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EXPERIENCE

WKMG, Orlando, FL

Morning Anchor

December 2025 — Present

NBC Boston WBTS, Boston, MA

Weekend Morning Anchor/ Reporter

October 2022 — October 2025

- Anchor 6 ½ hours of news on weekend mornings
- Take an active role in the production of the weekend morning newscasts
- Morning reporter three days a week covering breaking news
- · Turn packages three times a week
- Specialize in enterprise reporting

WOWT, Omaha, NE

Anchor/MMJ

September 2020 — October 2022

- Weekend Anchor
- Assists weekend producer to build newscast while directing reporters out in the field
- Enterprise Reporter, cultivating sources for content unique to the market
- Morning Reporter delivering compelling live shots while securing content to MMJ for later newscasts

WEEK, Peoria, IL

Weekend Anchor/Producer/
Investigative Reporter

March 2017 – August 2020

- Produce, solo anchor '25 News' Saturday 6/10pm newscasts & Sunday
 10pm highest rated show
- · Research stories, build weekend plan & assign leads to reporters
- Promoted to Investigative Reporter in August 2017
- MMJ multiple stories a day/live shots
- Investigative report (Police Officer Misconduct) broke social media records for the station, #1 trending story in DMA for two consecutive days, Prompted public statement/follow-up from local police dept. on body cam video & dept. policies/procedures
- Tip pursued through consistent cultivation of community relationships led
- Peoria Police to ID/arrest a homicide suspect

KCAU, Sioux City, IA

D.C. Bureau Reporter

Summer 2016

 Enterprise national stories affecting Sioux City residents from Capitol Hill Interview Iowa Congressional Delegation

Awards

2019 Best Investigative
 Reporter 2nd Place Illinois

 Associated Press Broadcasters

Skills

- AVID
- · Premiere Pro
- iNews
- ENPS
- Strong social media headlines/

Education

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications 2016

Master of Science, Broadcast & Digital Journalism

Social Media



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@LMelendezNews2.5K followers



@LMelendezNews9.5K followers



@Imelendeznews 5.2K followers