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***Christopher J. Christie, U.S. Attorney***

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Christie Says Farewell to Office He Led Since 2002;  
Veteran Prosecutor Ralph Marra Named Acting U.S. Attorney

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NEWARK – With his resignation effective at 11:59 p.m. today, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie gave his final farewells to staff this afternoon. Ralph J. Marra, a veteran federal prosecutor and Christie’s top aide, was approved last week by Attorney General Michael Mukasey to become the Acting U.S. Attorney beginning tomorrow.

Christie became the 53<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Attorney in January 2002 and will leave as the longest serving U.S. Attorney in the state’s history.

“I have enjoyed every minute I have spent as U.S. Attorney,” said Christie. “It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have served the people of New Jersey in this capacity.”

Marra, 55, of Cranford, first joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in 1985. He has served in various supervisory roles in the office and prosecuted many types of cases, most recently as the lead government attorney in the prosecution of former state Sen. Wayne Bryant. Christie appointed Marra as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, his top aide and principal advisor, in March 2002 as Christie was filling out his executive office staff.

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office has never been more effective in all areas of prosecution,” Marra said. “It’s a record and reputation I intend to continue.”

Officially, Marra will carry the title of Acting U.S. Attorney, a position he will hold for a period of 210 days (June 28, 2009) unless a presidential appointment is made and confirmed by the U.S. Senate before then. If a presidential appointment is not made and confirmed by the end of the 210 days, the Attorney General may appoint an individual to serve as an interim U.S. Attorney.

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