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Mr. Keaney became the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit in the Cyberspace Operations Directorate at the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, in July 2019. In this capacity, he oversees the Directorate's daily operations and its portfolio of cybersecurity, information technology, and risk management-related audits.

Prior to becoming the Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Mr. Keaney was a Program Director for Audit in the Cyberspace Operations Directorate where he led a

Division up to 20 staff in planning, executing, and reporting information technology and cybersecurity audits. Mr. Keaney's Division primarily focused on the protection of electronic health records, controlled unclassified information maintained by contractors, and DoD Intelligence Community systems and networks, as well as combatant command cyberspace operations. Between 2005 and 2015, Mr. Keaney was a Project Manager for Audit with responsibility for managing cybersecurity-related audits.

Mr. Keaney began his civilian career in the Federal Government at the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, in 1997. He is a certified ethical hacker and certified information systems auditor. Mr. Keaney is the recipient of several awards, including the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2016 and the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency Award for Excellence in 1999 and 2005.

Sara McLean is an Assistant Director in the Commercial Litigation Branch (Fraud Section), Civil Division, Department of Justice and is responsible for leading the implementation of the Department's Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative. Before becoming an Assistant Director in March 2010, she was a Trial Attorney in the Fraud Section for over ten years. She has handled and supervised a wide variety of False Claims Act matters in the areas of procurement, healthcare, mortgage, and minerals royalty fraud. Some of her most significant matters have included General Services Administration defective pricing cases against major information technology companies, nationwide home healthcare fraud investigations, Federal Housing Administration loan guarantee cases, Department of Energy nuclear safety investigations, and natural gas royalties fraud litigation.



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Jeff Burke currently serves as the Program Manager for Intrusions and Cyber Crime at the Defense Criminal Investigative Service Cyber Field Office and is the DCIS Liaison at the National Cyber Investigations Joint Task Force. Prior to that, Burke worked as a Special Agent in the Cyber Field Office, Eastern Resident Agency in Alexandria, VA. SA Burke investigates computer network intrusions and a variety of other cyber crimes with a Department of Defense and high technology nexus. SA Burke also works closely with the FBI Cyber Task Force for the Washington Field Office. SA Burke came to DCIS in July of 2020.

Between 2016 and 2020, Jeff Burke served as a United States Postal Inspector assigned to the United States Postal Inspection Service Cyber Crime Unit. Inspector Burke investigated several cyber crimes in this capacity and worked some notable investigations disrupting prolific darknet market places and cyber actors who were shipping contraband through the US mail. In this capacity, Burke also undertook several details as a Team Leader, represented USPIS in Cyber Flag, and developed positive working relationships with Europol, the German Bundeskriminalamt, and the Dutch National Police.

Between 2014 and 2016, Inspector Burke was on a long term detail to start the USPIS Cyber Crime Unit. From 2014 to 2015 Inspector Burke detailed in the DC Metro area and worked closely with Inspection Service leadership to develop a new unit with computer forensic and network intrusion capabilities. In this role, Inspector Burke undertook numerous development opportunities and became familiar with contracting processes, policy writing, and helped with the development over the following years of a comprehensive cryptocurrency and online undercover program. Inspector Burke also undertook and led a complex investigation of a nation state network intrusion targeting USPS.

From 2012 to 2014 Inspector Burke worked as a Violent Crimes/External Crimes Inspector in the San Jose External Crimes Team. In this capacity, he investigated mail theft and identity theft violations, robberies, and a variety of other offenses impacting the US Mail and Postal employees after completing Basic Inspector Training in Potomac, MD.

From 2008 to 2012 Burke served as a Police Officer and Investigator with the Houston Police Department. Officer Burke started his law enforcement career in the Central Patrol Division and worked a variety of patrol functions. In 2010, he was selected for a rotation with the HPD Homicide Division and worked on over a half dozen homicide investigations and attended the Investigator School. In his last year at HPD, Burke served within the Criminal Intelligence Division as an Investigator/Computer Forensic Examiner attached to the US Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force and the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. During this time, Burke was also certified as a Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer, a certified TCOLE Police Instructor, and completed the HPD Carbine Patrol Rifle School hosted by HPD SWAT.

SA Burke holds a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology and a Master of Administrative Science degree with a concentration in Computer Security and Computer Forensics. SA Burke holds a variety of computer forensic, cryptocurrency, and online investigation certifications and belongs to a number of professional associations. He also teaches undergraduates cyber crime and computer forensic related topics as an Adjunct Professor.