

John J Bernardo Assistant Special Agent in Charge Miami Division

Mr. John J. Bernardo entered on duty with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in March, 1999. Upon graduation from the FBI Academy, he was assigned to the Miami Division where he was initially assigned to work Financial Institution and Mortgage Fraud. In 2003, he transferred to Public Corruption where he worked on high profile investigations involving a Broward County Commissioner and Broward School Board member, as well as Ponzi schemer, Scott Rothstein. Additionally, he was a member of the FBI Miami SWAT team where he served as a Sniper and Team Leader.

In July 2011, Mr. Bernardo was selected as the Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) of the Public Corruption squad where he oversaw the investigation of corrupt officials at Miami International Airport and a City Commissioner. Mr. Bernardo was also designated as Program Coordinator (PCOR) for the Miami Division's Public Corruption and Fraud Against the Government programs. To combat rising levels of corruption, Mr. Bernardo initiated and led, the Broward County Public Corruption Task Force and was a founding member of the Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Strike Force, which addressed the rapidly expanding threat of fraudulent federal tax return filings.

In 2018, Mr. Bernardo was promoted to Special Assistant to the AD of IOD where he assisted in directing the FBI's mission overseas. He spearheaded the review of IOD's hiring process, the FBI's overseas personnel tracking capabilities and the development and implementation of the FBI's global partnership strategy.

In July 2019, Mr. Bernardo was selected as the SSA of the Miami Critical Incident Response Squad where he supervised crisis management, ERT, SWAT, Special Events, USERT and Firearms. In this capacity he led the FBI's efforts of Super Bowl LIV which was hosted by Miami in 2020.

In April 2020, Mr. Bernardo was selected as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), with oversight of Miami's White Collar Crimes to include Complex Financial Crimes, Healthcare Fraud, Public Corruption, Civil Rights, Environmental Crimes and Fraud against the Government, as well as the Miami's Forensic Accountants and Auditors.

Mr. Bernardo received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Villanova University and received his Certified Public Accountant License in 1995.