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John T. Picarelli is the Director of the Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (OTVTP) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Picarelli oversees five major initiatives driving the Department's mission to prevent all forms of terrorism and targeted violence in America. He is also responsible for coordinating the prevention mission among a dozen offices and components of the Department.

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