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THERESA STOOP NAMED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF ATF BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

BALTIMORE — Acting Director Michael J. Sullivan of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced that Theresa R. Stoop has been named as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of ATF's Baltimore Field Division. Most recently Stoop served as Chief of Staff to Sullivan.

"Theresa Stoop brings 24 years of knowledge and experience to Maryland and Delaware as one of ATF's key leaders. Under her leadership and direction, ATF will continue its effort in the fight against violent crime and make our communities safer from gangs, firearms violence, criminal acts of arson, and explosives-related violent crime. I am confident that under her leadership, the Baltimore Field Division will continue the ATF legacy in being the federal government's foremost agency in addressing and investigating violent crime," said Sullivan.

In 2000 to 2003, Stoop served as the SAC of the Baltimore Field Division where she was responsible for ATF's law enforcement and industry operations for Maryland and Delaware. She supervised the Baltimore Field Division during many high-profile and prominent investigations such as the serial arsonist who set fires in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia; a devastating arson in Maryland at the Hunter's Brooke housing development in Charles County; and the federal wiretap case "Operation Arizona" that dismantled a violent drug organization in West Baltimore. Additionally, she has worked in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Delaware on a successful initiative named Operation FED-UP — all of which are part of her continued commitment to reduce violent crime and gun crime in Maryland and Delaware.

Stoop will be responsible for criminal enforcement and regulatory issues throughout Maryland and Delaware, focusing ATF's strategic plan of using its human

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and technical resources in keeping firearms and explosives out of the hands of violent criminals.

Prior to this appointment, Stoop was the deputy assistant director for Training and Professional Development at ATF's National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She was second in command of the ATF Headquarters office that governed in-person and online training to ATF employees, as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement partners.

The Baltimore Field Division, comprising Maryland and Delaware, is also responsible for more than 2,200 federal firearms licensees and 126 explosives licensees and permittees. The field division focuses its resources on combating violent criminal gangs and organizations, sharing information and intelligence with its investigative partners and has more than 70 special agents and industry operations investigators. Other resources include certified fire investigators, certified explosives specialists, members of the Special and National Response Teams, along with the field division's intelligence group that identifies criminal trends by analyzing trafficking data. Additionally, the Baltimore Field Division houses one of the most successful Violent Crime Impact Teams throughout the country, and a one-of-a-kind Regional Area Gang Enforcement (RAGE) Task Force dedicated solely to dismantling violent criminal street gangs.

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