I'm pleased to announce Sari Padorr will be joining WAAY-TV as News Director July 5th.

Many of you know Sari already as she helped out as Interim News Director for several months before Jennifer Hardy was hired. She's an amazingly talented person with experience in reporting, producing, programming, and managing major markets.

Sari worked as a reporter and manager for KDVR/FOX. She was the Senior Reporter covering crime, which meant during her time there, she was the lead reporter on JonBenet Ramsey and Columbine. She also served as the Supervising Producer for Everyday (a lifestyle show) and produced prime time specials. Her segment "Colorado's Most Wanted" led to 87 solved crimes.

Prior to that, she was a reporter for CBS in Denver. Sari also has worked as a reporter and anchor at WBNS in Columbus, OH, WJAC in Johnstown, PA and a reporter at KCRG in Cedar Rapids, IA. She has exceptionally strong Investigative and story-telling skills.

The diversity of her talent is remarkable. In addition to all of the above, she's worked as Producer/Writer and Production Manager for specials on TLC (Trading Spaces) and as a Producer and Location Scout for Urban Legend Films. She was also a regular contributor to The Denver Post.

For the past two years, she's been co-writing a book, 37 Seconds, the true story about a woman who died during childbirth, but then lived to tell about it. It was published by Harper-Collins and is a top seller in Amazon's Religion and Spirituality category. The book has made its way onto Dr. Oz, The Doctors, Steve Harvey, Good Morning America, Fox and Friends, Good Day L.A. and dozens of other media outlets. It is currently being translated in Spanish, Portuguese, Slovak and Czech. And did I mention, she's also a very talented artist? You can find her work for sale at The Hangar Gallery in Miami.

Please welcome Sari back to the team!