# Mikayla Lewis

Award-Winning Multimedia Journalist. Reporter. Video Editor. Filmmaker. Photographer. On-Air Personality. Storyteller.

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# Summary. Skills.

Television, film and digital media professional experienced in creating and producing a diverse range of network and independent productions. Brings strong work ethic and leadership skills to creative environments.

- TV and radio background
- Camera Operator
- Filmmaker
- Avid, Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Premier software
- Screenwriting
- Strong creative vision
- Film editing
- Strong communication skills
- Public speaker
- Team player
- Focused
- Concept development
- Thrives under pressure
- Adaptable
- Freelance

## **EXPERIENCE**

Mikayla Lewis: Be Reel Co. - Owner/Operator (2016 - Present)

- Video production, editing and photography for businesses, individuals, artists and brands
- Currently in production: original feature-length documentary; "Mary Martin: MUSIC MAVEN" (working title)
- NFL Draft (Nashville, TN April 2019) Freelance Video Production for Las Vegas Review-Journal

#### Talent + Acting work:

- Jessy Wilson music video 12/14/2018
- Evolve Pet Food commercial 10/2018: https://youtu.be/P5YULgAw0b4
- NativeSoul surprise wedding proposal production 11/7/2018: https://youtu.be/8n6lgr\_o6n0
- Short film voiceover & writing: <a href="https://youtu.be/P7kM9W-iN61">https://youtu.be/P7kM9W-iN61</a>

# Fox 17 News (WZTV) - Reporter/Multimedia journalist

May 2013 - August 2018

- On-air TV news reporter also doing own shooting, editing, writing and producing of stories on a tight deadline daily.
- Filling in as entertainment reporter going on press junkets and Fox show sets to interview numerous celebrities in Vancouver, Los Angeles and Nashville.
- General assignment normally
- Daily social media and web requirements filled for news content promotion
- Producing multiple stories and packages on weekends often.
- Featured nationally including on <u>CNN</u>, reporting on the search for <u>Little Joe Clyde</u>, a
  5-year-old boy with autism murdered by his father.

# KSN News (KSNW/ KSNC) - Reporter, Multi-media journalist & Central

Kansas Bureau Chief

February 2012-April 2013 (Great Bend & Wichita, KS)

- Multi-media journalist reporting, producing, shooting, writing and editing own stories covering various topics: Tornadoes, bank robberies, murders, fundraisers, community events, etc.
- Experienced reporting in recorded and live scenarios
- Central Kansas Bureau chief and KSNW reporter
- Experience reporting in live, in-studio and breaking news platforms

# KFHS University TV & Radio Station- Student

August 2007- December 2011 (Hays, KS)

 Fort Hays State University TV and radio station: reporter, anchor, TV show host, radio show host, editor, photographer, sports commentary

#### Country Music Television (CMT) - Intern

May 2009- December 2009 (Nashville, TN)

 Multiple internships with a variety of CMT departments, including: CMT's weekly insider show and assisting the Vice-President of Original Programming and Development. Duties ranged from office work, errands to assisting at CMT awards red carpet and after-party, photo and video shoots for various productions.

# Volunteer

- \* 2015 -2016: Unchained Movement is a local non-profit that helps victims of sex-trafficking become survivors. The group has a residential program and focuses on recovery, education and community awareness.
  - Produce, shoot, edit and create all digital media content for Unchained Movement until they are able to hire someone.
  - Multiple shoots in a single day.
  - Promotional and awareness ads
  - Spending time with survivors to help tell their story to the world and prevent it from happening to others.
- \*Featured speaker at Tennessee Voices for Victims Crimes Victims' Rights Week Annual Ceremony- April 2016 survivor speech; April 2017 + April 2019 moderator
- \*Davidson County Annual Season to Remember Ceremony Dec. 2017 moderator
- \*Davidson County Family Justice Center Planning Commission
- \*2018 Present: Speaker, TDOC Inmates Class (Domestic Violence Awareness)
- \*2018 Present: Spoons of Diamond Benefit for Assistive Smart Spoons for those in need

### **EDUCATION**

**Fort Hays State University** - *Broadcast Journalism/ Communications degree (BS)* 

August 2007- December 2011

- Broadcasting and News writing coursework
- Film and Media Studies coursework
- Public Speaking and Theater coursework
- English and Creative Writing coursework
- Radio and TV News coursework
- Arts and Entertainment Management coursework

#### **AWARDS**

#### Kansas Association of Broadcasters (KAB AWARDS)

- 2012: **2nd Place** In-Depth News Reporting
- 2012: **2nd Place** News Feature/ Enterprise report
- 2013: **1st Place** In-Depth News Reporting

• 2013: **1st Place** Single-Topic News Coverage

# **Radio Television Digital News Association**

2018: Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Breaking News
 On Sunday September 24, 2017, a gunman opened fire at the Burnette
 Chapel Church of Christ in Antioch killing one person and injuring seven others.
 Entry:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAnw2o1134&feature=youtu.be

#### Professional Equipment:

- 2 DSLR cameras: Canon Rebel t5i and t3i
- Mulitple high quality lenses including two Rokinon Cine lens (T2.2 16mm & T 1.5 85mm), Canon 18-135 mm, Canon 75-300mm, Canon 50mm
- Studio Pro Portable light & large background kit (includes green screen)
- Zomei professional tripod
- (1) Neewer CN-160 & (1) LS led light kit with stand
- 3 small production/product lights with colored filters
- Studio Pro: Two full soft box light kits
- LS professional reflector kit
- Rode Nat mic system
- Wireless lav mic system (Azden WR-Pro Wireless receiver and mic)
- (1) Maono lavalier microphone 7 Basic model
- (1) Sony Electret Condenser Microphone (ECM-MS907)
- ProMaster monopod
- Shoulder harness stabilizer
- VF WT 3130 tripod
- Final Cut X Pro editing system on MacBook

# References

Dennis Ferrier, Award-Winning Broadcast Journalist: 615-477-7180

Verna Wyatt- Tennessee Voices for Victims co-founder: 615-513-8707