

**John Penza**  
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John Penza is a 27-year law enforcement and national security executive who is currently the director of International Investigations for 5 Stones intelligence. In April 2022, Penza retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as an assistant special agent in charge of the Violent Crime Threat Program in New York City. In that role, Penza was responsible for more than 200 law enforcement professionals from over 40 federal, state, and local agencies and an annual operating budget of \$5 million.

Penza also served as an FBI supervisor and investigator for both Eurasian and Italian organized crime in the United States and Italy. He coordinated with foreign law enforcement partners targeting transnational criminal groups engaged in sophisticated financial crimes such as securities fraud, bank fraud, health care fraud, and money laundering. Penza initiated and directed international criminal investigations into the highest levels of Eurasian organized crime, operating sophisticated money laundering schemes with significant reach into the US financial institutions. Of significance, Penza developed, managed, and advanced the high-profile criminal investigation of FIFA executives, resulting in 40 indictments, \$250 million in forfeitures, and institutional changes within FIFA.

Prior to Penza's appointment with the FBI, he was a local police officer in New Jersey and a correctional officer with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Penza holds a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from Rutgers University and a master's degree in administration and supervision from Seton Hall University.