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**NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO HEAD THE
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
Current BCI Director retiring**

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem has appointed Chief Agent Dallas Carlson as the new Director of the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). The BCI is a division of the Attorney General’s office. Carlson will take over from Director Jerald Kemmet, who is retiring at the end of the month.

“In taking over from Jerry [Kemmet], I have big shoes to fill, but I am taking over a solid organization and I look forward to continuing to work with a group of dedicated and talented people,” said Carlson.

Carlson has served BCI for more than 20 years, beginning as a special agent in 1989 before being promoted to Chief Agent in 2000. He will spend the next three weeks working with outgoing Director Kemmet to ensure a smooth transition.

“With over twenty years of field experience and ten years as a chief agent, Dallas brings to the job a great combination of practical expertise, managerial skills, and historical knowledge. His familiarity with the operations of state government and local law enforcement agencies will allow him to immediately begin concentrating on the day-to-day operations of the division,” said Stenehjem.

Carlson was recommended by a committee comprised of representatives from state and local law enforcement agencies and state’s attorneys, who conducted a lengthy interview with the candidates before making the final recommendation to Attorney General Stenehjem. “I was pleased to have an excellent field of candidates from which to choose,” Stenehjem said.

Carlson graduated from Warwick High School and obtained a bachelor’s degree from Dickinson State. He was employed with Ramsey County Sheriff’s office, and the Devils Lake and Mandan Police Departments before beginning with the BCI in 1989. He served as an Agent in what was then the Drug Unit for the Dickinson area before being transferred to Williston and Minot as a Special Agent in the Criminal division. He was promoted to Chief Agent in May 2000, with supervision of 15 field agents and management of six district offices in eastern North Dakota. Carlson is a 2008 recipient of the Lone Eagle award for active law enforcement. He is active with the North Dakota Peace Officers Association, the Byrne Grant Board, the NDPOA Memorial Committee, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, supervises the ND POST Board personnel and is a past board member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

Carlson lives in Bismarck and has two sons.

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