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Experience

Investigative Reporter, WHDH, Boston, MA

November 2019 – Present

Investigative Reporter/Fill-in Anchor, WPTV, West Palm Beach, FL October 2016 – October 2019

- Responsible for long-term/day-turn investigative pieces
- Reporting led to the firing/forced retirement of three top Palm Beach County fire rescue chiefs
- Investigative reporting resulted in state policy changes concerning food deliveries to daycares
- Investigative reporting led to proposed legislation covering guns and pre-schools
- Investigative reporting resulted in changes to Interstate 95
- Anchor newscasts, as needed, on weekdays and weekends

Investigative Reporter/Fill-in Anchor/Court Reporter, WINK, Fort Myers, FL Oct 2013 – Sept 2016

- Responsible for long-term/day-turn investigative pieces
- Investigative reporting sparked 13 criminal investigations into sex offenders breaking the law
- Enterprised/turned stories daily for multiple newscasts
- Anchored newscasts as needed

Weekend Anchor/Producer/GA Reporter, WETM, Elmira, NY

March 2011 – October 2013

- Produced and anchored four weekend newscasts
- Shot, wrote, edited and fronted local news content
- Enterprised stories for daily award-winning newscast/developed content for weekend shows
- Created original content for web portal
- Managed weekend staff, used news judgment to make managerial calls

Education

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

May 2010

Bachelor of Arts: Broadcast Journalism, Minors: International Studies and Theatre

CIEE Study Abroad Program: University of Westminster, London, England January – June 2009

Skills

- Final Cut Pro, INews, Edius, Adobe Premier, ENPS, Final Cut Pro Editor, Pro Tools

Awards

- 2019, Best Investigative Single Report Nominee, Society of Professional Journalists
- 2019, Best Investigative Series Finalist, Florida Associated Press Broadcasters
- 2018, Best Investigative Series Winner, Society of Professional Journalists

- 2018, Best Investigative Single Report, 2nd Place, Society of Professional Journalists
- 2018, Best Investigative Single Report, 3rd Place, Society of Professional Journalists
- 2018, Best Investigator Nominee, Suncoast Emmys
- 2018, Best Societal Concerns Series Nominee, Suncoast Emmys
- 2017, Best Hard News Feature Nominee, Suncoast Emmys
- 2016, Best Series Reporting Winner, Florida Associated Press Broadcasters
- 2012 & 2011, Outstanding Locally Originated Newscast WETM 18 News, NYSBA
- 2011, Outstanding Spot News Coverage Emergency Plane Landing, WETM 18 News, NYSBA