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## **ATF ACTING DIRECTOR MICHAEL SULLIVAN NAMES RICHARD CHASE FIRST SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF DENVER FIELD DIVISION**

DENVER – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) welcomes [Richard Chase](#) as the first full-time special agent in charge (SAC) of the agency's Denver field division, which opened as ATF's 24<sup>th</sup> field division last December, announced ATF Acting Director Michael J. Sullivan today in Denver.

“Dick Chase brings his fresh vision to fight violent crime and make communities of the Rocky Mountain West safer from gangs and firearms- and explosives-related violent crime,” said Director Sullivan. “The strategic plan of ATF focuses our human and technical resources on keeping the “tools of the trade” out of the hands of violent criminals. ATF is the federal government’s main agency to prevent violent crime.”

Prior to this new appointment, Chase was the assistant director of the Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations. He also served as deputy assistant director for the Office of Training and Professional Development. His field experience includes positions as SAC of the ATF St. Paul Field Division, assistant SAC of the ATF Louisville Field Division and resident agent in charge of ATF field offices in Montana. He has more than 25 years of law enforcement experience.

The Denver Field Division, comprising Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, is responsible for more than 3,800 federal firearms licensees and nearly 800 explosives licensees and permittees. The field division is focused on combating violent criminal gangs and organizations and sharing information and intelligence with its investigative partners, and has more than 100 special agents and industry operations investigators. Other resources include a canine team, explosives enforcement officers, certified fire investigators, certified explosives specialists, and members of the Special and National Response Teams. The field division's intelligence group identifies criminal trends by analyzing trafficking data.

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