

National Security and Records Verification Directorate

Fraud Detection and National Security Office



Don Crocetti is Chief of the Fraud Detection and National Security Office (FDNS) within the National Security and Records Verification Directorate. USCIS created FDNS to enhance the integrity of the immigration systems and to identify persons who pose a threat to national security or public safety. The FDNS headquarters division is located in Washington, DC with numerous field offices strategically placed in district and field offices, domestic and abroad.

The mission of Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS) is to strengthen national security and the integrity of USCIS programs, while simultaneously administering immigration benefits in a timely and efficient manner. The primary responsibilities of FDNS are to detect, pursue, and deter fraud; ensure background checks are conducted on all persons seeking benefits before granting benefits; identify systemic vulnerabilities and other weaknesses that compromise the integrity of the legal immigration system and maintain active and open lines of communication between USCIS and other law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

Fraud Detection and National Security is divided into four principal branches.

The **Fraud Detection Branch** is tasked with implementation and oversight of USCIS anti-fraud operations. This branch:

- o develops fraud detection related policies, procedures, priorities, goals and objectives
- o identifies systemic vulnerabilities in the legal immigration system and proposes requisite solutions
- o conducts Benefit Fraud Assessments to determine fraud rates, causes and solutions
- o conducts compliance reviews
- o provides input on proposed legislation, regulations, policies, procedures, and other guidelines
- o oversees Fraud Detection and National Security officers in asylum, district, regional offices and service centers

The **National Security Branch** consists of the Background Check Analysis Unit and the National Security Adjudications Unit. This branch:

- o develops national security-related policies, procedures, priorities, goals and objectives
- o directs and oversees the resolution of background checks pertaining to national security hits
- o pursues, collects and analyzes information from various law enforcement and Intelligence agencies
- o provides on-site support to select law enforcement and intelligence agencies
- o directs, coordinates and oversees the adjudication of cases with national security implications

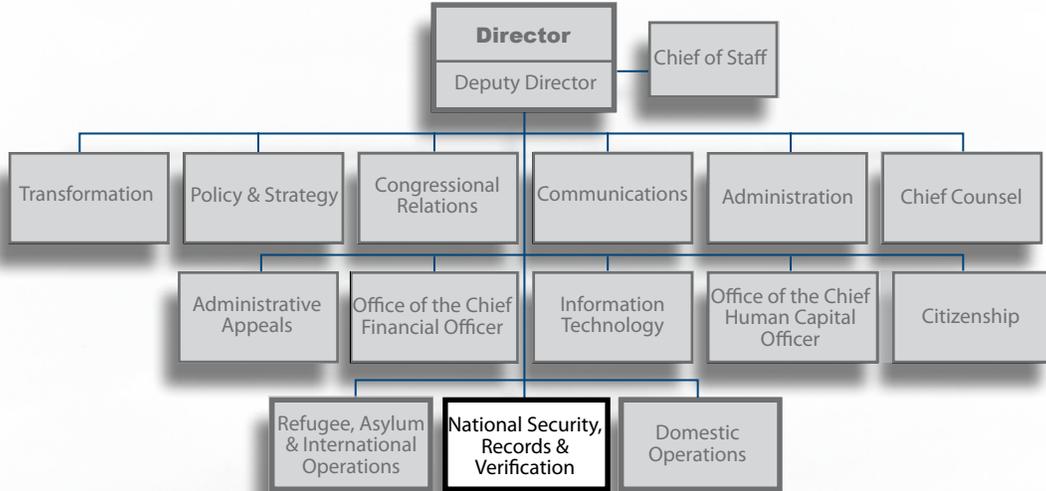
The **Intelligence Branch** collects, reports and disseminates immigration-based intelligence products designed to enhance Fraud Detection and National Security capabilities to react quickly to national threats or requests for information. The Intelligence Branch acts as the primary conduit from USCIS to the intelligence community; coordinates information sharing and collaboration efforts; collects and analyzes sensitive information and manages the National Immigration Information Sharing Operation and the Law Enforcement Support Operation.

The **Mission Support Branch** provides administrative support by performing administrative functions such as strategic planning and analyses; budget and finance; property and procurement; human resources, facilities and systems support activities.



USCIS employee reviews Adjustment of Status case

USCIS Organizational Chart



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