



[Local News](#) | [Sports](#) | [Autos Insider](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Weblogs](#) | [Forums](#) | [Photos](#)

Search Detroit:

- In Metro/State** [RSS](#)
- [Main Index](#)
- [-- News Talk](#)
- [Wayne](#)
- [Oakland](#)
- [Macomb](#)
- [Livingston](#)
- [Commuting](#)
- [Obituaries](#)
- [-- Death Notices](#)
- [Schools](#)
- [Special Reports](#)
- [Detroit History](#)
- [Michigan's Best](#)
- Essentials**
- [Homepage](#)

Monday, April 09, 2007

[Print this](#) | [Comment on this](#) | [E-mail this](#)

Detroit FBI chief comes home

Metro area native Andrew Arena says job is 'dream come true.'

Paul Egan / The Detroit News

Advertisement

DETROIT -- The new head of the FBI in Detroit took on the Gambini crime family in New York, fought violent street gangs in Los Angeles and was the agency's chief of international terrorism operations in the tense two years following the 2001 attacks.

In Ohio, he led a public corruption investigation that jailed about 70 officials in the Youngstown area, including judges, a sheriff and former U.S. Rep. Jim Traficant.

Now, "it's my dream come true to be the head of the FBI in my hometown," said Andrew Arena, who was born in a Dearborn hospital and raised in southwest Detroit.

Arena, who turns 45 next month, took over the post in March from Special Agent in Charge Daniel Roberts, who was promoted to a position in Washington, D.C. It's Arena's second stint in Detroit. He served as assistant special agent in charge in Detroit in 2001 before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. Attorney Stephen Murphy said Arena has strong ties to the community. Also, "he has an organized crime background and, given his management of the criminal division in New York, he's no stranger to managing large organizations."

Arena, a graduate at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law who joined the FBI in 1988, listed terrorism, identity theft, Internet predators, public corruption and street gangs as among his priorities in Detroit.

Many possible attacks were stopped after Sept. 11 without the public ever knowing they existed, and "there are a lot of things the American people will never know," Arena said.

When he was chief of international terrorism

- [Get free headlines by e-mail](#)
- [NEW! Get text alerts on your cell phone](#)



David Coates / The Detroit News
Andrew Arena begins his second stint at the Detroit FBI. He previously served as assistant special agent in charge in 2001. [See full image](#)

ST
M
C
G

Fin
at
Fl

- [Livingston](#)
- [Commuting](#)
- [Obituaries](#)
- [-- Death Notices](#)
- [Schools](#)
- [Detroit History](#)
- [Nation/World](#)
- [Nation/World](#)
- [Politics/Gov](#)
- [-- Election](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Religion](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Sports](#)
- [Lions/NFL](#)
- [Pistons/NBA](#)
- [Red Wings/NHL](#)
- [Tigers/MLB](#)
- [Shock/WNBA](#)
- [MSU](#)
- [U-M](#)
- [More Colleges](#)
- [High Schools](#)
- [Golf](#)
- [Motor Sports](#)
- [Outdoors](#)
- [More Sports](#)
- [Scoreboards](#)
- [Entertainment](#)
- [Entertainment](#)
- [Events](#)
- [-- Event Finder](#)
- [Movies/TV/DVD](#)
- [-- Movie Finder](#)
- [-- TV Listings](#)
- [Eats & Drinks](#)
- [-- Restaurants](#)
- [-- Wine Report](#)
- [Books](#)
- [CD Reviews](#)
- [Casino Guide](#)
- [Michigan's Best](#)
- [Living](#)
- [Lifestyle](#)
- [Homestyle](#)
- [Fitness](#)
- [Forums](#)
- [News Talk](#)
- [Faith Talk](#)
- [Autos Talk](#)
- [Wings Talk](#)
- [Lions Talk](#)
- [Pistons Talk](#)
- [Tigers Talk](#)
- [Big 10 Talk](#)
- [High Schools](#)
- [Movie Talk](#)
- [Tech Talk](#)
- [Weblogs](#)
- [Blog Index](#)
- [Amber Arellano's Blog](#)
- [Anime Blog](#)
- [Architecture Blog](#)
- [Autos Blog](#)
- [Big Ten Blog](#)
- [Bizarro News](#)
- [Bullard's Pundit Blog](#)
- [Crafts Blog](#)
- [Daniel Howes Blog](#)
- [Entertainment Blog](#)
- [Fashion & Shopping](#)
- [Food Blog](#)
- [Golf Blog](#)
- [Health Blog](#)
- [Henry Payne's Blog](#)
- [High School Sports](#)
- [Homestyle Blog](#)
- [Laura Berman Blog](#)

operations at FBI headquarters from early 2002 through February 2004, Arena and the government officials around him put in long hours, he said. "You went home every night thinking, 'Did I do everything? Did I miss something?' "

At the same time Arena and other officials were trying to respond to imminent threats, they were revamping the FBI's counterterrorism efforts in response to Sept. 11.

"A lot of it was kind of on the fly," Arena said. "As somebody from the Department of Justice once said, it was kind of like building a raft as you're going down the rapids."

Immediately before taking the Detroit post, Arena was special agent in charge of the criminal division in New York.


Arena, who is married with three daughters, has a brother, a sister-in-law and an uncle who worked for the Detroit Police Department.

You can reach Paul Egan at (313) 222-2069 or pegan@detnews.com.

- [▶ Printer friendly version](#)
- [▶ Comment on this story](#)
- [▶ Send this story to a friend](#)
- [▶ Get Home Delivery](#)

More Metro/State Headlines

- [▶ Interactive: The grand homes of Woodward](#)
- [▶ Support from family, friends helps amputee through recovery](#)
- [▶ Cold snap ices area travelers](#)
- [▶ John Lee finds strength to move on after illness takes his arms and legs](#)
- [▶ Detroit water experts rake in \\$9.3M](#)
- [▶ Neighborhood Grandeur](#)
- [▶ Navy SEAL from U.P. killed in Iraq](#)
- [▶ Detroit residents meet with police to express concerns](#)
- [▶ Easter food baskets blessed across Metro Detroit](#)
- [▶ NWA pilot ordered back to Detroit after shouting curses on flight from Las Vegas](#)
- [▶ Icy roads blamed in multicar crashes](#)
- [▶ Cold snap, winds threaten spring flowers](#)
- [▶ Swearing grounds NWA jet](#)
- [▶ State troopers avoid layoff, at least for now](#)
- [▶ City hurts as state, federal aid dwindles](#)
- [▶ Warming saps Great Lakes](#)
- [▶ MySpace mom's teen is pregnant](#)
- [▶ Sister-in-law sues Grant for \\$50M](#)
- [▶ Easter Bunny will hop through cold](#)

- [Lions/NFL Blog](#)
- [Mears Photoblog](#)
- [Motor Sports Blog](#)
- [Music Blog](#)
- [NASCAR/Racing Blog](#)
- [Neal Rubin Blog](#)
- [Nolan Finley Blog](#)
- [Photo Blog](#)
- [Pistons/NBA Blog](#)
- [Politics Blog](#)
- [Scott Burgess: Autos](#)
- [Sports Blog](#)
- [Sports & Celebs](#)
- [Sports Buzz](#)
- [Technology Blog](#)
- [Terry Foster Sports](#)
- [Tigers Blog](#)
- [Tom Long Movies](#)
- [Travel Blog](#)
- [TV Blog](#)
- [Wings/NHL Blog](#)
- RSS**
-  [Feeds](#)

© Copyright 2007 The Detroit News. All rights reserved.