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ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT APPOINTS CARL J. TRUSCOTT AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Attorney General John Ashcroft announced today that Carl J. Truscott will serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), where he will be responsible for the Bureau's enforcement of the federal firearms, explosives, and arson laws, as well as its jurisdiction relative to the federal alcohol and tobacco diversion laws.

“Carl brings strong leadership and immense law enforcement expertise to the Bureau as they work to combat crime and protect the public,” said Attorney General Ashcroft. “ATF plays a crucial role in our work to fight violent crime, and I am confident Carl will assist ATF in achieving this and other key priorities. He will add incredible value to the mission of the Justice Department and the ATF, and I welcome him to the Justice family.”

Mr. Truscott joins the Bureau from the U.S. Secret Service, where he served as the Assistant Director of the Office of Protective Research and was responsible for the Secret Service’s investigative and protective intelligence, threat assessment activities, technical security, information technology, emergency preparedness, as well as science and technology. Prior to his term as Assistant Director, Mr. Truscott served as the Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division, where he had primary responsibility for supervising all protective matters relating to the President, First Family and the White House.

Mr. Truscott has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his distinguished law enforcement career, including: the Director’s Life Saving Award in 1986; Senior Executive Service performance awards in 2001 and 2002; a Special Award for Distinguished Service to the Executive Office of the President in 2002; and the Presidential Rank Award as Meritorious Executive in 2003.

Mr. Truscott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware in 1979. He attended the “Contemporary Executive Program” at The George Washington University in 1998; the “Executive Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security” at Harvard University in 1999; and the Director of Central Intelligence’s “Intelligence Community Senior Leadership Program” in 2003. Mr. Truscott is a native of Marlton, New Jersey, and began his law enforcement career in 1980 as an Investigator for the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety.

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