



F. Mike McDaniel

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Michael McDaniel began his law enforcement career in 1983 as a police officer with the City of Houston Police Department after graduating from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. In 1987, he accepted a position as a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and was assigned to the Houston DEA office for twelve years, working domestic and international drug investigations with a particular emphasis in undercover operations and Title III wire intercepts. In 1997, he was promoted to the Special Operations Division (SOD) in Lorton, Virginia as a Staff Coordinator in the Southwest Border Section. In 2000, McDaniel was transferred to a Group Supervisor position in the San Antonio, Texas DEA office where he supervised DEA's San Antonio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) enforcement group. In 2007, he was promoted to Resident Agent in Charge of the DEA Las Cruces, New Mexico Resident office, where he was responsible for DEA enforcement operations and the New Mexico Southwest Border operations in Southern New Mexico. In December 2008, McDaniel was promoted to an Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) position over DEA Houston HIDTA at the Houston DEA office.

In September of 2011, Michael McDaniel retired from DEA to accept a position as the Houston HIDTA Director. HIDTA is a federally funded grant program operating under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). This program mandates the collaboration of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working alongside each other by using federal funds to establish and maintain multiagency drug task forces to facilitate more comprehensive and successful investigative efforts targeting international drug trafficking organizations.