

## The Case of . . . **The Reporter Who Risked Her Life for the News!**

### The Scene

Reporters often put themselves in harm's way in order to keep the public informed, but this video takes that risk to an all-new level.

Filmed during a violent storm, the video depicts the reporter battling the wind and rain in order to show viewers how dangerous conditions really were. Then, just as the journalist is begging viewers to stay home and avoid all unnecessary travel, a rogue stop sign flies through the air, hitting the reporter in the head.

The video, which has millions of views on YouTube, was also shared millions more times on other social media platforms. But was it real?



### Possible Clues (Questions to Think About)

- **Triggers:** Are there any potential triggers embedded in the headline? The chyron?
- **Access:** Does the format of the story affect its credibility or the ways we must detect clues?
- **Forensics:** How is “dusting for fingerprints” when the information is presented as a video different from when the information is presented in some other format?
- **Motives:** If this story turns out to be false or misleading, what kind of person would create/spread it?

**Was this reporter seriously injured during a terrible storm, or is this post all wet?**