



## **Michael P. Merritt**

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Michael P. Merritt is the Senior Director of Corporate Security and the Chief Security Officer for The Home Depot. In his current role, he is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of Home Depot executives and employees as well as providing physical security for its' corporate and regional support centers. Mr. Merritt oversees corporate security investigations and also provides oversight for The Home Depot's Crisis Response/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs. He has served in this capacity since August 2013.

Previously, Mr. Merritt served for 26 years in the United States Secret Service, having served in protective and investigative assignments in the United States and abroad. Mr. Merritt served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Investigations, where he was the senior official overseeing the agency's investigations. In this capacity, he developed and implemented policy for all Secret Service criminal investigations pertaining to counterfeit currency, financial crimes and electronic crimes. Mr. Merritt had oversight of the Secret Service's Criminal Investigative Division, the Forensic Services Division, the Investigative Support Division, the International Programs Division, the Asset Forfeiture Division, and more than 165 domestic and international offices. His experience of living overseas for 20 years and his fluency in several languages benefited him in his former position. Mr. Merritt also served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Administration, where he oversaw all fiscal activities of the Secret Service to include budget formulation and execution, procurement, facilities property management, and administrative services.

Mr. Merritt served in other senior executive positions with the Secret Service including Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Administration; Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations; Special Agent in Charge, Paris Field Office; and Executive Assistant to the Director.

Mr. Merritt began his career with the Secret Service in 1987 and served as a special agent in the Dallas Field Office. Mr. Merritt's subsequent assignments included the San Juan Resident Office, the Presidential Protective Division, and the Secret Service James J. Rowley Training Facility.

Mr. Merritt is a native of Marianna, Florida. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from The University of Southern Mississippi.