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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Investigative Reporter with 20+ years of experience. Member of the IRE Press Freedom Committee. Awards include Columbia University's duPont-Columbia Award (Baton), IRE Certificate, National & Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, Emmys, and more. Reports have prompted new regulations and state laws focused on improving public safety.

EXPERIENCE

Investigative Reporter

2023 – Present

WOIO Channel 19 News

Cleveland, OH

- Report a minimum of two to three investigations per week, update previous reports, write digital web copy, and produce investigative podcasts.
- Investigation exposed Sheriff intentionally failing to alert the public when prisoners escaped. Series prompted a new law requiring Ohio law enforcement agencies to issue public notifications similar to Amber Alerts.

Investigative Reporter

2021 – 2023

KTUU Alaska's News Source

Anchorage, AK

- Turned a minimum of two reports per week, updated previous stories, wrote digital copy, and produced in-depth reports and investigative specials.
- Awarded Edward R. Murrow Award for undercover reports about illegal gambling.

Freelance Reporter / Producer

2016 – 2021

Freelance

Florida

- Reported news and documentaries in Florida and Atlanta, researched data for various stations and production companies.

Investigative Reporter

2013 – 2015

WLOS ABC News 13

Asheville, NC

- Produced hour-long documentary exposing toxic Superfund site that was contaminating residents' drinking water for decades.
- Exposed how EPA officials knew about it yet failed to notify the public. Victims' class action lawsuit went before the U.S. Supreme Court, and Justices ruled in favor of extending their statute of limitations to file suit.

Investigative Reporter

2011 – 2013

WFTX Fox 4 News

Fort Myers, FL

- Exposed large gaps in law enforcement's registration and tracking of sex offenders.

Commercial and Residential Realtor

2005 – 2011

Keller Williams Realty

Miami, FL

- Awarded Top Individual Listing Agent for three years out of 100+ Realtors.

Senior Investigative Reporter

2001 – 2004

WFTS ABC News

Tampa, FL

- Uncovered flaws and corruption with Tampa's largest elevated expressway project. Reports warned the public five months before the first pier support collapsed.
- Investigation led to criminal charges and new construction requirements in Florida. Then-Governor Jeb Bush personally thanked Mike for potentially saving lives. Project was torn down and rebuilt at a cost of \$350M. Series awarded Columbia University Alfred duPont Baton.
- Exposed malpractice of Hillsborough County's former Medical Examiner which led to release of two men formerly convicted of murdering infants.

Investigative Reporter

WBBH NBC-2

1999 – 2001

Fort Myers, FL

- Series of school safety investigations sparked new state laws improving safety standards at Florida's public schools. Reports exposed Lee County administrators falsifying safety records to cover up a systemic problem with non-functional fire alarms at dozens of schools. Awarded National Murrow.
- Exposed serious flaws with Collier County's 911 Call System, blamed for causing confusion that led to numerous deaths.
- First reporter to expose identities of 9/11 terrorists who hijacked planes which struck the World Trade Center Towers.

EDUCATION

Saint Thomas University

Bachelor of Arts — Major: Communications / Journalism

1992 – 1994

Miami, FL

International Fine Arts College

Fine Art / Advertising

1990 – 1992

Miami, FL

REELS & SOCIAL MEDIA

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