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KEITH L. PREWITT APPOINTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan has announced the appointment of Keith L. Prewitt to the position of Deputy Director, effective July 20, 2008. Mr. Prewitt is a 25-year veteran of the Secret Service and currently serves as the Assistant Director of the Office of Protective Research.

“Keith’s lengthy Secret Service career and his expertise in the areas of not only our dual mission of investigations and protection, but also his demonstrated leadership in the realms of training and critical infrastructure are valuable assets that will help guide our agency,” Director Sullivan said.

In his current position as Assistant Director of the Office of Protective Research, Mr. Prewitt oversees the agency’s threat and vulnerability assessment activities as well as the evaluation and implementation of technology-based protective countermeasures.

Previously, Mr. Prewitt served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Human Resources and Training for three years, and prior to that as the Assistant Director of the Office of Government and Public Affairs.

Mr. Prewitt began his career with the Secret Service in 1983 as a special agent in the Memphis Field Office. He progressed steadily through the ranks of the Secret Service, and his subsequent career assignments included duty in the Washington and Chicago Field Offices, the Vice Presidential Protective Division and the Liaison Division.

Mr. Prewitt has served as the Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Field Office, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Candidate Nominee Operations and the Special Agent in Charge of the Major Events Division. Mr. Prewitt also served as the Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Protective Operations and the Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Government and Public Affairs.

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Mr. Prewitt is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology/criminal justice from Memphis State University. He is a board member of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Board.

Mr. Prewitt has received numerous awards and accolades during his distinguished career in law enforcement, including the 2005 Department of Homeland Security Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Diversity Management.

Keith Prewitt is married to the former Pamela Chambers of Memphis, TN. They have two sons, Ryan and Patrick.

About the United States Secret Service

The United States Secret Service was originally founded in 1865 for the purpose of suppressing the counterfeiting of U.S. currency. Now an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service is widely known for its protective mission in safeguarding the nation's highest elected officials, visiting foreign dignitaries and events of national significance. Today, the Secret Service maintains a unique dual mission of protection and investigations, as one of the premier law enforcement organizations charged with investigating financial crimes.

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