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Special Agent Erroll Southers (Fmr.) began his law enforcement career as an officer with the Santa Monica Police Department in California. He served as a gang investigator, field training officer, and Crime Impact Team member. In 1984, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent in the San Diego office, where he conducted counterintelligence/terrorism investigations and served on the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. In 1993, he became the Executive Director for the City Manager of Long Beach, California, and led the Youth, Education, and Community Services Unit as well as the Citizen Police Complaint Commission. In 2004, he was

appointed by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Office of Homeland Security and was responsible for post-9/11 counterterrorism policy initiatives and projects to protect the critical infrastructure of the state. In 2007, he became Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles World Airports Police Department and led counter-terrorism and security operations over the four airports under his jurisdiction.

Southers left law enforcement in 2010. He is currently a Professor of National and Homeland Security and specializes in Homegrown Violent Extremism Studies at the University of Southern California. He is an adjunct subject matter expert for the RAND Corporation and the author of *Homegrown Violent Extremism*. He holds a bachelor's degree from Brown University, and both master's and doctoral degrees in public policy from the University of Southern California.

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