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Debbi began her Federal law enforcement career as a special agent with ED OIG in 1989 after graduating from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a BS in Criminal Justice. In 1997, after working as a special agent in what was known at the time as the OIG's Chicago Region, Natalie was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the OIG's Long Beach, California office, a role she held for 20 years until her retirement in 2017. Natalie retired in May 2017 and then came back to OIG in October 2020 as a reemployment annuitant assigned to the SIU working on pandemic related fraud.