

Trouble-Shooter Transferred Out of INS

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Attorney General Janet Reno has removed a Justice Department **trouble-shooter** from his post as head of the immigration service's **troubled** naturalization program because of an investigation related to his previous office at Justice, U.S. officials said yesterday.

Robert K. Bratt was replaced Monday night as director of naturalization operations at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a post he has held since last April.

He was pulled back to the Justice Department, where he will work **in** the management division, officials said. Carole Florman, a department spokeswoman, said the move "is not a demotion" and is "not based on any adverse findings against him" by investigators. She declined to elaborate.

Knowledgeable officials said the sudden **transfer** is related to an investigation by the Justice Department inspector general into allegations of improper disclosure of classified information, questionable contracts and sexual harassment by managers of the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program, which Bratt oversaw before he was assigned temporarily to the **INS**. The program provides training to police **in** Latin America, the former Soviet bloc and other countries.

Bratt was replaced at the **INS** by his deputy, James Angus. Officials said the agency will press ahead with efforts to improve the citizenship program, which has been accused of improperly naturalizing thousands of immigrants.

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