

Scripps News, WTVF in Nashville named finalists for 2025 duPont-Columbia Awards

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CINCINNATI – News teams at The E.W. Scripps Company (NASDAQ: SSP) have been named finalists for three 2025 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards, honoring outstanding public service in audio and video reporting. Columbia Journalism School announced the 30 finalists today.

Scripps News is a first-time finalist for two investigative stories: one that probed the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and a second that explored the limits of Maine gun laws. WTVF, Scripps' CBS-affiliated local television station in Nashville, is one of nine finalists from local newsrooms across the country, nominated for its series of reports on political extremism in Tennessee.

The 2025 duPont-Columbia winners will be announced at a ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025.

Scripps News, “Flint: City in Contempt”

Scripps News Investigates found that nearly a decade after one of the nation's largest public health scandals was set in motion, many Flint residents were still waiting for the city to remove and replace the corroded pipes that have been leaching lead into the city's water supply. A federal judge cited the investigation when he held the city in contempt earlier this year. [View the full investigation here.](#)

“The people of Flint have been fighting for clean water for years, for their own city and for the nation. This recognition is a testament to their relentless efforts to bring attention to the dangers of lead in drinking water,” said national investigative producer Carrie Cochran. “As Flint waits for the remaining toxic pipes there to be found and replaced, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates there are still 9 million dangerous service lines across the country.”

Scripps News also [received a national news Emmy Award in September](#) for its investigation into the Flint water crisis.

Scripps News, “Maine Shooting: Missed Warnings

Scripps News Investigates revealed how more than two dozen law enforcement officials had information about a mass shooter's threats and access to firearms before he committed 2023's deadliest mass shooting, but no one was able to remove the shooter's weapons before he took the lives of 18 people. For the last year, Scripps News Investigates has been trying to find out why. [Read the full investigative series](#) to see what Scripps News uncovered.

WTVF, NewsChannel 5 “Hate Comes to Main Street”

WTVF Chief Investigative Reporter Phil Williams and the NewsChannel 5 Investigates team received a nomination for their [investigation into Franklin, Tennessee, mayoral candidate Gabrielle Hanson](#). In a series of reports, the team probed Hanson's ties to white supremacists, her arrest history for promoting prostitution and her social media photo of a group of women she claimed to be her supporters but who later denied that claim and denounced her, among other inconsistencies and unusual revelations.

As the investigation expanded, the NewsChannel 5 Investigates team discovered how a Hanson ally, Shawn Taylor, had a lengthy history of bizarre, unfounded conspiracy theories before being hired as the assistant police chief in Millersville, Tennessee. This project has produced more than 60 individual stories.

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The investigation into Hansin [received a Peabody Award in May](#). Williams and the NewsChannel 5 Investigates team [won a 2023 duPont Award for “Revealed,”](#) an investigation of Tennessee’s Capitol Hill.

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