There weren't many leads for the NCIS and FBI agents to follow. The San Diego County medical examiner estimated that Allen had been dead for two or three days, but was unable to determine a cause of death. The water had eradicated other clues. A search of the area yielded nothing more than suspected drag marks and footwear impressions. After two years, the investigation was shelved.

Then, halfway across the country, a break. A woman approached the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Police Department saying that her former boyfriend had confessed to strangling a woman and dumping her body in a lake at Camp Pendleton. The NCIS office

at Camp Pendleton and the local FBI office re-opened the investigation on August 4, 1997, but, in the words of the official case summary, "Attempts to develop additional incriminating evidence on [the suspect] were unproductive."

In December 1998, Special Agent Julie Haney decided that she might have more success by applying the cold case methodology that had been developed by NCIS. The case was opened for the third and final time.

Haney spent the winter analyzing the old case file, essentially tearing the case apart piece-by-piece to see if anything had been overlooked that might link the suspect with the victim. She began trying to track down the physical evidence, but learned that most of it had been destroyed. Persevering, she located a medical examiner who had retained some evidence—a single cell—from the initial autopsy.



SA Julie M. Haney

That single cell, and the DNA it contained, was enough to give Haney hope that she could link the killer to the crime. Haney, by now so familiar with the case file that she could practically see it in her sleep, remembered that the Louisiana girlfriend had said that after the suspect killed Marilyn Allen, he had driven around for several hours with the body in

his car. Although the slaying was now six years old, Haney knew that if she could find the car, NCIS forensic consultants might locate evidence that Allen had been in the suspect's car.

She spent the winter of 1999 looking for the car. After months of fruitless effort, she finally concluded that she had exhausted every conceivable avenue.

Spring came, and Haney decided that all of the fringe leads had been explored. She began devising an operation to obtain the information she needed by directly contacting the killer. That fall, she sent a lead to Special Agent D'Wayne Swear in New Orleans.

As Swear began running the lead, using his extensive contacts in Louisiana, he realized that the elements for an undercover operation directly targeting the suspect were largely in place. "I went into an intelligence-gathering mode on [the suspect] to see if I could mirror his lifestyle with an undercover agent. The Louisiana State Police (LSP) Intelligence unit provided info that he was working as a maintenance man at a casino and that he was receiving compensation for a service-related injury from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Between the two sources, we were able to develop a tremendous amount of information on the suspect."

Swear learned that the casino security director was a retired LSP Lieutenant, and approached him with the idea of an operation to determine whether the suspect was a killer. The security director agreed, but said that Swear would need the approval of his boss, a senior manager at the casino. "In speaking with the manager," says Swear, "I found out that he was a retired Navy chief warrant officer who had sailed in the WESTPAC. I began speaking to him in Tagalog, and soon he agreed to the premise of hiring a UCA to work alongside [the suspect]."

By December, Swear had ascertained that the infrastructure for the operation existed. LSP provided

intelligence and communications support, as well as an undercover apartment. The only thing missing was the right undercover agent [UCA].

"We knew a lot about the suspect: what kind of films he liked, what kind of things he did in his off-time (like body-building), that he was angry toward women, loved his kids. But the most important thing—the only thing he was really proud of—was being a Marine. So I knew that, whoever the UCA was, he had to be a Marine."

Swear was having a tough time settling on the right person for the job. Then one night over drinks with a friend, Swear real-

ized he was talking to exactly the right candidate. He was Jeffrey Winn, a Lieutenant on the New Orleans Police Department, a Reserve Marine CID agent, and Swear's best friend.

"So," says Swear, "I told him about the plan, and he jumped right on board." Yet with Mardi Gras approaching, bringing with it tremendous strains on local law enforcement, the New Orleans Police Department wasn't about to let Winn go for very long. "They wanted him back in his job as Commander of the Third District Investigative Unit within 45 days. You could say there was a little pressure," says Swear, smiling. "We wanted to get started in the first week of January to have enough time."

But it was December, and the winter holidays were slowing things down. The military orders necessary to recall Winn to active duty were delayed, as were the necessary approvals to conduct the operation. Christmas passed. Then New Year's Eve.

Finally the operation was approved in mid-January. A few days later, Winn's orders arrived. But Mardi Gras was now only 30 days away.

"Fortunately," says Swear, "we had all of the infrastructure in place so that as soon as Jeff had orders, we inserted him. My hat's off to Doc Gelles, though—the Marine Green bond worked right away." It worked so well, in fact, that on Winn's first night,



SA Swear is interviewed by New Orleans local news team following arrest of suspect.

At the time of writing, the suspect is awaiting extradition from Louisiana to California, where he will face first-degree murder charges in San Diego County.

the suspect asked him to run dope for him, establishing an even deeper involvement, but creating some operational adjustments for Swear.

“Even with all the great intel we had, we didn’t know he was running drugs. That increased the need for counter surveillance, since dealers are always checking up on the people around them. Jeff is my friend. I know his family. I wanted to make sure that he was more than fully protected. That meant he couldn’t stay in the apartment; so, we moved every day. We needed to keep ourselves feeling secure.”

As time went on, the suspect was showing Winn how to do his job as they worked alongside each other, day after day at the casino. The two were bonding tremendously well. On 28 January, Winn began tapping their conversations.

On 3 February, Winn talked with Dr. Michael Gelles, NCIS forensic psychologist, saying that he felt confident that he was close to obtaining a confession. Gelles and Winn agreed on six “hot buttons” that Winn would “push” the next day, each one intended to elicit more information from the suspect while deepening the bond between the men.

On 4 February, by the time Winn got to the second button, the suspect was admitting to the killing, giving details that only the killer would know. But before withdrawing Winn from the operation, Swear had Winn introduce an LSP undercover agent to make a drug deal with the suspect. This allowed the LSP to arrest the suspect on drug charges, thus providing additional cover for Winn and preserving the element of surprise for the interrogation.



SA Mike Bradford (Camp Pendleton) and SA Pete Green (New Orleans) were the first to let the suspect know the real reason for his arrest. They interrogated the suspect for about six hours, finally obtaining

a confession with the assistance of polygrapher Terry Davidson (Mayport).

“Terry’s assistance was critical, since he was able to refocus the interrogators each time they took a break,” says Worth. “Every person who worked this case is a total team player, from NCIS to the Louisiana State Police, to Marine Corps CID.”

D’Wayne Swear agrees. “Matt Butler hit the nail on the head when he named the operation ‘Jambalaya.’ When you gonna make a good batch of Louisiana jambalaya, you throw in lots of ingredients. We had a mix of various agencies and talents—active and reserve military, federal, state, and local law enforcement—it took ‘em all to put this guy away. There’s just no way we could’ve pulled this off without the help of the Louisiana State Police, the Baton Rouge Police, the New Orleans Police, and the Marine Reserve CID program. It’s practically a religious feeling.”

At the conclusion of the operation, Marilyn Allen’s family expressed their feelings of relief and appreciation. In a phone call to NCISRA Camp Pendleton shortly after the suspect’s arrest, her father tearfully indicated that he had long since resigned himself to the thought that her killer would never be caught. The efforts of all involved with this investigation not only solved an unresolved homicide, they brought closure to a dark chapter in the lives of Marilyn Allen’s family and friends.

The Cold Case College

By Erin Abernathy

Since the inception of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's Cold Case Homicide Program in 1995, the Cold Case Unit has been responsible not only for assisting agents in the field, but also for offering instruction in Cold Case methodology to law enforcement agencies on the federal, state, and local levels.

These agencies include the Chicago Police Department, Connecticut State Police, Louisiana State Police, Florida Homicide Investigators' Association (HIA), Virginia HIA, North Carolina HIA, as well as the police departments of Prince William and Chesterfield Counties in Virginia. Most recently classes were conducted for the Maine State Police in March 2000. Fifty detectives from the area, as well as NCIS agents, participated in this class.

The Cold Case Homicide course can last from one to two-and-a-half days. Instruction includes lectures on cold case methodology, including steps in establishing a cold case unit, investigative protocol,



Mike Sullivan of the Headquarters Cold Case Squad, talking to the Virginia Homicide Investigators.

prosecutorial considerations, and potential pitfalls. To increase the impact of the lessons, NCIS instructors illustrate these principles of investigation using details drawn from actual cases.

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Senior Special Agents: Who benefits from their experience?

By Special Agent Dave Early

Editor's Note: Acting on a suggestion from an agent in the field, Director Brant has directed the DAB to examine how best to recognize the contributions of our most experienced street agents. This column in the Bulletin is available to any GS-13 street agent to express his or her opinion.

Interviews, interrogations, crime and death scene examinations, courtroom testimony, dignitary escorts, ship advances, threat assessments, and contract reviews. If you have been a special agent since Bush, Reagan or even Ford was in office, depending on your discipline, you have done any of the above more times than can be remembered. But with each case and each job, agents learn and develop through their experiences. Specifically, agents learn from what worked and, more importantly and probably more painfully, what did not work. The experience level of the senior Special Agent corps is one of the NCIS' greatest assets. But who benefits from all that experience?

The first and most important group to benefit is the victims of crimes. Regardless of the case category, most victims of crimes have been traumatized to some extent. Aside from showing physical signs of trauma, a true victim of crime may feel violated, confused, angry, and helpless. In dealing with victims, senior agents can quickly evaluate the victim's needs and explain what they are probably experiencing, even before the victim conveys those emotions. By doing so the agent immediately relates to that victim a sense of understanding and restores the victim's sense of confidence. Many times the agent is one of the first representatives of "the system" that the victim meets and, as such, can have a tremendous impact on how the victim perceives law enforcement. This initial interaction can determine the victim's future cooperation with agents and prosecutors as well as aid in their recovery process.

"...And how long have you been employed as a Special Agent for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service?" After being asked by the prosecutor to state your name and employment for the jury, this is usually the next question asked of any agent when testifying in court. Why is this such a standard question?

The ability to answer that question with “10 years,” “15 years,” “20 years,” or more can have a significant impact on how the agent is perceived and the weight given his or her testimony. Aside from influencing the jury, senior agents who have been through several trials or court-martials have a greater understanding of the legal process, including the prosecutor’s concerns and the defense’s strategies and tactics. As such, senior agents can consider these issues during the initial stages of investigations and address them early to avoid issues in court later. Something as simple as asking a suspect certain questions during an interrogation regarding his state of mind during a crime may preempt possible defense strategies in a future trial.

An agent’s experiences also benefit the Navy and Marine Corps commands to which we provide our services. Exposure to various commands over the years allows the experienced agent to understand a commanding officer’s concerns, to include his or her responsibility for command morale and combat readiness. More often than not, a commanding officer with a problem or a need in his or her command is anxious for results and may not fully understand the services NCIS can provide. Knowing the command’s needs as well as NCIS’ capabilities, an experienced agent can assess each situation, determine what resources are required and initiate a course of action. Simply put, NCIS as a whole is a tool for the Department of the Navy. But by knowing our personnel and their capabilities as well as our available resources, senior agents can effectively use those personnel and resources to efficiently resolve the command’s problems or fulfill their needs.

Mid- and upper-level managers also benefit from senior agents’ experience in several ways. As is the case in any industry, managers typically rely on those who they know can get the job done. The key word there is “rely.” Managers rely on senior agents to handle the more complex cases or sensitive situations. Managers put their trust in the senior agent corps to do a professional and thorough job, not only to resolve important cases, but also to avoid political embarrassment and reduce liability. Additionally, managers can spend less time supervising the senior agent corps and more time addressing the training and learning needs of newer agents.

Senior agents also have a responsibility to teach the “less seasoned” of the agent corps and to share their experiences. Teaching comes in many forms and can vary from explaining or suggesting an investigative technique to providing a positive role model. Whether liked or not, senior agents are looked at and looked to and can have a tremendous influence on those who are relatively new to the agency or to law enforcement. There is no better compliment to a senior agent than to be sought out for some advice or an opinion. I also believe the best lessons are those which we never knew we taught.

The last group to benefit from senior agents’ years of experience is the agents themselves. It is through those experiences that agents define and refine their investigative techniques and develop their abilities to assess people and situations. Having and developing these tools increases our effectiveness as special agents. Whether we are interrogating suspects, reviewing contracts, or escorting dignitaries, senior agents should know the best, quickest and easiest way to go about accomplishing the task. With seniority and experiences also comes confidence. That confidence will be readily evident and will have a positive effect on everyone with whom the agent interacts.

From piecing together and resolving complex criminal investigations to averting costly and embarrassing situations, the experience of the senior special agent corps has far-reaching benefits that come in many forms.

Special Agent Dave Early, a member of the Cold Case Squad in Mayport, has been with NCIS since September 1987.





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A LITTLE PIECE OF MIND FOR PARENTS

by Tanya Espinosa and Larry Jackson

You and your family are overseas, or even here in the States. There's a guard at the gate, and military police patrolling the housing area. Your family should be safe in your home, right?

Not necessarily. A June 2000 study found that roughly one in five children who used the Internet regularly received a sexual solicitation in the last year; one in four had an unwanted exposure to pictures of naked people or people having sex, and the majority of these episodes went unreported. In 1999, nearly 24 million youth ages 10 through 17 were online regularly. In 1998, there were more than 400 missing/abducted children associated with the Internet in North America alone.

So what's a parent to do? In many cases, a parent's children know more about the Internet than they do. What precautions can you take? How can you keep your child safe?

The Internet is a valuable tool; so, children shouldn't be denied the chance to use it, they should just learn how to use it properly. That's where the NCIS program "Safekids" comes in. Released in late 1999, Safekids is a program designed to help teach children, parents, and teachers about safe use of the Internet.

Some of the Safekids lessons for children are personal responsibility while online, how to protect private information, seeing isn't believing, common sense

safety tips, how to protect data and hardware from viruses, legal issues such as software piracy, and what to do about threatening e-mail.

"These are skills our children need to survive as competitive, successful adults—the Internet won't just go away because we want it to," says Special Agent Matt Parsons, who initially developed the program. [See sidebar.] "We've got to get smart, we've got to get involved."

To that end, Safekids teaches parents how to pull down their computer's history files, restrict websites, and how to download and use SearchIt—a program that locates image files on a computer's hard drives so that parents can see what their children may be viewing.

"But what really horrified me was that not one of them had told their parents....And these were children of NCIS Agents."

Parents also learn that e-mail can be as dangerous as the Internet. Most parents wouldn't think much about a survey e-mailed from a family friend with the subject line, "Getting to know me." No big deal, right?

Wrong. A survey recently spread around the United States targets kids, asking questions like hair color, eye color, full name, words or phrases you over-use, best advice, online best bud, etc. Not really a big deal, until you go further with questions like: "Where you live;" "What's your school;" "Would you consider your relationship with your parents bad, okay,

good or great;" and "Have you ever been lonely?" In all, the survey has 91 questions children are supposed to fill out and send back to the person who sent it to them, who in turn sends it back to the person who sent it to them so that eventually the information gets back to the originator.

What can someone do with that information? According to Dr. Michael Gelles, a forensic psychologist with NCIS, surveys help people develop data-



bases with all kinds of information. "If you only look at a few of the questions," says Gelles, "you can't really tell anything about the person answering it, but if you look at the whole survey, you can piece everything together, where the child is, if they're looking for someone to love, want to run away—the exact kind of information a predator can use to their advantage."

Although the program was originally intended primarily for military and family members overseas, Special Agent Dawn Teague recently discovered that NCIS family members are also at risk.

"I was giving the Safekids briefing to about 25 NCIS children who were at Headquarters for Take Your Children to Work Day. After we'd been talking a while, I asked if any of them had had an uncomfortable experience on the Internet. These were children between the ages of seven and 15, and several of them said that they had been solicited by predators on the net who wanted to meet them in person. But what really horrified me was that not one of them had told their parents. I was the first person they had ever told! And these were the children of NCIS agents."

Teague notes, "The e-mail address,

safekids@ncis.navy.mil, is getting a great response, and we've helped a number of parents."

The case of one Navy member stands out in her mind. "His teenage daughter was online when she got an upsetting instant message from a person she'd never talked to before. He named all her classes, knew when she went to lunch, when she was home alone, and where she lived."

Later, a second person came on and supplied the same information to her. Frightened, she brought this to the attention of her father, who eventually contacted NCIS through the safekids@ncis.navy.mil address. Special Agent Joe Degnan (NEEA) met with the family and instructed them on how to log all AOL chat and messages, as well as how to block unwanted instant messages. To date, the family has received no more harassing messages.

"It gives you a little peace of mind," the father said about Safekids and NCIS.

Sergeant Tanya Espinosa is a mother of two and Production Chief for Marine Corps News at Headquarters Marine Corps in Arlington, VA. Her article on Safekids, from which this was adapted, appears in the July-September issue of Marines Magazine.

Do You Know Where They're Going?

Do You Know Who They're Talking To?

When They're In Your House?

On Your computer?

You Should - Their Lives May Depend On It.

"One in five children who used the Internet regularly received a sexual solicitation in the last year."

“Safekids” is Born

By Larry Jackson

In 1994, Special Agent Matt Parsons was tasked with standing up an organization within the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) to deal with computer crime. “Frankly, I was searching around for a way to get started. After attending a two-week class at FLETC (the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA) I realized that chatrooms and the Internet would become a problem for law enforcement. Then, as a parent, talking with other parents in my neighborhood, I realized that parents were going to need help.

“I thought back to my overseas days, and I shuddered at the thought that a kid might get lost over there. I mean, my kids here in the US hadn’t had any computer safety lessons; so I knew that kids overseas didn’t have anything. We contacted the DOD schools, and after talking with them realized that the average teacher would need help providing lessons on Internet safety.”

Parsons built a network within law enforcement and the teachers in his kids’ schools. Working largely on his own time, he culled whatever information he could find.

His daughter, Laura, now 15, helped him do quality assurance. “I’d show her the slides, and she’d say, ‘Oh, Dad, that’s really lame.’ I really needed the input from the teenage perspective.”

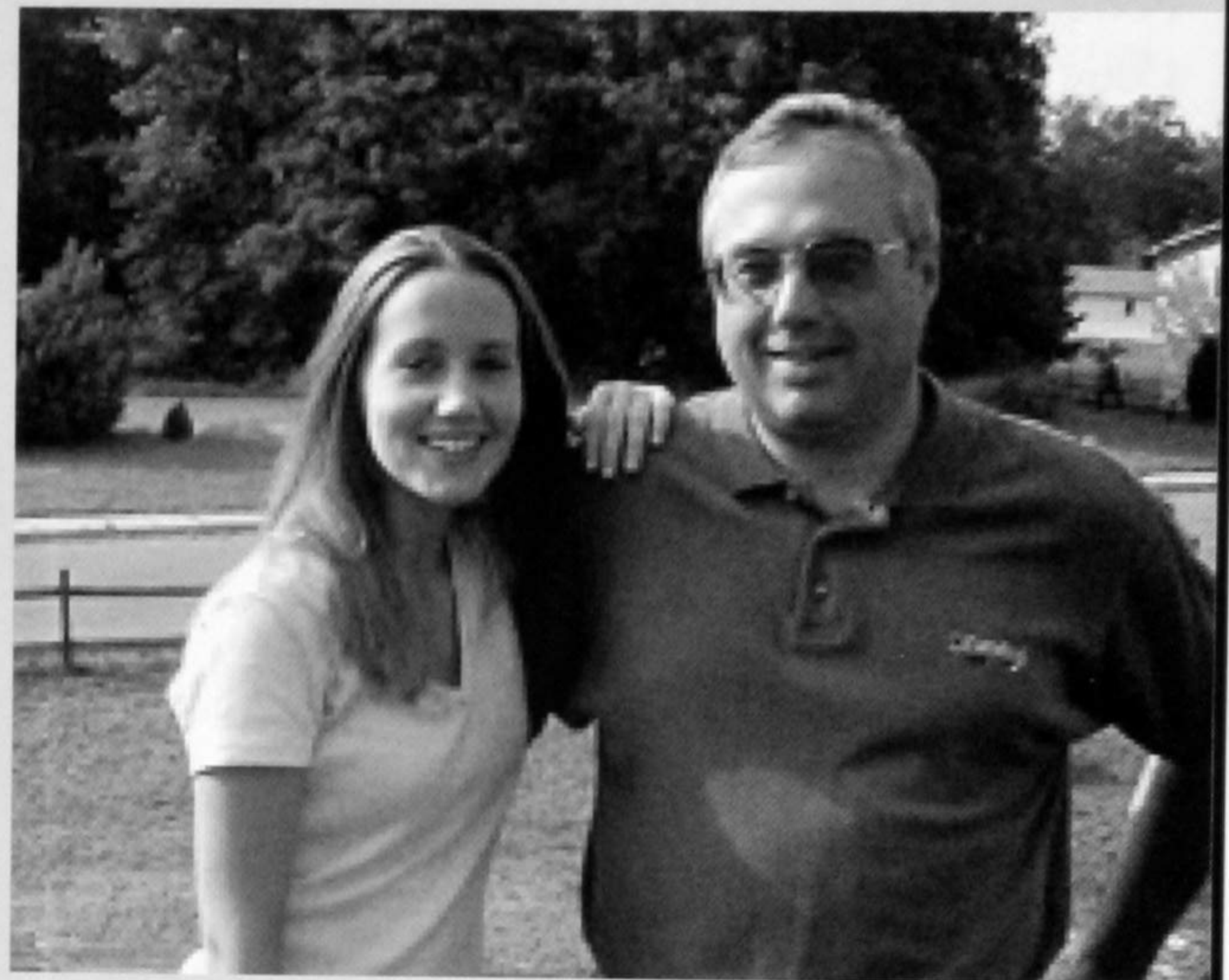
Parsons was sure someone else must be working on the problem, but everywhere he turned for input, he received encouragement and requests for the end product. He continued to improve the program.

Then, last spring, his daughter received an e-mail from a friend, who thought the message nothing more than a cute survey. It had been forwarded over and over again, but Laura read it and was disturbed by the questions. She immediately took it to her dad.

“It was essentially a psychological profile. Dr. Gelles (NCIS Forensic Psychologist) looked at it, and concluded that it would allow a predator to evaluate kids’ vulnerabilities. It was chilling. Predators are very good at manipulating kids.”

Parsons immediately called the parents of the friend who had forwarded the message, but realized that he couldn’t reach everyone who would have seen it. “At that point, I realized it was time to move.”

“We got the educators to bless it and, coordinating with DOD Schools, gave our first lesson last October in Japan.” Since then, NCIS Special Agents have given the brief to teachers, students, and parents in Naples and Sigonella, as well as Rota, and several locations in Japan.



*SA Matt Parsons with daughter, Laura.
Matt Parsons became a Special Agent with NCIS in 1981. Previously, he was a cop in Buffalo, NY for nine years.*

Since the program was posted on the NCIS web site in November, Parsons has received requests from a wide range of organizations, including the Maryland State Police, the Australian Federal Police, the Chief Information Officer of the Army National Guard, the Canadian Police Research Council, the National Cybercrime Training Partnership, Toronto Police and local police departments in New Hampshire, Colorado, and Maryland.

The program is available on the NCIS web site at www.ncis.navy.mil/safekids.

Safekids Program Update

By Special Agent Dawn Teague

Are you aware of the Safekids computer crime prevention initiative that we kicked off in late 1999? Perhaps you've seen the Safekids advertisement that Code 07 designed and placed on the back cover of the June All Hands magazine, or maybe you saw the Navy Marine Corps News story or the Armed Forces Radio and Television Network piece back in May. There is also an article in the July-September issue of Marines Magazine.

At any rate, word is certainly getting around outside of NCIS; so, I wanted to update you on the status of the Safekids program. You see, much of the program's potential relies on you to get the word out to the schools, PTA's, and town meetings in your local area so that parents and teachers know that the law enforcement community can help them face the challenges of the cyber environment.

The military communities overseas have welcomed the program. SA Chuck Gilpin in Japan is in high demand to deliver the briefing to school children and parents. And in Naples, SA Gregg Munroe has been giving the brief to parents, children, and teachers in Naples and Sigonella.

We have sent the Safekids CD-ROM to each field office, and I hope that some of you have taken the time to view it. We're currently working on Version 2, which will be an autorun CD. Version 2 will contain excerpts of an interview with Katie Tarbox, an actual teenage victim of an online sexual predator. Katie, who has recently released a book about her experience entitled, "Katie.com," and her mother, Andrea, came to NCIS HQ to tape the interviews on 9 June.

We are working diligently with outside and commercial sources to help make Version 2 an even better

product. We have in the works for the Navy Exchanges to put a Safekids flier in each piece of computer hardware they sell, and the folks writing policy for the DOD Dependents' Website have asked for Safekids to be included as a link to their site.

Please be sure to check out the website at www.ncis.navy.mil/safekids. Many of you are not only members of the law

enforcement community, but also parents; so, you're in a unique position to provide feedback to us. We welcome your comments and suggestions, as well as those of parents and children who have received the presentation.



SA Dawn Teague and Katie Tarbox prepare for taping of interview which will be incorporated into Version 2 of Safekids.

Special Agent Dawn Teague is assigned to the Computer Investigations and Operations Department at NCIS Headquarters. She is the Safekids program manager.



In Memoriam

As most of you know, Special Agent Susan B. Laraway of NCISRA Great Lakes passed away in her sleep on 10 May 2000. Susan hired on in November 1987 at Camp Pendleton, transferring in 1994 to Yokosuka and in 1998 to Great Lakes. Her husband also worked for NCIS at the Far East Field Office. She left behind her husband, Terry Whalen and eight year old son, Steven. At this writing, Terry and Steven will be relocating to the Virginia Beach area to be closer to family. Susan touched many of us during her career and will be missed by all. Below is an e-mail that Terry sent to the Director that he wanted shared with the NCIS family.

Monday, June 5th, 2000

Director Brant,

On behalf of Steven and myself, and certainly in Susan's memory, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of sympathy we have received from NCIS personnel all over the world and the untiring support we continue to receive from local management and headquarters staff personnel.

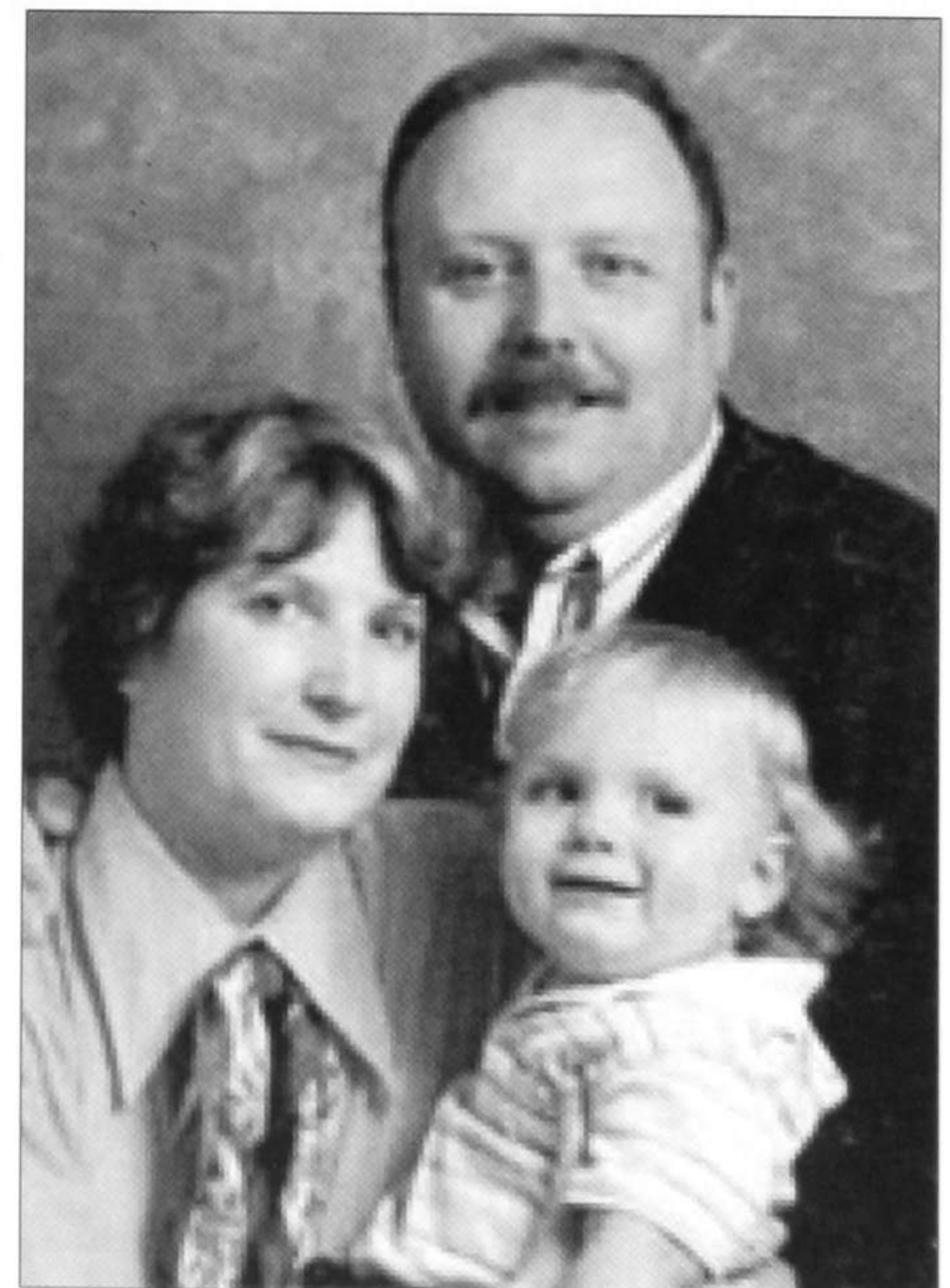
Like one large extended family, Steven and I received cards, letters and flowers from a vast number of "family" members, active and retired, from current and past assignments. The kind words and fond memories they shared with Steven and me helped us significantly in dealing with Susan's untimely passing.

Coming together and functioning like the true group of seasoned professionals that it was comprised of, the "Crisis Action Team" performed magnificently in the early hours immediately following Susan's death and eased the burden dramatically as we attempted to clear our heads, collect our thoughts, and focus on the numerous pressing, near-term requirements. While I have personally thanked numerous personnel, I would especially like to recognize the

much-appreciated efforts of: Deputy Director McEleny, whose attendance at Susan's services was most unexpected and tremendously kind; Gulf Coast SAC Don Bruce, who stayed on top of the entire situation, ensuring the wheels kept turning, and whose attendance at the services was most kind; and most importantly, NCISRA Great Lakes ASAC Klain Garriga who, together with his lovely wife Cathy, proved to be the foundation of personal and official support upon which everything else was built.

In closing, I would ask that in addition to formally recognizing the efforts of those individuals noted above, I be allowed to advise all of Susan's friends, co-workers and supervisors to take comfort in knowing that despite its ups and downs, she loved her work with NCIS and admired all of you for your professionalism and friendship. It is those fond memories of life within "the family" that Steven and I will continue to treasure in the years ahead, and I hope to stay in touch with "the family" as much as possible as another chapter in our lives begins.

Thank you,
Terry G. Whalen





NCIS SPONSORS JOINT BASIC FRAUD TRAINING

By Special Agent Gloria Whatley and Larry Jackson

Twenty-six new fraud agents attended the two-week Basic Fraud Investigations Course held at FLETC in June. The students, from Army CID and NCIS, comprised only the second class to attend the joint training.

According to Dave Allen, Director of CID's Major Procurement Fraud Unit, the joint training grew out of a recommendation by the Defense Enterprise-wide Working Group of a desire to use resources more effectively.

Scott Jacobs, NCIS Deputy Assistant Director for Fraud, says the joint course meets that goal. "The joint course creates a deepened partnership at the field level. We've seen that once people [from different organizations] get to know each other, it enhances their ability to partner with other agencies. And as a result, the Defense Department can use scarce fraud resources more effectively."

And all the participants gain from the combined resources. "For example," says Jacobs, "we can use teaching talent from the other services that otherwise wouldn't be available to us. Also, we can do more training at a reduced cost." Alone, NCIS can't mus-

ter enough students—about 25—to make the training cost-effective. As a result, before the joint program was implemented last year, NCIS conducted basic fraud training every other year. "Now, we can send our 12 or so students and Army and Air Force can send their 12 students and we have enough to conduct training every year."



Left to Right: SA Scott Jacobs, Mr. Ralph Basham, Director, FLETC, and Mr. Dave Allen, Director 701st M.P. Unit, Fort Belvoir, VA.

"The course clearly fits a training need to provide a good overview of how Defense fraud is investigated and prosecuted," notes CID's Allen. "It defi-

nitely fills a void in the our training of Army Procurement Fraud Agents.”

The recent program was significantly different in many ways than previous fraud courses in that the students had hands-on practical exercises ranging from reviewing government contracts, accessing a variety of electronic databases, writing financial search warrants and conducting financial interviews. “We received very positive feedback from the first joint course, conducted last year, and we’ve made changes based on that,” says Allen. “We’ll continue to fine tune the course.”

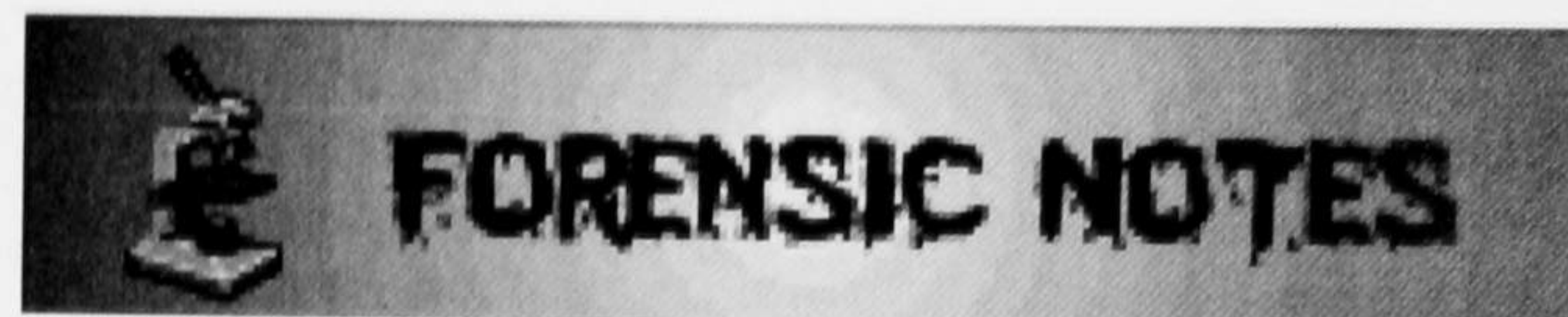
NCIS Special Agents who assisted in class instruction were Kevin Dodds, MPMP, Dave Watson, GCDA, Rick Barbian, FINCEN, Rick Warmack, Code 23, Gloria Whatley, Code 30, and Scott Jacobs.

Training Potpourri

By Special Agent Gloria Whatley

The NCIS Training Department is actively pursuing joint training in conjunction with the Director’s challenge for consolidated training, specifically in the Fraud arena. In addition to the two-week Basic Fraud Investigations Course held in June, NCIS is sponsoring a one-week joint Environmental Crimes Course for NCIS, DCIS, Army CID, and Air Force OSI in August. In September, a joint two-week Advanced Fraud Investigations Course will be conducted.

Additionally, the NCIS Training Division has been working on a DOD joint project to develop multi-media based training. Outside the fraud arena, the Supervisory Special Agents Training Program (SSATP), an ADR Seminar, Special Agents Afloat Seminar, and Hostage Negotiations are scheduled for this year.



Forensic Information System for Handwriting (FISH) Summer Update

By Richard Tidey

In the Forensic Notes section of the Spring 2000 issue of the NCIS Bulletin, you were introduced to the capabilities of the Forensic Information for Handwriting (FISH) being offered at the NCIS Norfolk, Virginia Regional Forensic Laboratory. Since then, the service has been in full operation.

Under optimum conditions, it takes approximately four hours to enter all of the administrative data, selected text, and the time necessary to search the database for potential matches. At present, there are roughly 7,200 cases in the system, but it grows every day.

Marc Jaskolka got off to a great start by making identifications on the first three NCIS cases that he entered into the FISH system—a tribute to the work that went into setting up the database and Marc’s ability as a forensic document examiner.

In one of the NCIS threat cases that Marc worked, there were over 100 questioned pages of writing. Key portions of the questioned text were entered into the FISH system database, and as a result of the search, Marc was able to identify the writer of his case with one that was previously entered into the FISH database in 1998.

In another case, a questioned letter was entered into the FISH database by the Secret Service in 1994. In May 2000, Marc entered an NCIS case into the database and identified the writer of his case as being the same writer as the 1994 Secret Service case.

Any questions pertaining to FISH should be directed to Richard Tidey or Marc Jaskolka at (757) 444-8615; DSN 564-8615.

Richard Tidey has been with the NCIS RFL Norfolk since May of 1991 and Marc Jaskolka has been with the NCIS RFL Norfolk since April of 1988. Both are retired police officers.

The Role of DNA Evidence in Finding and Convicting My Assailant

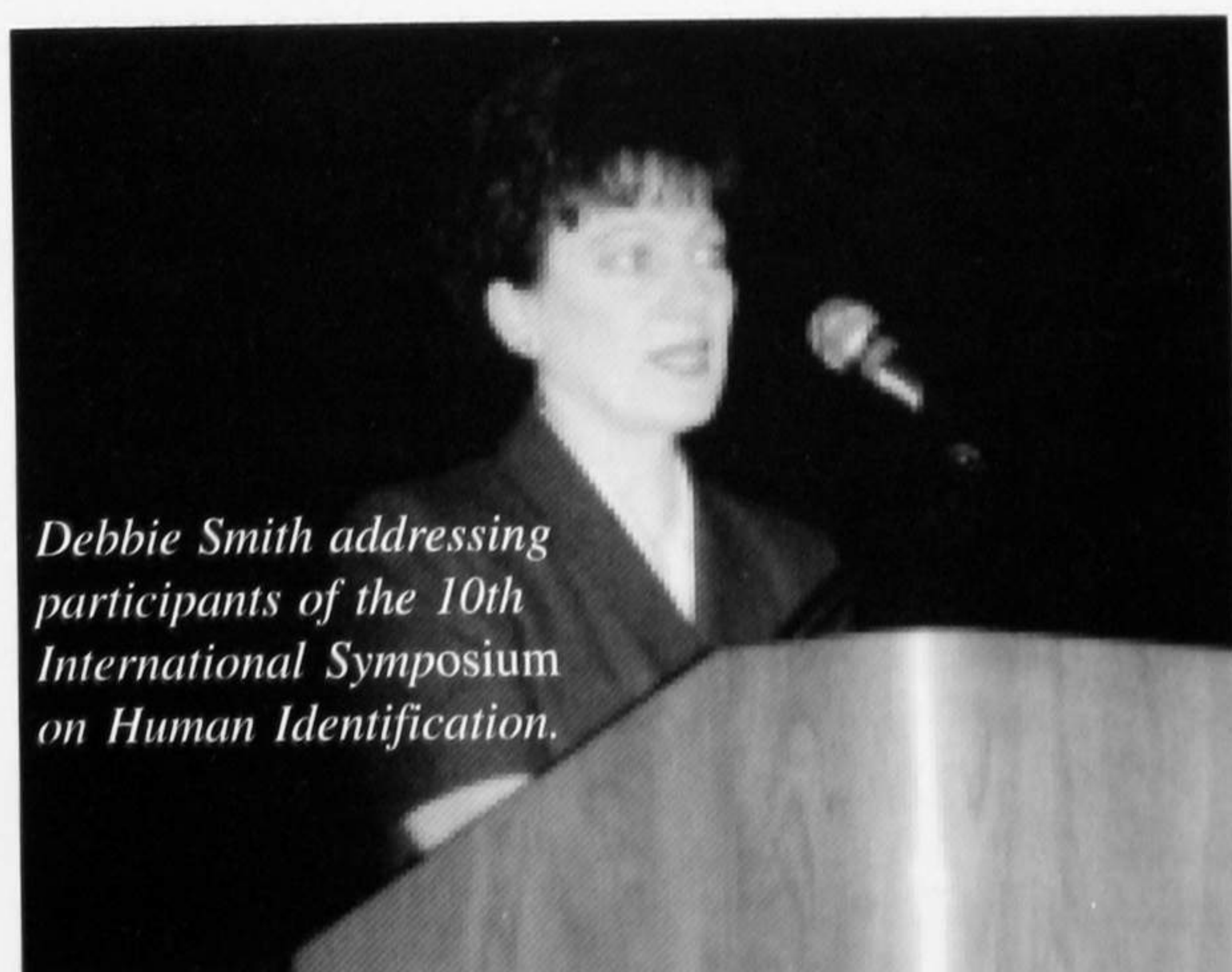
By Debbie Smith
Williamsburg, Virginia

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Editor's Note: The text of this article was presented orally by Mrs. Smith to the participants at the 10th International Symposium on Human Identification, on September 30, 1999. Because of the tremendous response that we received from participants, we have asked Mrs. Smith to let us print her story here. Below is her narrative.

INTRODUCTION

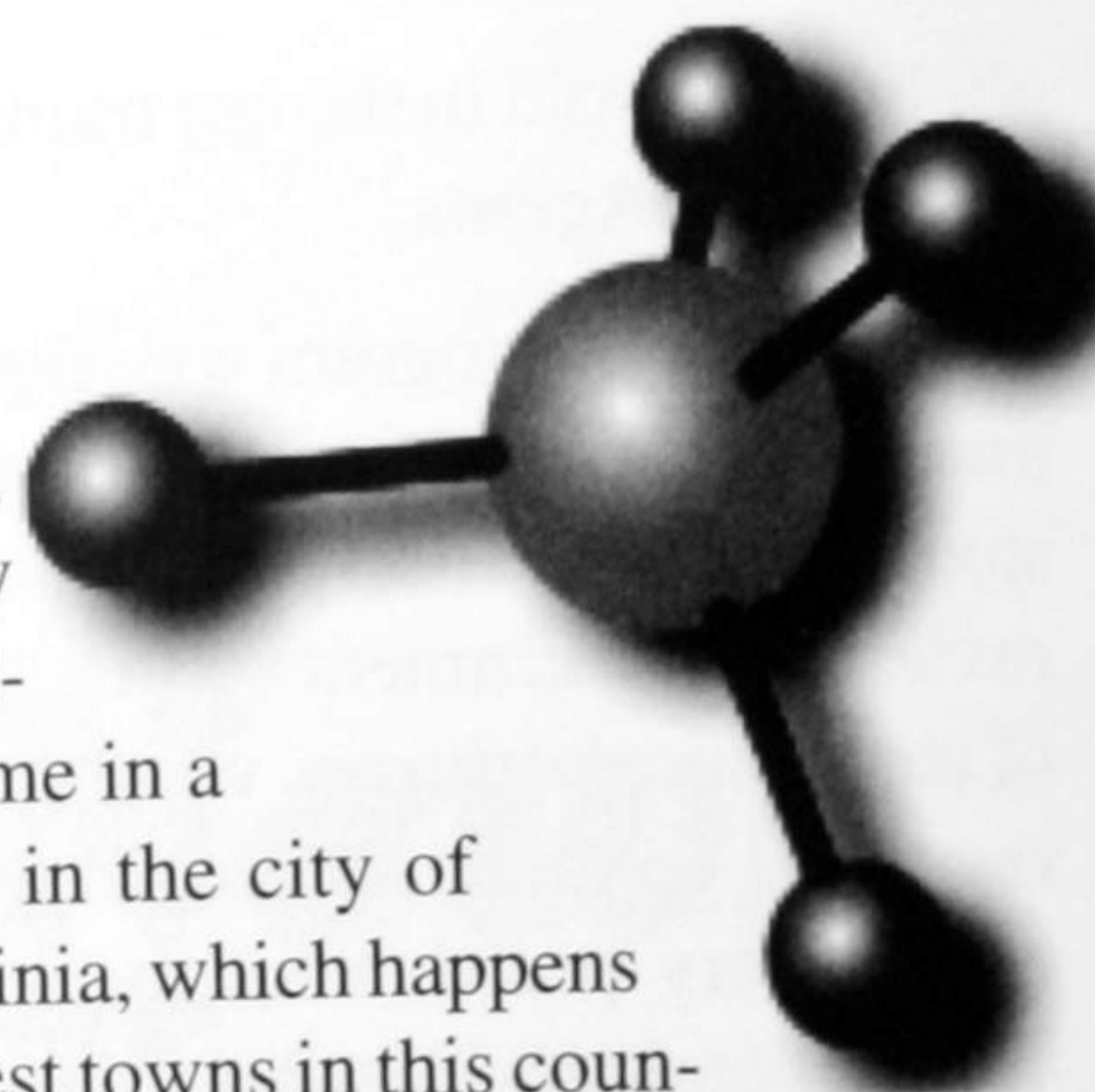
03-03-89; 9342-00 through 9342-05. Numbers of Identification: 8905010; C89-1968. Human Identification: 180907; 89-85-00-0234. Written and spoken without a particular face impressed on the mind. 228-00-0009; 214515HA4; VA654195. Cold, impersonal...necessary numbers of human identification revealing personal information about this faceless individual. Never before had there been so many ways to identify me, and yet I had never felt so lost. I resented being referred to as a number. The numbers made it seem as if I didn't exist as a person, mechanical and unreal. Little did I know that it would be numbers—matching numbers—that would breathe air into my lungs and allow me to truly live life again. There is no way for me to describe how what you do in your laboratories and offices can mean the difference between life and death without taking you back to March 3, 1989.



Debbie Smith addressing participants of the 10th International Symposium on Human Identification.

MARCH 3, 1989

It is around one o'clock on a Friday afternoon. Outside, it is cold and gray with a light mist falling. I am in my home in a nice neighborhood in the city of Williamsburg, Virginia, which happens to be one of the safest towns in this country. My husband, a police lieutenant, is upstairs asleep after having been up for over 24 hours. How could I have possibly been any safer? I had no way of knowing that within a matter of moments my life, and the lives of those around me, would be changed forever.



A typical day in the life of any wife and mother, I was cleaning house, doing laundry and preparing dessert for dinner with friends. In the midst of all of this, I noticed that my clothes dryer did not seem to be working properly, so I went outside to check the exhaust vent. When I returned, I decided to leave the back door unlocked, a door that is always locked. But I knew that I was going to return right away with the trash. After all, I thought, what could happen in just a few minutes; time for me to go in, gather the trash and come back out. But before I could return—within moments—a stranger entered that door and nearly destroyed, and definitely changed, my life forever. This masked stranger forcibly took me out of my home to a wooded area; then blindfolded, robbed and repeatedly raped me. This crime that took less than one hour has deprived me of my innocent outlook on life and my freedom. The sound of his voice rang through my ears as a deafening clamor, "Remember, I know where you live, and I will come back if you tell anyone." But I did tell someone. As soon as I was allowed to return home, I ran upstairs to my sleeping husband waking him with the words, "He got me, Rob, he got me." I begged him not to call the police. I pleaded with him not to tell anyone because I feared this man would keep his promise to return and kill me. But the police officer in my husband knew that we couldn't let this go unreported. He also convinced me of the importance of going to the hospital, but all I wanted to do was to take a shower. I wanted to try to wash it all away.

The hospital visit proved almost as violating as

the actual crime. I was questioned, probed, plucked, scraped and swabbed. Everyone was coming at me from all sides—three nurses and a doctor—each wanting something different but all a part of me. They made me remove my clothing, marking it for evidence. I went there feeling defeated because I had relinquished myself to this stranger who had entered my home. Now, these people wanted me to surrender the very clothing off my back. I had now literally been stripped of everything that seemed normal and real. I was given a hospital gown to put on, something that many others had worn before me. Washed, dried and neatly folded, but it wasn't mine.

All that was familiar was gone. Inside and outside, everything that identified me was gone. And I thought it would be gone forever. Fortunately, some hospitals in different parts of this country now allow some of their nurses to participate in a special training

program for nurses, called SANE, which trains nurses to collect the rape evidence without the doctor being involved. This one-on-one with another female is a great benefit to a female victim just attacked by a male perpetrator. The state laboratory in Virginia provides this training for many nurses, and I have been able to meet with them and share my experience, thanking them for being willing to devote themselves to such a worthy cause.

We were finally allowed to go home where things would be familiar, and I could begin to process what had really happened. I thought that the worst was over. I had survived this terrible ordeal. I could put it behind me and go on. But the worst was yet to come. My favorite place, my home, seemed now nothing more than cold stone and wood. Everything seemed to have a strange look about it. Nothing seemed familiar at all. The one place I always felt comfortable and safe was now taunting me with memories. I would relive this nightmare day after day, remembering more and more details each day as the shock began to wear off. It was far from being over.

AFTERMATH

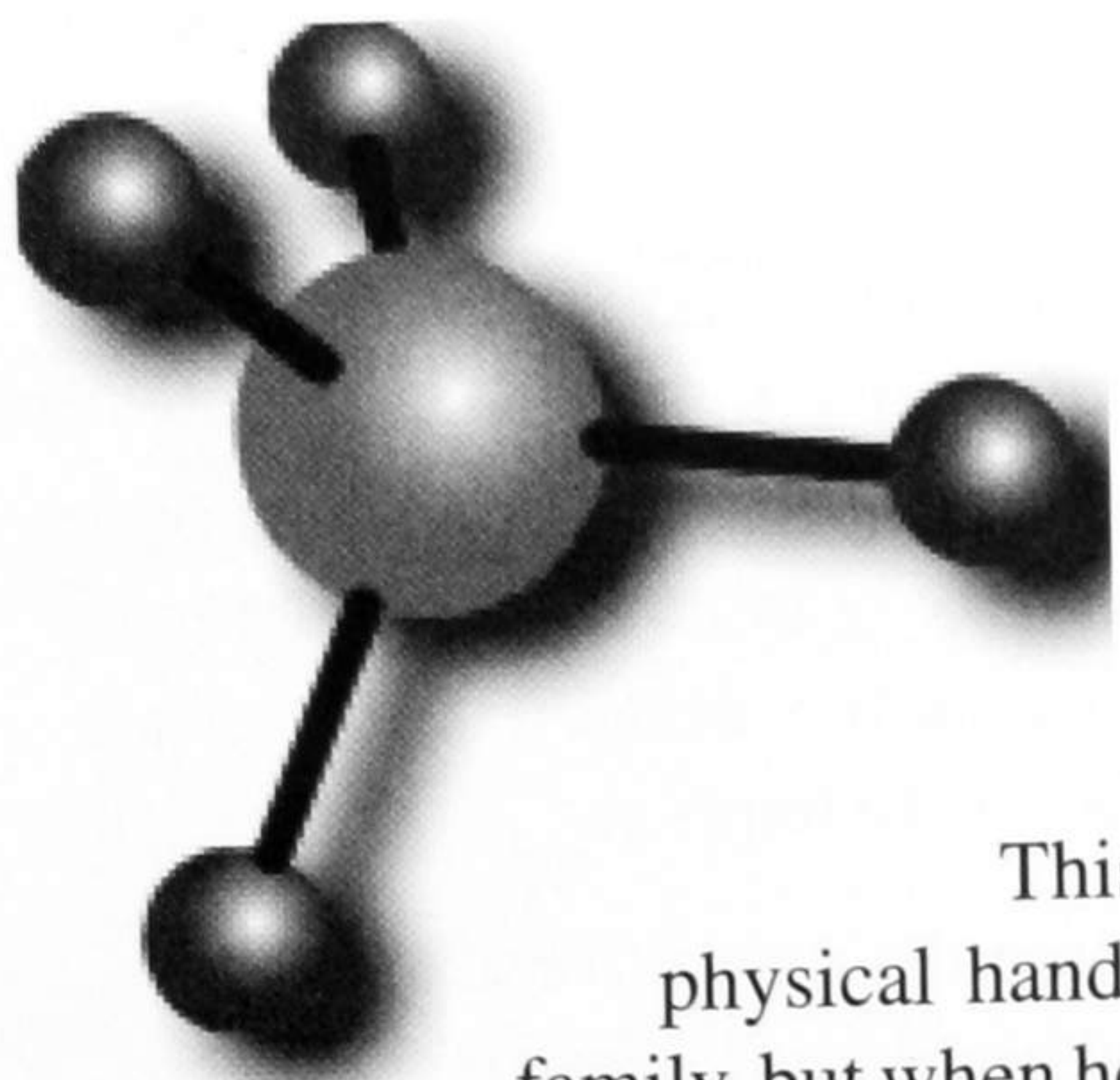
For the first time in my life, I couldn't find any reason to live. The love of my family and friends wasn't enough. They couldn't erase the memories or take away the pain. Even my faith in God seemed to be failing me. In fact, I couldn't understand how a God of love could allow this to happen.

There was no escaping the pain, no escaping the fear. Fear will not be satisfied until it has taken over your mind and body as a cancerous tumor. It will not stop until it has inhabited every part of you. It cripples

like arthritis, making every movement unbearable, until finally it no longer seems worth the pain. You become paralyzed, feeling trapped and helpless. It was always there. It was there in my waking hours as well as in my dreams. On many occasions, my hus-

I waited daily to hear the news that they had found this man that had changed our lives so drastically. Those days turned into weeks, and the weeks turned into months, and the months turned into years.

band would be awakened in the middle of the night to the sound of blood-curdling screams from the nightmares. It was at this point that I began to realize that I could not and would not live this way. Death seemed to be the only alternative, the only answer that would end this horrible nightmare that had become my life. In death, there would be peace and quiet. I would no longer hear his voice in my ears, feel his arm around my neck or see his face before my eyes. My mind could rest. I could not risk surviving...my death would need to be fast and final. I decided a gun would be my answer. Over and over, I planned this suicide in my head. But there was one problem that had no solution...my husband and two children. Who would find me? Would they live in guilt feeling they had failed me? What would this do to them? I could not bear the thought that they would have to endure the same kind of pain that I was feeling. I thank God that my love for them was stronger than my need to rid myself of this constant torment. I finally grabbed onto this thread, and it became my reason to live. One of the most frequent comments I heard after being raped was "at least you're alive." But I can tell you still today



that while I was alive physically, I had died inside. I cursed my attacker for leaving me alive to live with this pain.

This intruder never laid a physical hand on anyone else in my family, but when he left, he left each of us a victim. It touched emotions that we had never known. Suddenly there was rage in the eyes of my son. My daughter was afraid to go from the porch to the driveway after dark. And each of us, especially my husband, felt the awful pain of guilt. He felt as if he could protect the whole city but was unable to protect his own wife in our own home. My son was conscience-stricken because the attacker had used the baseball bat that he had neglected to put away. I felt responsible because I had left the back door open for those brief but life-changing moments. Our home, which had always been filled with love and laughter, had now become a house full of bitterness, anger, fear and guilt.

But my family and I were not the only victims that day. Every person that touched my life or my family's life was to feel the effect of this crime. They no longer felt safe in their sweet, little town of Williamsburg. They, too, felt invaded and vulnerable. I could see the pain in their eyes because I was a constant reminder that rape truly can happen to anyone anywhere. They would guard their words so they wouldn't say anything to upset me. They were angry for me and yet they felt helpless—for there was nothing they could do. I often found myself comforting them. Our minds and bodies ached for understanding, and yet there was none to be found. I waited daily to hear the news that they had found the man who had changed our lives so drastically. Those days turned into weeks, the weeks turned into months, and the months turned into years. I lived in constant fear of his return, hearing his words over

and over in my head. "I know where you live and I'll come back, and I will kill you."

The Williamsburg Police Department followed every lead and every clue, only to come up empty-handed. Even my own mind began to doubt myself. Had it really happened? Was it just some terrible nightmare? Do they believe me or do they doubt my words as I doubted myself? But in my heart I knew that it wasn't some nightmare that was going to fade with time, but one that I would live forever. I began to realize that the quality of life I once enjoyed would never be restored.

I craved peace of mind and did everything I could to attain it. An alarm system was installed in our home, including panic buttons throughout the house, as well as one I could wear around my neck. A privacy fence was put around our backyard, and motion detectors were installed. At one point, I even took to carrying a gun. But I did away with that because when you go after your checkbook and you have to move a .38 out of the way, the clerks tend to get a little nervous. My

biggest fear was because I had become so paranoid and so fearful for my life, I was afraid I'd hurt some innocent person if they got too close or if they came up from behind me.

There just didn't seem to be any way to attain the peace that my mind

and my body craved for so long. I began to wonder how I was ever going to be able to really live again. I suffered daily with the memory of a man who was in my life for such a short span of time. He may never have to pay for his crime, but I was going to have to pay for it forever. I can tell you that it is only by the grace of God that I am here today. For six and a half years, I simply existed trying to go on and live a normal life.

JULY 24, 1995

VA122015Y. 01-14-91. More numbers. 91-17682. 07-24-95. But these numbers bring with them

As George Li sat at his computer in the Virginia Division of Forensic Science on July 24, 1995, on what probably seemed to him to be just another day at the lab, he had no way of knowing what effect his work would have on my life and those around me.

a life-giving force and a renewed hope. 4183, 07-26-95. As George Li sat at his computer in the Virginia Division of Forensic Science on July 24, 1995, on what probably seemed to him to be just another day at the lab, he had no way of knowing what effect his work would have on my life and those around me. On this day Mr. Li entered a prisoner's blood sample into the computer, and it automatically began its cross-check against previously entered samples. To his joy and surprise he received a cold hit, something fairly rare at that time.

JULY 26, 1995

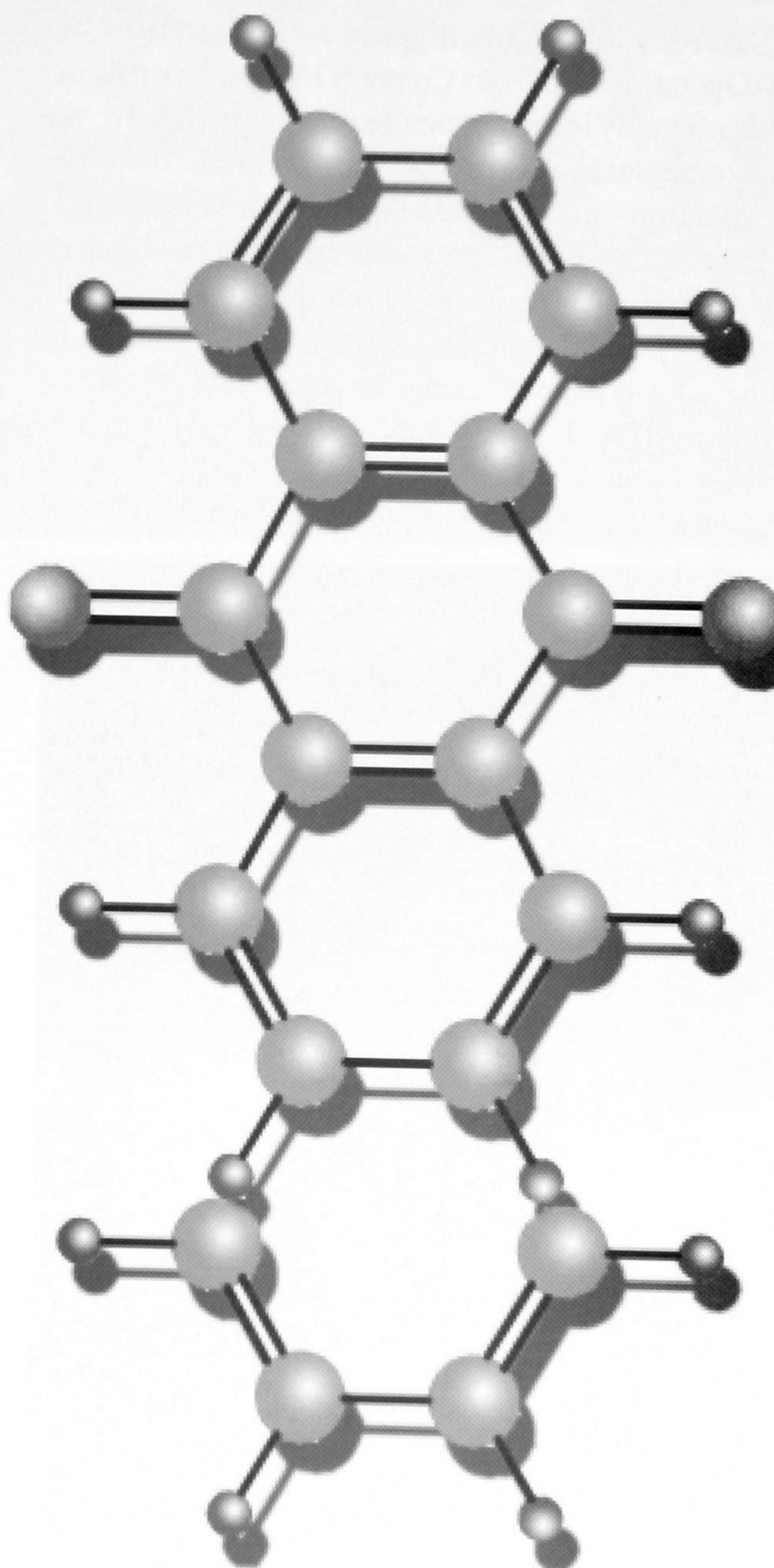
Two days later, this information was passed on to the Williamsburg Police Department, where the case was being investigated. They in turn passed the information on to the shift lieutenant working that day who just happened to be my husband. On that day, July 26, 1995, my husband walked into our living room, handed me a composite that he had carried with him ever since the incident, and told me I could throw it away because we weren't going to need it anymore. Not only had they identified my rapist, but he was already in prison for another crime and had been there since six months after I was attacked.

CLOSURE

For the first time in six and a half years, I could feel myself breathe. I felt validated. There was a real name and a real face to go with the nightmare. Everyone would know that I was telling the truth, that it was real. Finally, I could quit looking over my shoulder. No longer did I have to drive around in circles, hoping a neighbor would drive by so I could get the courage to get out of my car to go into my own front door if no one else was home. Unfamiliar noises no longer left me panic-stricken. I no longer scanned faces in a crowd to see if he was following me. Suicide was no longer a consideration, and finally, my husband is grateful that I don't wake him up anymore in the middle of the night with the ear-piercing screams. Within myself, the healing had begun and peace had come at last. Because of your efforts, this man is off the streets for good. The jury gave Norman Jimmerson two life sentences plus 25 years with no chance of parole.

On behalf of myself and many other victims and their families, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to those of you who work in this field. I count it both a privilege and an honor to be allowed this small part in

the furtherance of this cause. Anytime a great tool such as this is available, yet not used, I think that our society commits a crime against its members. We must use the crime-solving capabilities of DNA typing to their fullest, and I pray that all of you continue with this in mind.



Civilian Employees of the Year – 1999

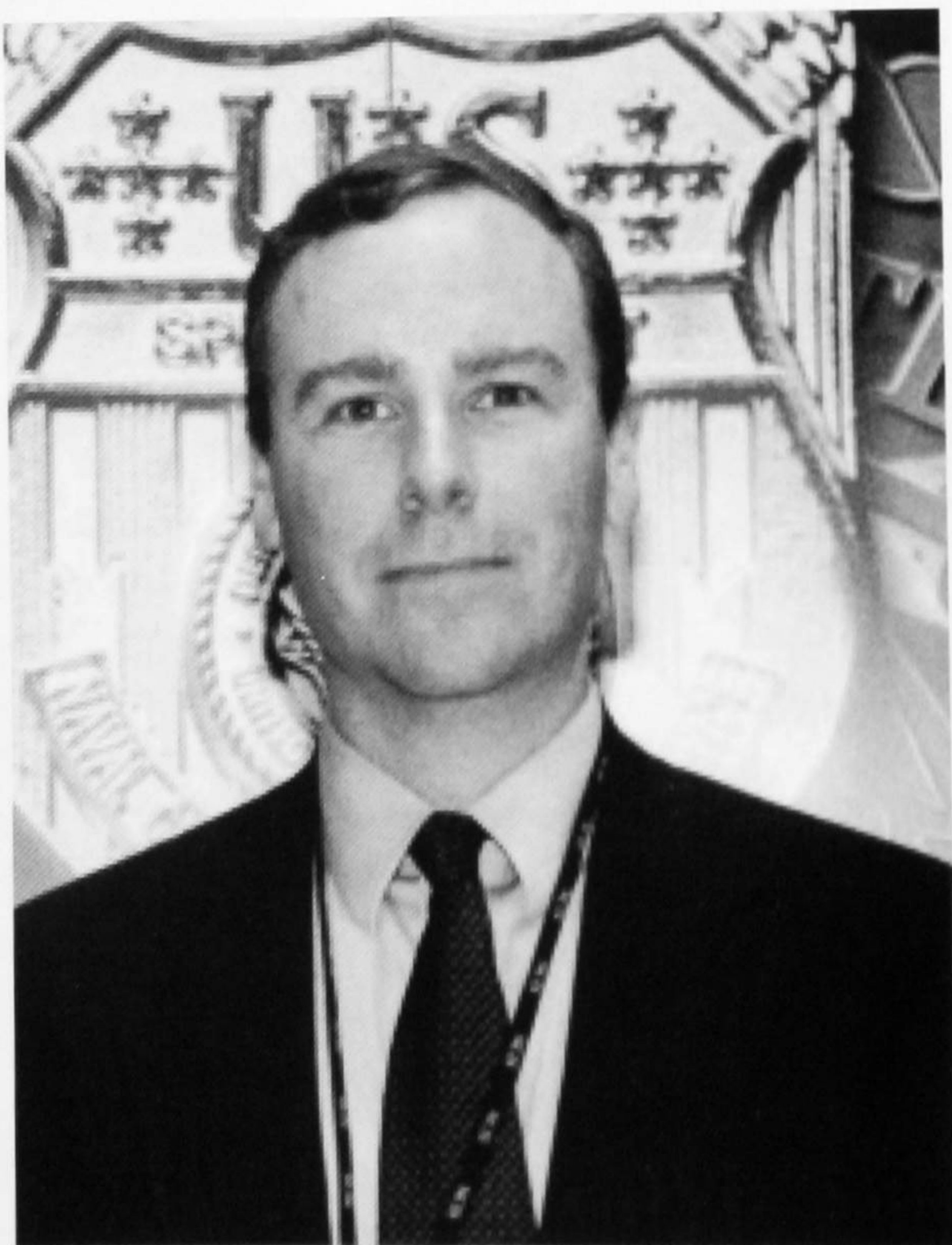
Every year, NCIS recognizes its outstanding civilian employees. Mr. Bryan Hurd received the Operational Support Civilian Employee of the Year Award for 1999, and Ms. Kimberly Miller received the Administrative Support Civilian Employee of the Year Award for 1999.

Hurd, a Senior Intelligence Analyst in the Code 20 Operations Analysis Center (OAC), has performed exceptionally in infrastructure protection (IP). He was instrumental in several major computer intrusion investigations, most notably "Moonlight Maze," which received high-level attention in the Pentagon. He made substantial contributions to the development of the OAC, a NCIS-conceived automated tool that brings a new level of intelligence to organizations responsible for IP issues. Not only has Hurd performed his primary duties in a superior manner, he has often volunteered his own time to accomplish goals at NCIS.

In NCISRA Twentynine Palms, Miller has con-

tributed essential support as an Investigative Assistant. Her innovative ideas have led to a much more efficient office environment. For example, she initiated a successful plan to use base procurement services for purchasing office supplies after determining that the existing system was not efficient. She enrolled in classes in crime-scene photography and police science, which enabled her to work on several major crime scenes at Twentynine Palms. Based on her hard work, she was selected as a member of the Los Angeles Field Office Major Crime Response Team.

These remarkable individuals are tremendous assets to the NCIS team, and we congratulate them.



Senior Intelligence Analyst Bryan Hurd



Ms. Kimberly Miller of Twentynine Palms

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NATIONAL POLICE CHALLENGE - 50 KILOMETER RELAY

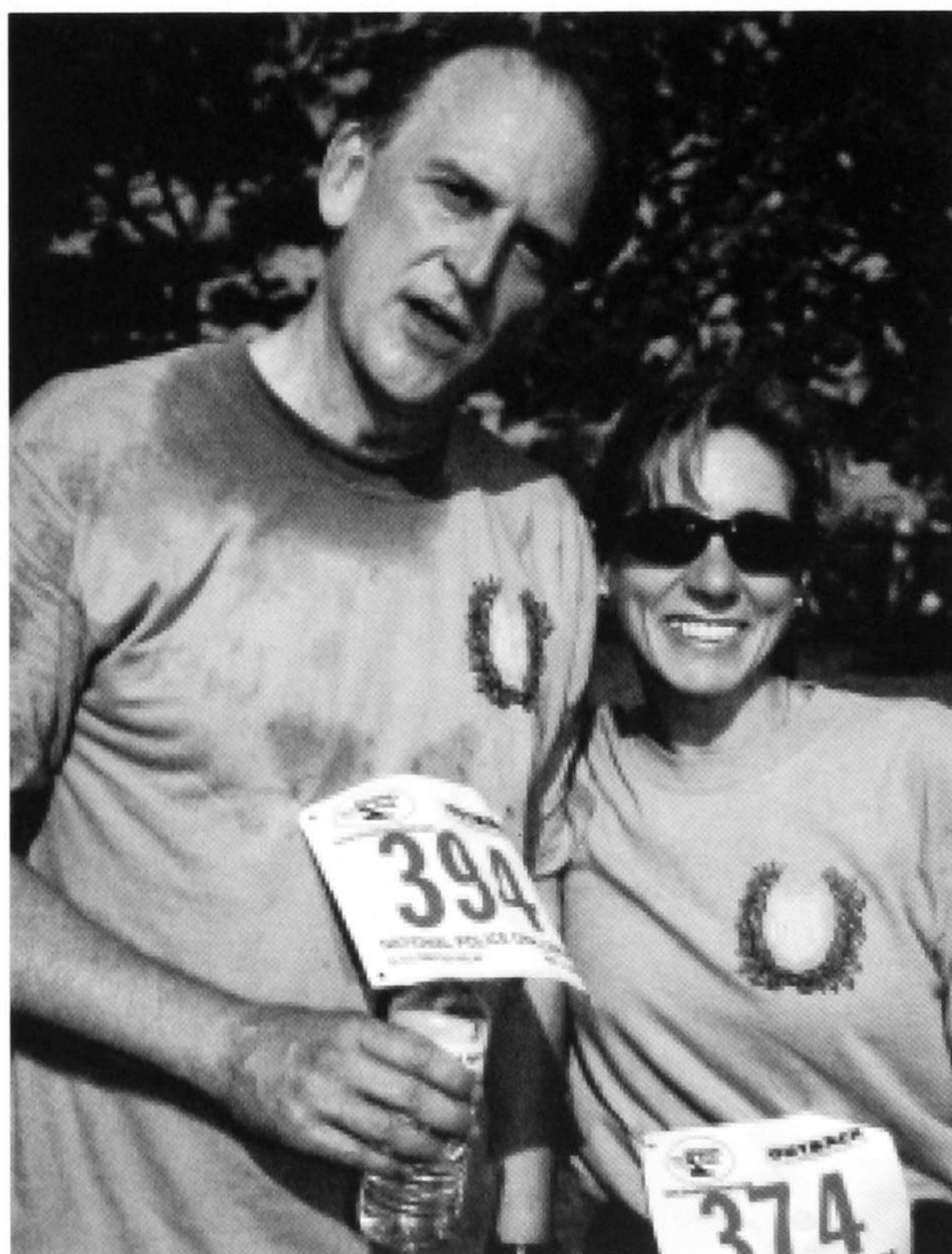
NCISFO - WASHINGTON TAKES THE GOLD!



Confidence was high as the select group of runners representing the Washington, DC Field Office gathered at Haines Point in the early morning hours of 12 May for the second annual National Police Challenge (NPC) sponsored by the U.S. Secret Service. Law enforcement agencies from across the nation fielded over 50 formidable and highly competitive teams for this charity fund-raiser.

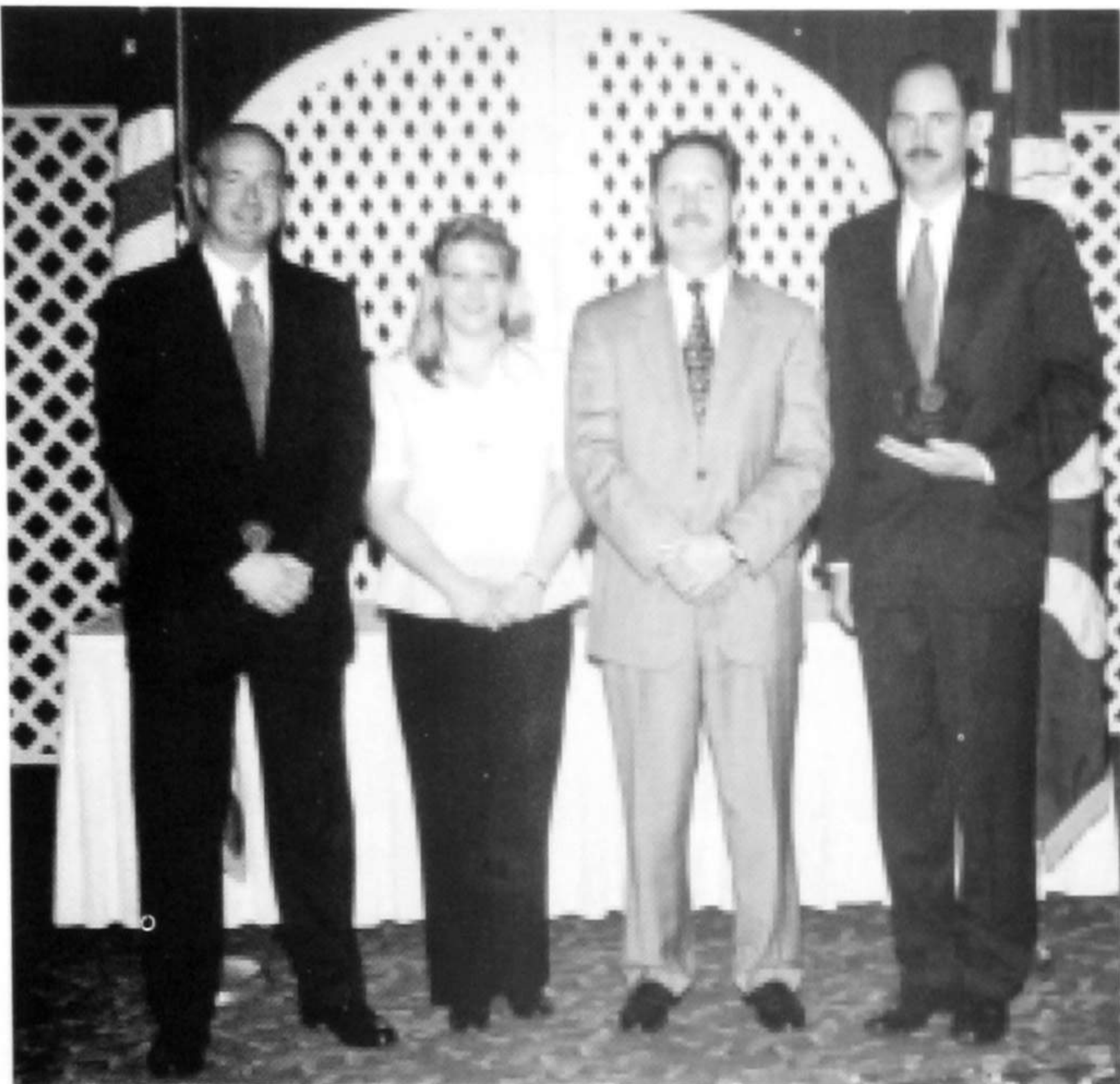
At 7:15 AM the starting gun was fired and the race was on! The 10-member NCISFO – Washington team, known as the “Instigators,” gave their all and turned in a stellar performance, completing the 50-kilometer relay race in 3:50:21!

As a result, the team captured the NPC gold medal, a significant first for the organization and one not soon to be forgotten—especially by “Guidance,” the Headquarters team led by our indomitable Director. (They received a silver medal for placing second.) Earning the gold for NCISFO – Washington was a memorable experience for team members made all the more noteworthy because the event raised over \$27,000 for the organization “Concerns for Police Survivors.”



SAC Greg Scovel of the winning WFO “Instigators” consoles Ofelia Perotti of the HQs team!

Achievements



This year's award recipients at the CI Conference in Pensacola, May 8-11, 2000.

Left to right: SA Geoff Yeowell, honored for Investigations, Ms. Jennifer Pennington, honored for Analysis & Production, Asst Dir for CI Joe Hefferon, and SA Kevin Glynn honored for Computer Activities



Chief of Staff Chuck Lohman and his wife Gail competed in the Eagleman long-course triathlon on June 4th in Cambridge, Maryland. The course included a 1.2 mile open water swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run!



Both have competed in running and biking events for years, but this was their first triathlon.



On April 28, 2000, GySgt Gregory R. Finley from the Polygraph Site in Hanover, MD, re-enlisted for four more years in the United States Marine Corps. This 16 year veteran was administered the oath by CWO3 Kim Slayton. In attendance was GySgt Finley's wife and career planner, SSGT Christi A. Finley, SA Al Reese and GySgt Steven W. Davis.

Congratulations and Semper Fi.

DCWA Assists the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation

By Special Agent Joe Hudock

On March 9, 2000, Darrell Green, founder of the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation (DGYLF), spoke to the Washington, DC Field Office (DCWA) quarterly training session. Assisting him were Ms. Debra Knight, Director of the Darrell Green Learning Center, and Mr. Eric White, Executive Director of the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation.

Who is Darrell Green? Football fans may notice the name without hesitating. Darrell currently plays cornerback for the Washington Redskins. A seven-time Pro Bowler, Green has been playing the game for 17 years with the Redskins, and at age 40, he'll be playing again this season. But as Darrell explained, "I just happen to play football, and I'm good at it, but that's not what my life is about."

What his life is about is helping kids. Darrell established the DGLF about 11 years ago in Washington, DC. Located in Northeast Washington, the learning center provides after-school tutoring and mentoring to children ages 5 to 12. The center accommodates 38 students based on maintaining an adequate student-teacher ratio. The foundation stresses morality and personal accountability, as well as education. On a recent visit to the Learning Center, I met with Ms. Knight and was amazed at the personal conduct and manners displayed by the students.

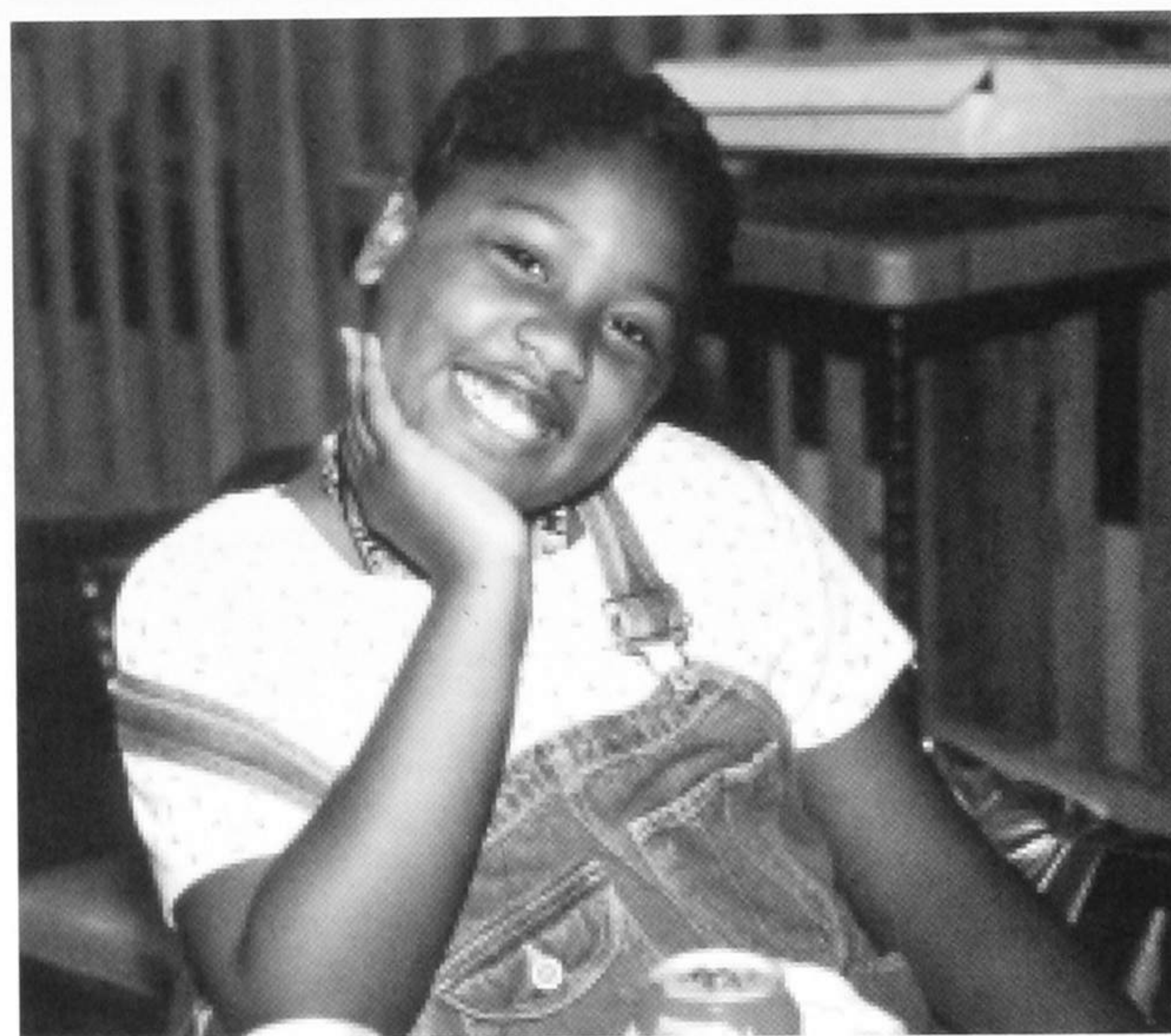
Darrell's vision is to eventually open a learning center in each sector of Washington, DC, but finding volunteers has been a problem. That's why he wanted to talk to the Field Office. "Greg [Scovel] and I were talking one day, and I realized that the children can learn so much from the Special Agents in the context of the Navy," said Green. "The kids will really benefit from the contact."

Now the Washington Field Office, with the support of SAC Greg Scovel, is assisting the foundation on purely a voluntary basis. In addition to providing



As a graduate of the Naval Academy Class of 1975, Special Agent Ron Casey is a special tour guide for the DGYLF children at the Naval Academy Museum.

tutoring and mentoring, the field office has organized several field trips to Navy-related functions. As is too often the case with inner-city youth, many of the children had never ventured out of the District of Columbia; so, the field trips truly expand the world of educational and professional possibilities open to them. In the end, everyone will benefit: the kids, the mentors, the city, and the Navy.



After touring the Academy, pizza and sodas in the Academy mess hall help finish the day with smiles.

Special Agent Joe Hudock is the father of two sons, Philip, age 13 and Christopher, age 10. Currently assigned to the DCWA Fraud unit, Joe is a 14-year veteran of NCIS.

FIELD NEWS

Northeast Field Office Provides Child Abuse Expertise To State Commissions

Since late 1995, the Northeast Field Office in Newport, RI has regularly provided consultation and expertise in the field of child abuse investigations to several different criminal justice agencies and commissions within the Rhode Island State Government.

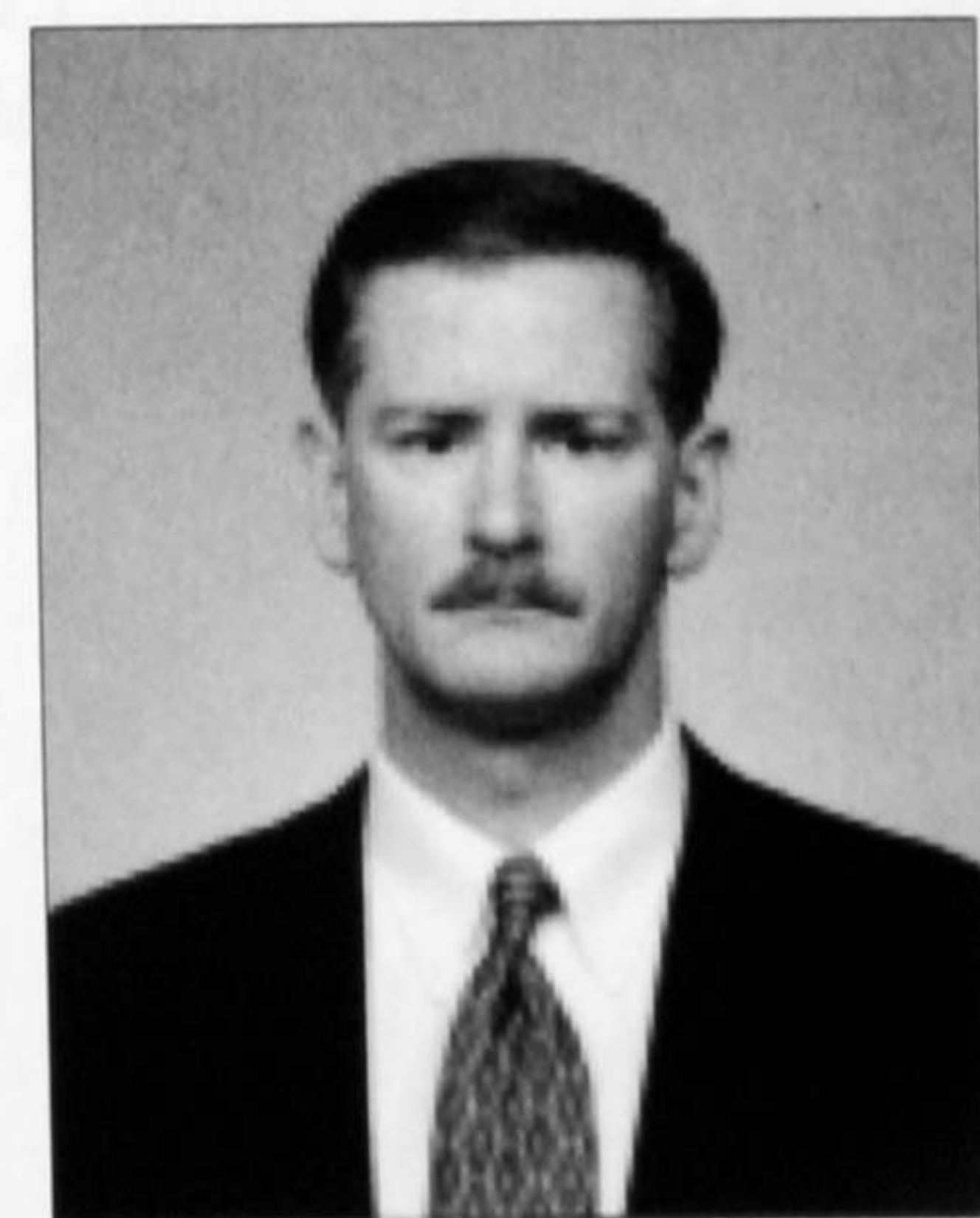
Special Agent Paul Graf of the NCISFO Northeast was solicited by members of the Rhode Island Attorney General's staff, State Police, and the Rape Crisis Center to become a member of the Rhode Island Governor's Justice Commission (GJC), Law Enforcement Training Curriculum Subcommittee. In doing so, SA Graf became the first federal law enforcement officer to participate in Rhode Island's Justice Commission, and perhaps the first in any state.

Rhode Island was the second state in the nation to receive funding under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the state's implementation plan was the first in the nation to be approved by the Office of Justice Programs. The law enforcement training program developed by Rhode Island is the first of its kind in the country. It focuses on improving law enforcement officers' response to domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

Recruited to be a member of the committee for his 14 years of child abuse investigative experience, SA Graf was immediately tasked to write several entire chapters of a three-day train-the-trainers curriculum. Since 1996, along with the other members of the subcommittee, SA Graf has been teaching the topics, "Child Interviewing For First Responders," "The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children," and "The Military Family As A Special Population Group" to veteran police trainers, police academy recruits, city solicitors and prosecutors, police dispatchers, and EMT personnel statewide. Some time after law en-

forcement training began in May 1996, SA Graf was presented with a formal proclamation from The Honorable Lincoln Almond, Governor of Rhode Island. It reads, "In recognition of exceptional service and dedication to stopping violence against women and tirelessly advocating improvements to the criminal justice system through the development and implementation of a model training program for Rhode Island law enforcement officers."

SA Graf continues to teach law enforcement officers for the RI Governors Justice Commission. He has just written a chapter on Internet stalking and seduction of victims in preparation for new GJC in-service VAWA training for veteran police sexual assault investigators. SA Graf is currently the third-term President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC-RI) and a member of the RI State Child Death Review Commission. He also serves as a member of the RI Child Protection Team at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.



SA Graf is presently assigned to the NCIS Cold Case Homicide Squad in Newport, RI.

FIELD NEWS

Naval District Washington Command Investigators Conduct First Protective Operations

By Special Agent Patrick Hickson

RADM Christopher E. Weaver, Commandant of Naval District Washington (NDW), recently hosted Admiral Sergio E. Garcia, Commander of the Colombian Navy aboard the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., where Admiral Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, presented Admiral Garcia with the Legion of Merit award.

During Admiral Garcia's stay, which included events at Arlington National Cemetery, NDW Security provided security for the visiting admiral. Using NCIS communications equipment, emergency first aid equipment, and vehicles, coupled with joint NDW/NCIS operational planning, Command Investigators Harris Cummings Jr. and Robert Jensik Jr., along with SA Patrick Hickson, conducted a seamless protective operation. Investigator Jensik was the chase vehicle driver, while Investigator Cummings and SA Hickson provided personal security to Admiral Garcia. Uniformed police from the NDW Security Department led the motorcades during the events.

This was the first time such an operation in the NDW Region, under the RSI program, was conducted, and Admiral Weaver was impressed with the result. Mr. Russ Duke, NDW Public Safety Director and Mr. Willie Sterling, NDW Regional Security Officer, were also very pleased with the outcome. In the past, the command investigators sometimes had been tasked with ceremonial and administrative issues, such as coordinating the gun salutes, parking issues, etc. In the future, and in the spirit of the RSI program, command investigators will take the role of providing law enforcement support to these types of operations.

The protective operation was a great example of partnering and seamless law enforcement. It's also a

great reminder we are all part of the same Navy Law Enforcement Team.

Special Agent Patrick Hickson is the Regional Supervisory Investigator (RSI) for Naval District Washington in Washington,



Left to Right: NDW Deputy Regional Security officer Mr. Harry Kay, NDW Regional Security Officer Mr. Willie Sterling, NDW Detective Robert Jensik and NDW Detective Harris Cummings

Gulf Coast Office



From left to right: SA Pete Green and SA Dennis Smith watch as ASAC Klain Garriga (Fraud) presents a token of appreciation to AUSA (Criminal) Marvin Opolowski for his efforts in prosecution of targets of the Fraud Undercover Op Investigation Octavova.

FIELD NEWS

Congressman Visits NCISRA Everett

Everett, WA – “READY ON THE RIGHT! READY ON THE LEFT!” Familiar commands on the firing range, but the twist this time was the shooter: Congressman Jack Metcalf (R-WA), who visited Naval Station Everett at the invitation of the NCIS Resident Agency (NCISRA) on 20 April 2000.

The Congressman, accompanied by Roy Atwood, his District Coordinator, was escorted to the state-of-the-art indoor range facility for a familiarization course. Upon arrival, the Congressman viewed a static display of the weapons, holsters, and ammunition used by Special Agents in the field. These included the 9mm Sig Sauer, the 12-gauge shotgun, and the MP5.

Following a safety brief and description of the

NCIS qualification course by Special Agent T. Paul Hayes, Congressman Metcalf commenced fire at both the 3- and 5-yard lines with the 9mm service pistol. Special Agent Bill Landon (NWWH) then provided a brief on the MP5 submachine gun, including its use for PSO's and other high risk operations. Congressman Metcalf began his familiarization with the MP5 firing rounds single action. He soon shifted to the three-round burst and the lead was flying on the range!

After the shoot, SSA Ed Kunigonis presented Congressman Metcalf with a NCISFO Northwest plaque recognizing him as a “Top Gun.” The Congressman was then briefed on the mission and area of responsibility (AOR) of NCISRA Everett, as well as the Agent Afloat program. Prior to his departure from the base, the Congressman was also briefed on HR 3445, the resolution to amend Title 10 to provide arrest authority for NCIS and other DCIO Special Agents.



Congressman Metcalf receives “Top Gun” award from NCISRA Everett SSA Ed Kunigonis and SAs Paul Hayes and Jim Burkhardt.

NCISRA Everett Hosts Retired FBI Luncheon

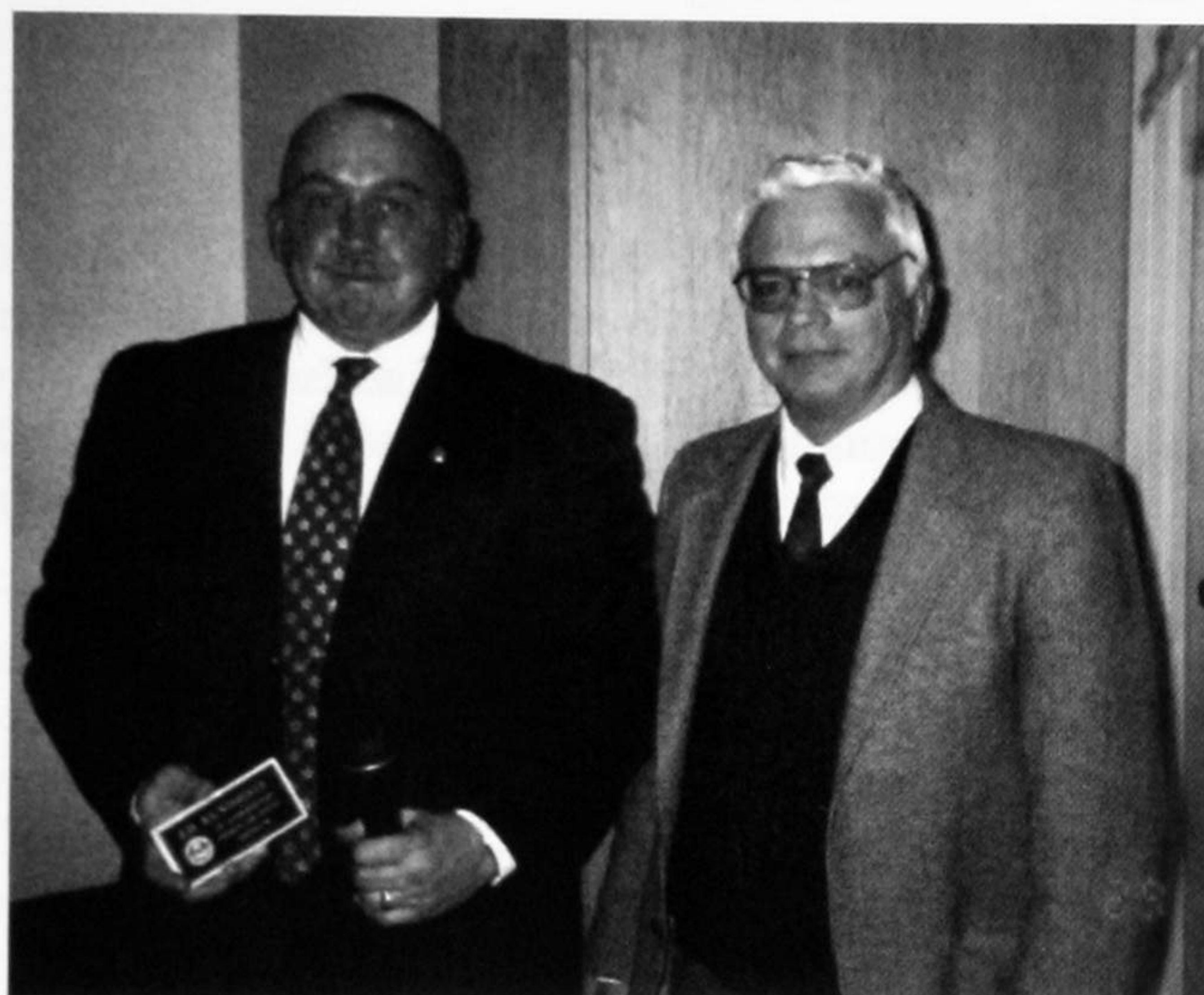
By Ed Kunigonis

In February, the NCIS Resident Agency (NCISRA) Everett hosted the monthly luncheon of the Seattle, WA Chapter of the Retired FBI Special Agents Association aboard Naval Station Everett. Over 55 retired agents, including former SAC's, attended the event along with several spouses. The lunch was catered by the Morale Welfare and Recreation Department and was held in the state-of-the-art Commons multi-purpose building.

NCISRA Everett was able to arrange for Captain Kim Buike, NAVSTA Commanding Officer, to

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provide the group with an overview of the newest base in the Navy, which is homeport to seven combatant ships, including USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72).



SA Ed Kunigonis (left) and Mr. Fred Gigelow (right), Chairman of the Seattle Chapter of the Retired FBI Special Agents Association.

Prior to touring the carrier, Special Agent Jim Burkhardt provided a comprehensive brief on the Agent Afloat program, including details of his recent assignment to the USS Abraham Lincoln. SA Burkhardt explained the rigors of life aboard a carrier, particularly the hardship of a six-month deployment. During his remarks concerning advance port visits in foreign areas, one former FBI SAC who had served as a Legal Attaché in Southeast Asia noted that in many areas NCIS is the only federal law enforcement agency capable of responding in a timely and professional fashion to matters of national interest. He described his experience with NCIS as “outstanding” and told his fellow agents that we were the lead agency on many significant cases during his tenure as a LEGATT.

The group was then escorted to the Abraham Lincoln where Special Agent Dave Hertberg, the current agent assigned to the carrier, met them. The tour by SA Hertberg and shipboard public affairs personnel included a visit to the brig—a suitable stop for career criminal investigators who took great pride in putting the guilty behind bars. The carrier visit was a hit with the military veterans in the group, one of whom had participated in the D-Day landing at Omaha Beach.

San Diego Field Office

On 06Apr00, in the spirit of Child Abuse Awareness Month, Special Agent Diane Nelson and SSA Mark Giordani, NCIS San Diego Field Office Domestic Violence Unit (DVU), participated in an informational fair sponsored by the Family Service Center, Naval Base San Diego. Fingerprints and photographs were taken of children and provided to their parents to aid in the identification and/or location of children who may later require law enforcement intervention.





By Special Agent Jim Dervin

On the morning of 21 March 00, I got a call from the Operations Control Center at Headquarters to inform me that the Yuma Arizona Police Department had conducted a National Crime Information Center inquiry for a Yuma citizen concerning a generator that was being auctioned on eBay. The Yuma citizen wanted to ensure that the generator had not been stolen before he placed a bid. As it turned out, the generator had been stolen from the Naval Sea Systems Command in Stockton, CA.

NCISRA Lemoore, CA, logged onto eBay (www.eBay.com) through the Internet and searched for the generator by eBay item number, which was previously provided by the Yuma citizen. Along with a picture and the make, model and serial number of the generator, the search disclosed that there was a current bid of \$3,250.00 and that there were only three days and six hours left until the end of auction. I also learned the seller's email address and approximate geographic location near Phoenix, AZ.

I contacted the Automated Information Systems (AIS) Department, Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA, to ask them to identify a point of contact for eBay. Using their own Internet Protocol (IP) address and specialized software to search the Internet for other IP addresses, AIS provided an address and telephone number for eBay.

"Easy enough," I thought, picking up the phone. Then I got the dreaded automatic answering system. It offered numerous choices; however, none of these options appeared to have a legal or security department. After several minutes of waiting, an operator came on the line and advised that all law enforcement

agencies had to contact their Customer Support branch.

Upon calling Customer Support, I was connected to yet another voice answering system. It advised that all law enforcement inquiries had to leave a message and calls would be returned in the order received. "Fine," I thought, "I've got plenty of other things to do."

A day passed with no call. Then another. I was down to the actual day of the sale. I called Customer Support again, where I learned that their personnel who handled law enforcement inquiries were backed-up two to three days and messages left would be handled in the order that they were received. Wonderful. At this rate, the auction would conclude, and the generator would be sold and shipped while I was still waiting for a call back from Customer Support.

Finally, with 12 hours left before the auction concluded, eBay returned my call. They provided the highest current bid and recommended that NCIS simply outbid everyone else. NCIS would then become the buyer of the item, allowing NCIS to work directly with the seller. Sounded easy enough, but I'd thought that before.

I then learned that to sell or buy from auctions on eBay you must have an account with them and an email account; they don't accept anonymous email accounts. I promptly invested a couple of hours to establish a fictitious email account using a service that wouldn't appear anonymous to eBay. Next, I set up an account on eBay to sell and buy items. Ten hours to go.

Having done this, I notified my point of contact at eBay so that he could notify the employees not to query or monitor the sale. (Most high-dollar items being auction on eBay are monitored to insure the accuracy

of the auction. The recently established e-mail and eBay accounts would send up red flags, and the NCIS bids might be challenged or rejected.) Now all I needed was a password from eBay, which meant more waiting while eBay forwarded the password to the fictitious e-mail account.

Finally the password arrived. I attempted a \$5,000 bid. I was rejected. Unbeknown to my point of contact, eBay had installed new financial software that required a credit card posting for all bids (wouldn't you know) \$5,000 and over. Again, I called eBay and learned, along with my point of contact, that he could neither increase the limit on the covert account nor covertly change the bid. He suggested that I lower the bid or post any credit card, and he would ensure that it didn't get charged. Eight hours left.

Since the Navy had previously valued the generator at \$7,500, I didn't want to risk losing the bid by offering less than \$5,000. So late on a Friday afternoon I called back to HQ Special Operations, and managed to locate Paul Cicarrelli. Unfortunately, he didn't have a covert credit card account. Fortunately, he knew that Matt Butler did. So, armed with Matt's Nextel number, I located him on a surveillance with the DC field office and obtained the information I needed.

I made the bid and called eBay to have them remove the credit card from their records. Then I went home.

Every half-hour, I logged onto eBay from my house to monitor the sale. Since eBay was now closed, I was essentially on my own to ensure that I didn't get out-bid. At 8:00 PM, bidding closed. eBay sent an automatic email to the seller, who contacted the NCIS covert e-mail account requesting payment and shipping options.

On Saturday morning, I called SSA Bernie Yankowski at NCISRA Yuma, who helped set up the covert contact and subsequent seizure. After further coordination with NCISRA Yuma, AZ, I e-mailed the seller that the generator would be picked up to save on shipping, and payment for the generator would be made at that time. A few days later, the seller had the privilege of showing the generator to SA Mike Williams—acting in a covert buyer's role—who promptly identified himself and seized the item.

Due to the delays, the hours expended during the learning process, and since eBay is within NCISRA Lemoore's area of responsibility, we issued an Operations Report (NOR) to offer other NCIS offices assistance in dealing with eBay. Agents can use the

covert accounts we've already established from either home or office; thus eliminating the need to contact eBay until the next business day after a bid is placed. Using the same account, now recognized by eBay as a law enforcement account, also prevents conflicts between agents or agencies who might be working different sides of a sting/recovery operation.

One day after the NOR was published, NCISFO Northeast requested assistance after a possible classified device was observed for sale on eBay. Using our contacts, NCISRA Lemoore was able to provide both the seller's and buyer's information within the hour for the recovery of the classified item.

eBay is a commercial Internet auction site. Anyone with an email account can set up a free eBay account to either buy or sell over the Internet. Besides firearms, live animals, contraband and copyrighted items, just about anything can be bought and sold on eBay. Although there are hundreds of Internet auction sites, eBay is currently the largest and most popular.

Selling items is as simple as writing out a newspaper add that is filled out on a preset eBay electronic form and attaching photos, if desired. eBay charges a small posting fee and a small percentage of the price the item actually sold for. There is no percentage charge if the item does not sell. Sellers post the item for 1 to 15 days, and eBay allows the seller to re-post the item for free, one additional time, if it does not sell. eBay then sends out monthly bills to everyone that posted or sold items. Buyers only pay the final auction amount.

Once an auction ends, eBay notifies the seller of the auction amount and who was the high bidder. The seller then contacts the high bidder (buyer) requesting payment be sent to them and asks for shipping instructions. If the high bidder does not respond to the sale or refuses to buy the item the seller can notify eBay. eBay will contact the buyer and if they do not respond their account is terminated.

eBay advises that the seller assumes all responsibility for the posting of their item and allows buyers feedback. This feedback is listed on eBay by a rating system which the buyer gives a point for positive feedback and deducts a point for negative feedback. Anyone with an eBay account can view a seller's or buyer's total feedback rating.

Special Agent Jim Dervin is the SSA at NCISRA Lemoore, CA. He has been with NCIS since 1982

PLANK OWNERS' LIST

The "Plank Owners' List" shows the top 20 NCIS Special Agents in terms of length of service. The "Plank Owners" as of June 1, 2000, are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>NCIS Date</u>
1. Gewerth, Joseph F.	Norfolk, VA	Dec 18, 1972
2. Spears, Stephen E.	Stuttgart, Germany	June 17, 1973
3. Kelly, Lauchlin A., III	Washington, DC	January 7, 1974
4. Landin, Joseph C.	Norfolk, VA	May 13, 1974
5. Muggleworth, Charles D.	Washington, DC	June 24, 1974
6. Coyle, Charles K.	Pensacola, FL	July 22, 1974
Rossman, Harlan S.	Washington DC	July 22, 1974
7. Nigro, Robert M.	Washington, DC	July 25, 1974
8. Carman, Ray A.	Naples, Italy	July 26, 1974
Logan, Gary	Jacksonville, FL	July 26, 1974
9. Bradley, Vaughn M.	Baltimore, MD	July 29, 1974
10. Smart, Bruce A.	San Diego, CA	July 31, 1974
11. Bruce, Donald R.	Pensacola, FL	August 5, 1974
12. Harris, Michael W.	Mayport, FL	August 6, 1974
Kauffman, Frank E.	Washington, DC	August 6, 1974
13. Barrett, Michael L.	Yokosuka, Japan	August 29, 1974
14. Orzechowski, Thomas J.	Yokosuka, Japan	September 3, 1974
15. Robins, Neill R.	Camp Lejeune, NC	December 9, 1974
16. Smithberger, Mark E.	Washington, DC	January 5, 1975
17. Hanner, P. Cole	Washington, DC	January 20, 1975
18. Symonds, Daniel R.	Washington, DC	February 10, 1975
19. Watson, David E.	Dallas, TX	March 6, 1975
20. Hartley, Robert J.	Naples, Italy	May 5, 1975

TOP TWENTY LIST

The NCIS "Top Twenty List" includes the top 20 professional support staff personnel in terms of length of service. The "Top Twenty" as of June 1, 2000, are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duty Station</u>	<u>NCIS Date</u>
1. Conover, Jean S.	Washington, DC	October 19, 1964
2. Allport, Sandra D.	Washington, DC	August 8, 1965
3. Jones, Charles R.	Norfolk, VA	June 13, 1966
4. Lee, Brenda Sue	Washington, DC	August 22, 1966
5. Hooker, Nancy G.	Mayport, FL	May 12, 1969
6. Kelly, Elaine B.	Pensacola, FL	July 1, 1971
7. Hamand, Jerilynn A.	San Diego, CA	March 27, 1973
8. Green, Donna C.	Washington, DC	June 24, 1974
9. Cross, Deborah R.	Memphis, TN	August 5, 1974
10. Rommes, Barrie Ann	Pensacola, FL	August 12, 1974
11. Lucy, Donna Jean	St. Louis, MO	December 2, 1974
12. Anderson, Mary Ann	Washington, DC	March 3, 1975
13. Kohler, Nancy Leigh	San Diego, CA	April 7, 1975
14. Griffith, David R.	London, England	July 14, 1975
15. Carter, Jan C.	New River, NC	September 2, 1975
16. Parham, Deborah L.	Norfolk, VA	October 20, 1975
17. Reynolds, Janet D.	Washington, DC	November 17, 1975
18. McGuin, Gary A.	Washington, DC	March 3, 1976
Tanahara, Masaki	Okinawa, Japan	March 3, 1976
19. Bradbury, Barbara J.	Washington, DC	May 10, 1977
20. Keon, Joyce	Los Angeles, CA	June 20, 1977



Special Agent Tom Fischer is presented his shadowbox by Director Brant on 27 Feb 2000

Retired in 2000

Mann, James	EURT	20 Jan 00
Wappes, Dale	MPMP	1 Feb 00
Fischer, Thomas	0006	27 Feb 00
Neely, Mary	0027	30 Apr 00
Vines, Josephine	0029	30 April 00
McRorie, Barbara	CALE	1 May 00
Kahl, Stephen	FEYK	3 May 00
Solters, Sherlene	0029	1 Jun 00
Clookie, Wayne	SDND	3 Jun 00
King, Carlton	0024	30 Jun 00
Killeen, Daniel	LAPH	1 Jul 00
Remakalus, Lawrence	sNFFM	1 Jul 00
Skelton, Richard	0022	1 Jul 00



Retiring after 35 years with NCIS, Ms. Mary Neely clearly displayed what her plans are for retirement!



SA Tom Fischer with his family, Director Brant, and Retired SA Vic McPherson (back row) who served as MC.

Pending Retirements:

McMurdo, Burke	0006	1 Aug 00
Lorch, Richard	FEMQ	3 Aug 00
Oney, Jerry	0027	3 Aug 00
Hitt, Keith	NFNF	12 Aug 00
Kohler, Nancy	SDND	1 Sep 00
McCullers, Dale	0030	1 Sep 00
Harris, John	DCWA	2 Sep 00
Maine, Raymond	DCWA	30 Sep 00
Hartley, Robert	EUNA	3 Jan 01
Spears, Stephen	0022	13 Jan 01

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