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I used to work for a television station with the motto, “Where the News Comes First.” Well, for the better part of my 23 years in local news, I’ve put the news first and sometimes at the expense of my family, friends, and even myself.

After a lot of soul searching and careful consideration, I have decided to leave LEX 18 in early August.

This was a difficult decision but the right one for me personally. Since I shared this news with many of you last week, I have been overwhelmed and touched by the support and encouragement you have shown me as I get ready to take this big leap outside of a local newsroom – the only thing I’ve known professionally.

Being the News Director at LEX 18 has been the professional highlight of my life. I am proud of what we accomplished **together** in elevating our content and building a supportive culture in a newsroom full of the smartest and most caring journalists around.

There are way too many people to thank in one email for this rewarding four-year rollercoaster ride (the COVID years were pretty crazy!) but the good news is we get two more months to do great work together and say our goodbyes.

Thank you for being such an incredible and inspiring group to lead. It has been an honor to be your News Director and serve this community I’ll continue to call home.

Sincerely,
Brian