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I am pleased to announce that Mike Truett is returning to be the next leader of our Newsroom as News Director for WICS (ABC) and WRSP(FOX) in Springfield. Mike has more than 15 years of local News experience. Most recently Mike has served as assistant News Director at WPMI our sister station in Mobile, AL where he ran the day to day operations of the Newsroom as well as helping to reformat their Morning show and develop a 6pm Newscast. Mike is no stranger to our central Illinois family. Prior to relocating to Mobile, Mike worked as assistant News Director and News Director at WICD (ABC) and WCCU(FOX) in Champaign. Mike lead the Champaign team through the transition and development of FOX Champaign. Before coming to Champaign, Mike spent over 10 years in the Memphis market in various capacities at both WMC and WREG moving up the ladder very quickly from photojournalist, director, producer, to assignment editor. In addition, Mike managed to take time off from his Local News career to spend four years in the Peace Corps teaching Journalism and Media studies in the Ukraine. Mike Says "I am eager to return to central Illinois and join WICS/WRSP. I believe our job as journalists requires us to alert, empower, and protect our viewers. I look forward to exploring all the opportunities we have and continuing the longstanding relationship our stations have with the local communities in Central Illinois." As GM, I feel very fortunate to have someone with Mikes experience and credentials as well as a strong desire to live, work, and raise a family in Central Illinois. Please join me in welcoming Mike back in our family. Mike will be returning to Illinois with his wife, Tetiana, his two daughters, Maia and Isabelle, and his mother-in-law, Nataliaia.

Mike will join us on June 12.

Thanks

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