KREM Team,

As mentioned in our newsroom meetings today, I want to share that Jessie Kane has decided to step away from local news. She will remain with KREM for the next several months, giving us time to plan a transition and begin a national search for our next News Director.

Jessie made a meaningful impact during her time here. She guided the newsroom through COVID with steady leadership and support and led KREM to become the first station in the country to launch Cuez automation. Throughout a time of rapid industry change, she remained a thoughtful leader with a strong commitment to journalism. We are grateful for the energy, care, and leadership she brought to KREM.

We are in a strong position. We have a talented team in place and a newsroom full of people who care deeply about the work and this community. Over the next couple of months, our focus will be on supporting Jessie, maintaining momentum, and continuing to execute at a high level.

There will be time to celebrate Jessie and her contributions before she wraps up. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for everything you do every day.

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RJ Merritt
President and General Manager