

KNXV's 'Full Disclosure' investigation wins first-place National Headliner Award

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CINCINNATI – KNXV, the Phoenix-based television station owned by The E.W. Scripps Company (NASDAQ: SSP), has won a National Headliner Award for its 2020 investigative series, “Full Disclosure.”

The investigation – a series of two dozen reports and a pair of documentary specials – exposed widespread and systemic problems with Arizona’s so-called “Brady” lists, which are supposed to track police officers with documented histories of dishonesty, false arrests, crimes and integrity concerns.

As part of the series, the reporting team created the first-ever statewide public database of every officer on the “Brady” list. The investigation prompted officials to launch multiple investigations, ended the careers of dishonest officers, forced county attorneys to increase transparency and pushed union leaders to acknowledge the need for a misconduct database.

“Not only did the station document cases of policy dishonesty, it established a searchable database of officers who have officially been cited for transgressions, one that serves the entire community of law enforcement (and criminal attorneys) in a way state oversight officials never did,” said the National Headliner Award judges. “The system was broken, but ABC 15 took a giant step toward fixing it.”

“Scripps’ local television stations serve a crucial role as watchdogs of the powerful, and KNXV’s investigation into Arizona’s ‘Brady’ lists underscores the important role journalists play in our society,” said Brian Lawlor, Scripps’ president of Local Media. “We’re proud of the team’s persistence and determination to shed light on these issues for viewers and for their commitment to impacting change.”

KNXV also took home second place in the broadcast or cable television stations pandemic coverage/project category for “Arizona’s deadly COVID numbers game.”

“Full Disclosure” was [recently honored](#) with an IRE Award and is a finalist in the prestigious [George Foster Peabody Awards](#).

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