

## Scripps builds one of the best investigative teams in the country at KMGH in Denver

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**CINCINNATI** – Jace Larson is the new investigative reporter for KMGH in Denver. The national award-winning journalist will join the formidable Denver7 Investigators team covering Denver and will also work on national investigations for “The Now,” an original news program created by The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP).

Larson will team up with Tony Kovalesski, whose in-depth investigations changed emergency procedures at the Denver International Airport, and Ryan Luby, who also recently joined the team from New Mexico. Luby’s reporting on the state’s campaign finance records enacted reforms in the state’s system.

“Jace will round out our robust investigative team,” said Brad Remington, vice president and general manager of KMGH. “Government officials, community leaders and companies should take notice. The Denver7 Investigators will uncover corruption, expose the misuse of taxpayer dollars and serve as the watchdog for citizens who don’t feel empowered to stand up against the system. The fact that Jace is returning home gives him a clear advantage to tap into a network of people he knows and a community he understands.”

“Who wouldn’t want to return to Colorado?” said Larson. “The people, the landscape and the competitive news market made it an easy decision to return. Scripps made it clear, we will be leaders in investigative journalism. Audiences already are noticing a big difference in Denver with the addition of Tony and Ryan. I look forward to contributing to their efforts and to interacting with our audiences. News today is a two-way street, with constant social media interaction. We’re going to create interactive ways to share and experience the news together.”

In addition to his focus on Colorado investigations, Larson also will explore stories with national significance for “The Now,” a news program that airs in 11 Scripps markets.

Larson returns to Denver from Texas, where he spent three years as an investigative reporter for KPRC in Houston. His story of a mentally ill rape victim, who was imprisoned to make sure she would testify, sparked worldwide interest and calls for changes in state law to protect witnesses. His reporting after deadly, historic flooding resulted in significant safety improvements and training for Houston’s first responders. His investigations not only draw attention and interest from viewers, but they lead to change and improvements for local communities.

“Jace is a high caliber journalist when it comes to exposing injustices and tapping into sources who are willing to share evidence of wrongdoing,” said Sean McLaughlin, vice president of news for Scripps. “Scripps is committed to investigative reporting and welcoming Jace Larson to KMGH proves we want to hire the very best in the business.”

Prior to his work in Houston, Larson was an investigative reporter in Denver, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Quincy, Illinois. This year, the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters named him best specialty

reporter. Larson has won the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award along with regional Emmy and Edward R. Murrow awards.

He earned a mass communication degree from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois.

He will join the KMGH team in October.

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