

Scripps News receives prestigious Gracie Award for its investigation into child fentanyl overdoses

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Alliance for Women in Media is honoring Scripps News with a prestigious Gracie Award for its 2024 investigation, “Fentanyl: The Silent Toll.”

The Gracie Awards winners were announced today. Scripps News, the national streaming channel owned by The E.W. Scripps Company (NASDAQ: SSP), also received an honorable mention in two other categories.

“The recognition underscores Scripps News’ unwavering commitment to investigative journalism,” said Linda Pattillo, Scripps News’ managing editor for investigations and world affairs. “It’s a testament to our dedicated team’s tireless efforts to uncover the truth and bring critical issues to light, ensuring that important stories are told and impactful changes are made.”

[“Fentanyl: The Silent Toll”](#)

Scripps News Investigates correspondent **Lori Jane Gliha** and producer **Brittany Freeman** won the Gracie Award in the “national news: hard news feature” category for their original reporting, “Fentanyl: The Silent Toll”. The team traveled from coast to coast, interviewing families, medical experts and social workers about the deaths and near-fatalities of babies, toddlers and young children across the country.

“We are honored that our years of reporting on this issue have been recognized by an organization that elevates and empowers not only women but female investigative journalists,” said Gliha. “We are delighted to know more people will see our work as a result of this award. We hope that will allow the light we have shined on these issues to continue to have a positive impact on many lives.”

Their series of reports, which began airing in 2023, has [expanded to include the groundbreaking analysis of more than 400 cases and continues today](#). The earliest stories in the series were nominated for a 2024 national news Emmy Award.”

[“Ukraine’s Women Warriors”](#)

Scripps News received an honorable mention in the “national news: soft news feature” category for its special report, “Ukraine’s Women Warriors”. Scripps News international correspondent **Jason Bellini** traveled to the frontlines of the war in Ukraine where the call to fight for freedom is being answered by Ukrainian women finding their own strength and bravery. Bellini’s reports provide insight into the experience of more than 5,000 female Ukrainian volunteers in combat positions.

Bellini has been reporting in Ukraine since the start of the war. His investigation into Ukraine’s orphans received several national journalism awards including: a Deadline Club Award; a New York Press Club Award; the Radio Television Correspondents’ Association’s David Bloom Award; and a third place National Headliner Award. [View all of Bellini’s reporting here](#).

[“Maine Shooting: Missed Warnings”](#)

Scripps News received an honorable mention in the “national news investigative” category for its investigation into the 2023 Maine mass shooting. The reporting revealed how more than two dozen law enforcement officials had



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information about the shooter's threats and access to firearms, but no one triggered state red or yellow flag laws that are intended to prevent mass shootings.

Gliha and **Freeman** spent months uncovering information about the shooter, a member of the Army Reserves. Their investigation was also honored with a 2025 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award.

Scripps News is carried on all major streaming platforms and services. It is also available on mobile with the Scripps News app and online at [ScrippsNews.com](https://scrippsnews.com).

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