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The information included herewith pertains to WGNT's commitment to address the issues identified by this station's viewing audience. Those issues addressed include, but are not limited to:

Crime/Drugs Education Health Politics Transportation

This will further certify that the above information is based on my review of WGNT's program logs and other materials supplied by the staff.

Donna Simmers Sales Support WTKR-TV/News 3 WGNT-TV/CW27 The following summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue.

## **CRIME:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am, July 13, 2023, Length :25** Newport News police are asking for the public's help finding out more about who shot two teens overnight. It happened just before nine on 26th Street. Police responded to calls about a shooting and found two teen boys who had been shot. They were taken to a hospital and are expected to be ok.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am, July 13, 2023, Length :20** Portsmouth police need help locating the person responsible for the assault and robbery of a 71-year-old woman. Officers say she suffered minor injuries. Police say a white car, a Honda Civic, was spotted in the area and may be involved. If you know anything, you're asked to call the crime line.

**News 3 On WGNT at 8:00 am, July 20, 2023, Length :50** New details this morning in the case of a wife accused of killing her husband in Virginia Beach. The navy confirmed with news three-- the man who was shot and killed Monday was a navy chief. Calvin Wang, who was 37 years old, was killed at a home on Bardith Circle. That's at "Lake Smith Condos," near Shore Drive. Documents from Virginia Beach circuit court show Wang and his wife Christina married in 20-16 and have a son together. They filed for divorce last year.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, July 26, 2023, Length :20 Hampton police responded to calls about a shooting on Aberdeen Road last night. When officers arrived, they found a man in a car who had been shot and we are told he may not survive. Another man was in the same vehicle with injuries from broken glass. No word about what led up to the violence or who pulled the trigger.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, August 2, 2023, Length :45** The animal cruelty case in Hampton involving Micheal Johnson went before a judge this week. He is facing eight counts of animal cruelty and four counts and four dog fighting charges after several pit bulls were allegedly found in "poor condition" on his property on Ireland street in Hampton. Additionally, his wife Carolyn faces misdemeanor animal cruelty charges. Carolyn Johnson is a lieutenant with the Hampton sheriff's office, and we are told she has been placed on paid administrative leave.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, August 14, 2023, Length :20** This morning in Norfolk police say a husband and wife are facing murder charges related to what they are calling a deadly assault. Officers responded to an apartment complex on Mariners Way Friday night. We are told police found a man Jose Moreno dead inside of an apartment. The couple James and Kristie lynch are now facing second degree murder charges and are being held without bond.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, August 14, 2023, Length :15** In Portsmouth, police are investigating a homicide on county street. On Saturday, officers responded to a call of a man who showed up at the hospital. That man, Keith Alexander Wright had been shot and did not survive. Right now, investigators have not released any other details about what may have happened.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, August 14, 2023, Length :30** Portsmouth Police are looking for two people they say are linked to a shooting on dale drive. The two people are Trevon Dionte Avery and Keyshawn Darrell Avery. Police say they responded around nine-thirty yesterday morning and found a 19-year-old man with a life-threatening gunshot wound. He was taken to a hospital to be treated.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, September 4, 2023, Length :20 Sunday afternoon, a boy was sent to a hospital with serious after a shooting on Wyngate Drive. Police got the call for this shooting just after twelve-thirty. Police describe the victim as a "juvenile male," but did not give an exact age for the victim. They say a person of interest was detained at the scene.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, September 4, 2023, Length :30 Norfolk Police are investigating a shooting they say left a woman dead and a man hurt. Officers say they were called to East Brambleton Avenue and Church Street just before one Sunday morning, that is near Martin Luther King Plaza. We are told the woman was pronounced dead at the scene, meanwhile, the man was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, September 6, 2023, Length :25** Jared miller, 37-years-old, was charged and arrested last month for his role in the January 6th insurrection. Jones was charged with felony offenses of civil disorder and assaulting, resisting, and impeding officers. He is also charged with misdemeanor offenses related to entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds, as well as disorderly conduct, physical violence, violent entry, and impeding passage through or within a restricted building or grounds. The case is being investigated by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, September 15, 2023, Length :35** In Newport News, police say they have arrested the man accused of killing a mother. Police worked with the u-s marshals to arrest Ronald Brown in Hopewell, South of Richmond. He was wanted in the death of in the shooting death of Tahesha Saunders. This week, we spoke to the victim's mother. She said her daughter and the suspect had been in a relationship for a few years, and at times he was abusive. Brown is charged with first degree murder and was being transported back to Newport News for booking.

#### **EDUCATION:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 5:00 pm, July 13, 2023, Length 1:30** A disruptive incident in Gloucester this week, a man allegedly brought a gun to a school board meeting. As the man walks away, you can see the gun tucked in the waistband of his pants. Moments before he mentioned his military background. It happened here at the T-C Walker Education Center which is school property. According to Virginia code, possession of a firearm, stun weapon or other weapon on school property is prohibited. The Gloucester County sheriff's office released a statement about the incident.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, July 18, 2023, Length 1:30** It has been one year since the roll out of the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline nationwide. The lifeline has answered calls from millions struggling with their mental health, yet as Bradley Blackburn reports, a new survey shows many people are unaware of the available resources. New data shows the 988 lifelines have answered 5 million contacts in the past year. Two million more than the previous year.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, July 19, 2023, Length :45** This morning, the big story impacting our children. The Virginia Department of Education has released new model policies for schools across the commonwealth. The finalized policy says that students should be referred to as pronouns that match their school record, adding that school staff can only refer to a student by a different name or pronoun if they have a written request from a parent.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am, July 28, 2023, Length :50 Amazon is offering back-to-school discounts as high as 53-percent and if you are a prime member, you can earn additional savings. You can buy select mac products from apple's education store and receive a gift card up to 150-dollars until October 2nd. This is available to current and newly accepted college students, their parents, and teachers.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am, August 8, 2023, Length 1:30** This morning we are following further details that you will only see on news 3 involving the shooting of a local elementary teacher. We are learning through court documents that have been sealed for months about the 6-year-old who Newport News police say shot his first-grade teacher. News 3 reporter Kelsey Jones went through those documents and shared what she learned.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, August 10, 2023, Length 1:30** This morning many teens are opting to not get their driver's licenses; at least for now. The federal highway administration reports the number of 16-year-olds with a driver's license has gone down roughly 20-percent across the country in the past 40 years. News 3's Erika Craven shares what driving is like for teens here in Hampton Roads.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am, August 15, 2023, Length :25 In wallet hub's newest study Virginia ranked at number seven. That is a bit of a drop from last year when we came in at five. The study ranked Virginia as the 10th safest state, the 14thbest for education and health, and 16th for affordability. It also says the state has the nineth most restaurants per capita. If you are curious, the northeast has the top on lock, with Massachusetts, new jersey, New Hampshire, and New York making up the top four.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am, August 17, 2023, Length 1:30** I am a parent this is the last thing you want to hear is there is a shooting threat at your child's school. Something no parents want to hear but what if it wasn't true? Listen to this, new research shows "swatting" is having a significant impact. That is when someone calls in an emergency, like an active shooter. There is usually a huge response and then it all turns out to be fake.

News 3 on WGNT at 5:30 pm, September 2, 2023, Length 2:30 News three shining our spotlight on Virginia Beach educator who saved a fourth-grade student who was choking on some food! Anchor Kurt Williams showed up at his school and surprised him with some news 3 everyday hero award. John is in his second week as a new third grade teacher.

**News 3 on WGNT 8:00am, September 8, 2023, Length 1:30** Virginia education leaders are concerned that students are continuing to fall behind in the classroom. The latest test results show learning loss from the pandemic continues to have a significant impact across all grade levels. News 3 reporter Brendan Ponton has a look at the plan to turn things around.

News 3 on WGNT 7:00a.m, September 15, 2023, Length :30 This morning, Virginia has a new state budget in place for the next two years. Governor Glenn Youngkin signed it into law Thursday morning. The budget increases funding to k-12 schools, spending on mental health services and additional money for curbing violent crime.

**News 3 on WGNT 7:00a.m, September 15, 2023, length :30** We're a couple of weeks into the new school year and while teacher shortages have improved this year compared to last year many school districts are still trying to fill holes, that includes in Chesapeake. Tomorrow, they are hosting a job fair, it is from ten until two. Chesapeake Public Schools is hosting the event at the school administration building. That is in the Great Bridge area. There will be opportunities open for math and tech teachers as well as for bus drivers, school nutrition workers and custodians.

#### HEALTH:

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am July 18, 2023, Length 1:15** Sentara Health and city and state leaders announced a partnership to bridge the health gap. It is called the greater peninsula C.A.R.E.S. Health equity program. According to community members some healthcare disparities on the peninsula include higher maternal death rates, lower levels of flu vaccines and harder access to health care.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am July 18, 2023, Length 2:00** It has been one year since the roll out of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline nationwide. The lifeline has answered calls from millions struggling with their mental health, yet a new survey shows many people are unaware of the available resource.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am July 24, 2023, Length :30 Federal health officials are urging people to stop using certain eye drops over bacterial concerns. The brands in question are "doctor berne's m-s-m- drops five-percent solution" and "lighteyez msm eye drops-eye repair." The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) tested samples of both drops and found that they were contaminated with bacteria.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am July 30, 2023, Length 1:00** Summer's almost gone and that means the annual flu bug will once again rear its ugly head. Two other viruses, covid-19 and rsv are also expected to circulate through the air. But for the first time ever in the U.S., vaccines for all three threats will be available.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am August 27, 2023, Length 1:30** A new hospital just broke ground outside Smithfield. We know from studies that rural areas are often considered medically underserved. At the same time, according to the National Rural Health Association, people living in these areas often have greater medical risks. The hope is a new hospital in Isle of Wight County will help. Wednesday, Riverside Health System broke ground on Riverside Smithfield hospital.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am August 28, 2023, Length 1:00 There are some back-to-school things parents should be checking off their to do lists when it comes to making sure our kids are healthy that includes eye exams. Here are some red flags that could mean your child could be having vision problems and may need glasses or contacts. Many people do not realize how many problems poor vision can cause for school aged children.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am August 28, 2023, Length 1:30** Hampton Roads is dealing with extreme heat today. It can be dangerous, especially for children and seniors. The two important things you will want to be aware of are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Norfolk has several cooling centers around the area to keep you safe.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am August 31, 2023, Length :35** A back-to-school outbreak in Virginia is raising concerns. It is known as meningococcal disease, and it can lead to meningitis. There have been 27 cases reported since June 2022. 20 of them were reported in eastern Virginia.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am September 4, 2023, Length :45 Doctors at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk are studying a blood test that providers are calling a "game changer." It is called the "galleri" test. Manufacturers with the company Grail say it can detect dozens of cancers. Grail officials say how the galleri test works is it looks for signals in your blood that may be linked to cancer.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am September 4, 2023, Length :45** Medical experts in Hampton Roads say they have seen a significant end of summer uptick in certain viruses that they usually see in the fall including flu and covid 19. This is leading some centers to recommend and provide the option of masking.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am September 8, 2023, Length 2:00 This morning, millions of Americans across the country are still under excessive heat warnings today. Triple digit temperatures expected through this weekend. In Texas, the heat has been blamed for at least 14 deaths in the past two months. Meals on Wheels is there now delivering food and free a/c units to vulnerable seniors.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am September 11, 2023, Length :45** September is gynecologic cancer awareness month. And this weekend, project nana hosted a walk at Waterside to spread awareness, education, and hope. The walk marked the end of the Seasoned Women's Health Summit at the Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk.

#### **POLITICS:**

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am July 14, 2023, Length :45** Virginia Senator Tim Kaine is the latest democrat to criticize Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville for holding up military promotions on Capitol Hill. Sen. Tuberville wants the DoD (Department of Defense) to change allowances for service members to travel for abortions. By the end of the year, 650 officers could be held back from promotion if the pause continues.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am July 24, 2023, Length 1:00** President Joe Biden picks a new leader for the navy. If confirmed -- Admiral Lisa Franchetti would be the first woman to be a U.S. military service chief. Admiral Franchetti is the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and once commanded a carrier strike group. She has served on a series of carriers- including local ships like the USS George Washington, USS Stout, and the USS Ross.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am July 13, 2023, Length 1:00** Governor Glenn Youngkin has launched a new initiative ahead of Election Day to get people to vote early. The "Secure Your Vote" website gives Virginians a central location to sign up for an absentee ballot and get election date reminders. All 140 General Assembly seats are up for grabs this November.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am July 17, 2023, Length :30** Virginia Senator Mark Warner making a stop in Williamsburg and James City County today to meet with local leaders. The reason? To plan for our nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. Virginia has recently received funding from the National parks Service for historic sites.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am August 14, 2023, Length :40** Virginia Beach City Council will soon decide on the future of its voting system. Adopting the "ten to one" system would mean voters could only vote for candidates in their district. Before 2022, people in VB (Virginia Beach) could vote for anyone running for city office, regardless of district. A change would impact how you vote for council and school board.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am August 16, 2023, Length :30** Virginia leaders are focused on military housing issues. This week, Senator Tim Kaine and Rep. Bobby Scott visited Liberty military Housing in Norfolk this week. This visit came four years after congress passed a law to better protect military families living in DoD housing, including a tenant's bill of rights.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am on August 29, 2023, Length :45** Governor Glenn Youngkin visited Virginia Beach today on the first day of school for a "Parents Matter" event. He spoke with locals about parental rights and his administration's policies regarding transgender students in VA schools. The policies say parents must sign off on any pronoun or name changes if their children are under 18.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:30 am August 31, 2023, Length :30** The Biden administration is wiping out more than \$70M in federal student loan debt. This will benefit about 2,300 students who attended Ashford University in California. The education department says the school misled students for more than a decade. The White House has granted debt relief to more than one million borrowers.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am September 1, 2023, Length :45** The White House is taking new steps to combat gun violence. Under a new proposal - thousands more firearms dealers would be required to run background checks. The rule targets people who sell guns online or at shows. The proposal is open for a 90-day public comment period right now - but is expected to face legal challenges.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am September 4, 2023, Length :30** Governor Glenn Youngkin visited Suffolk today to host a Labor Day cookout campaign event. He was joined by Delegate Emily Brewer and candidate Mike Dillender. The governor and his guests encouraged people to vote early ahead of the elections.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am September 14, 2023, Length :30** Today, VP Kamala Harris is set to visit Hampton University. It is the first stop on her month-long tour to visit college campuses across the US for her "Fight for Our Freedoms" tour. She says she wants to encourage young people to vote and make their voices heard on critical issues like reproductive rights, gun safety and LGBTQ+ equality.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 am September 19, 2023, Length :30** Today is National Voter Registration Day. You can check your status and register to vote right now at elections.virginia.gov. You can also register in person at several places, including the library. The deadline to update your registration online is 10/16 – but you can register in-person leading up to and on election day, which is Nov. 7.

#### RACE:

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm July 7, 2023, Length 2:00 A local community activist for the local Black community and advocate for gun violence solutions lost his son to a shooting the prior weekend. We talk to the man about the ongoing search and the pain his family is going through.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm July 13, 2023, Length 3:00** A black mother vanished without much of over 20 years ago. The family ran into issue with the detectives as they did not give them the time of day in the early searches. A new team is taking up the case vowing to bring some closure to the family who felt wronged.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm July 14, 2023, Length 4:00** Protecting your skin is easy but it is also easy for it to get damaged. We talk to local doctors about how to protect yourself – and that skin tone does not protect you from cancer.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am July 19, 2023, Length 2:05** NAACP and minority leaders began raising concerns about the governor's efforts to halt voting rights to freed felons. While the governor said race and history was not a factor – but NAACP reps say a disproportional amount of those impacted are minorities.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm August 1, 2023, Length 2:00** Continuing coverage on the fentanyl crisis. A local family wants to get awareness out that fentanyl can affect black families too. I requested numbers from the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) about the demographics- what the breakdown is regarding race.

News 3 on WGNT at 5:30 am August 17, 2023, Length 3:40 14 percent of Americans are Black, just two percent of businesses are Black-owned. Matt Pearl introduces you to a young woman who is currently going to school and running her own salon thanks to a scholarship funding Black Entrepreneurs.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm August 17, 2023, Length 1:50** Myles Henderson visits The Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center in Newport News and showcases a collection of books that highlight the importance of the house. Mr. Newsom planted roots here because he saw a need for a figure like him, a lawyer, a civil rights leader, and an activist. Newsome helped establish the first black high school, Huntington High School.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm August 31, 2023, Length 1:35** Myles Henderson visits a museum that highlights a valuable time in the history of Virginia Beach schools. In 1938 the Princess Anne County Training School opened, the first black high school in what is now Virginia Beach. It was a grassroots movement from the community.

**News 3 on WGNT at 5:30 am September 5, 2023, Length 3:07** According to a study by the Outdoor Foundation, 72% of outdoor participants in 2020 were white. Black and Hispanic Americans are both underrepresented in outdoor recreation activities, and just 38% of Black Americans ages six and over

participated in 2020, down from 40 percent in 2019. Matt Pearl met up with Amplify in Detroit to discuss a plan.

News 3 on WGNT at 5:00 am September 19, 2023, Length 3:00 A historical look at racial discrimination that kept black people out of pools, and why many don't swim; and what communities across the country are doing today to ensure black communities learn to swim. This includes the story of an abandoned beach in Indianapolis that was once segregated, and the only place blacks were allowed to swim but became polluted and disgusting.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm September 19, 2023, Length 5:05** The city of Franklin is marking Juneteenth to highlight two of the most famous slaves in American History. One of them, Nat Turner an enslaved African American preacher who organized and led a four-day rebellion of enslaved and free Black people in Southampton County in 1831. There is a historical trail that follows the route of the rebellion we will highlight.

**News 3 on at 11:00 pm September 19, 2023, Length 1:00** Community activists in Newport News got together for a free community festival honoring Juneteenth. While providing fun –community members also expressed how important the holiday is and why they use it as a way to elevate others.

**News 3 on WGNT at 5:30 am September 23, 2023, Length 3:15** Eight years before Stonewall, an uprising at the Black Nite bar in Milwaukee became a pivotal moment in the city's LGBTQ history. That moment has gone overlooked for decades in terms of recognition, but that will change this fall, when the site will become the first LGBTQ landmark in Milwaukee County history. It is emblematic of how the fight for LGBTQ rights has taken place across the country.

## TRANSPORTATION:

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, July 03, 2023, Length 3:15** News 3 gets an exclusive hard hat tour of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion Project as construction and boring continue.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, July 03, 2023, Length :25 Free** rides for July 4th Holiday within the LYFT Hampton Roads Southside and Peninsula Coverage Area. This was an effort to keep drunk drivers off the roads from "drive safe Hampton roads."

News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am, July 05, 2023, Length :30 according to a new report, the number of new-car buyers taking on monthly payments of \$1,000 or more reached a new high in the second quarter of 2023.

**News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am, July 20, 2023, Length 2:38** We look at the funding debate for the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) going on in Congress. We explain how this funding debate could impact on your flight delays for the next five years, since it deals with everything from funding for better equipment upgrades at airports to the retirement age of pilots. This debate comes as more Americans battle travel delays.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, August 4, 2023, Length 2:00** The NAACP Virginia State Conference (Virginia NAACP) acknowledges the findings of the 2023 Report on Analysis of Traffic Stop Data Collected under Virginia's Community Policing Act. It continues to be alarming that Black drivers are 19.4% of the driving population but make up 30.4% of those who are stopped. The report findings are also alarming that Hispanic and Native American/Indian Americans are also stopped at a higher percentage than their population.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, August 17,2023, Length 2:12** The Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation was called upon to investigate the confirmed shooting that occurred this evening on Interstate 664 southbound in the city of Newport News.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, August 18, 2023, Length 1:00 The Hampton roads express construction project entered a new phase. Drivers would notice cones in the area and west bound lanes would be shifting.

News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, August 23, 2023, Length 2:47 Our Jen Lewis spent some time in the community talking to people who work to keep us all safe with \*Virginia's traffic ABCs (Alcoholic Beverage Control) for getting to class on time. She gives reminders to parents, student drivers, and school buses on traffic laws as the new academic year starts.

News 3 on WGNT at 8:00 am, September 1, 2023, Length 1:00 To make the most of the Labor Day weekend and remaining summer travel days, the Virginia Department of Transportation will be suspending most highway work zones and lifting most lane closures on interstates and other major roads in Virginia.

**News 3 on WGNT at 7:00 pm, September 14, 2023, Length 2:00** Suffolk's been rapidly growing, according to the latest Census data. While growth may bring economic benefits, it can also bring challenges. For those who manage Suffolk's public transportation one challenge is finding ways to connect all the people with where they need to go. We report how Suffolk's public transportation system is feeling the strain and how they are addressing the issue.

**News 3 on WGNT 7:00 am, September 28, 2023, Length 1:30** U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg warned on Wednesday that a partial government shutdown could disrupt air travel and said the government would need to furlough 1,000 air traffic controllers in training.

**News 3 on WGNT 7:00 am, September 28, 2023, Length :35** Hyundai, Kia recalls 3.4 million vehicles over fire risk, they say an anti-lock brake control module can leak fluid and cause an electrical shortage. The issue can cause vehicles to catch on fire. Drivers are advised to park away from buildings for this reason.