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## Ricky Patel

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Ricky J. Patel currently serves as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) for the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Newark Field Office. Mr. Patel has oversight of the full spectrum of investigative activities of over 260 investigators, comprised of special agents, intelligence analysts, task force officers and administrative personnel throughout the State of New Jersey. This includes management of personnel located in Newark, Trenton, Cherry Hill, Atlantic City, as well as among the largest seaports and airports in the United States.

As the Special Agent in Charge of HSI Newark, Mr. Patel manages all of HSI's complex federal law enforcement investigative programs related to national security and smuggling violations, including counter-proliferation, financial crime, commercial fraud, human trafficking, human smuggling, narcotics smuggling, transnational gangs, cyber-crime, child exploitation, and document and benefit fraud investigations. Prior to this position, Mr. Patel served as the Acting Special Agent in Charge for the HSI New York Field Office.

Mr. Patel previously served as the Deputy Special Agent in Charge for the HSI New York El Dorado Task Force (EDTF) division. The HSI New York El Dorado Financial Crimes Task Force is comprised of over 300 members from more than 30 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in New York and New Jersey – including special agents, state and local police investigators, intelligence analysts, and federal prosecutors, focusing on different aspects of criminal activity and financial crimes to include narcotics related money laundering, general financial fraud, and cyber related fraud/crime.

Prior to his assignments in New York, Mr. Patel was the Section Chief for the Law Enforcement Systems Section in HSI Headquarters. In this capacity, Mr. Patel oversaw a $30 million annual budget for contracts and programs to facilitate the development and maintenance of law enforcement information technology systems. He has played an integral role in managing, innovating, and rolling out investigative systems necessary for HSI personnel worldwide to accomplish the HSI mission.. Mr. Patel began his federal law enforcement career with HSI Newark as a Special Agent where he served both as a case agent and undercover operative, in multiple investigative disciplines to include document and benefit fraud, money laundering, weapons trafficking, counterproliferation, transnational gang activity, narcotics smuggling/trafficking and human smuggling/trafficking investigations. Mr. Patel possesses a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management with a focus in police studies from Seton Hall University and a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies from Montclair State University