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Norfolk, VA. Bianca Martinez to step down as WTKR News Anchor. Will remain with station for military coverage and special reports.



Bianca Martinez, News Anchor for WTKR's 4, 5, 6, and 11pm newscasts will step down from her position effective May 30. In a joint announcement, the Station and Martinez confirm that she will remain with WTKR continuing her coverage of the Military and providing special reports as needed.

"Bianca has been an integral part of every success WTKR has had over the past 6 years." General Manager Jeff Hoffman said.

"It is time for me to focus more on my family," Martinez said. "I love being a mom more than I could have ever imagined and I need to be with my little buddies more.

Time is flying and this is my shot at trying to slow it down just a bit."

Bianca Martinez has been at WTKR for 11 years.

"My first day walking in this newsroom, the first person to say hello to me was the late, great Ed Hughes. After 15 minutes of talking to that man I knew I wanted to be at WTKR," said Bianca.

Back in 2008, News Director Tina Luque paired Martinez and Kurt Williams on the 6 and 11pm news. By 2009, WTKR NewsChannel 3 was the #1 rated 11pm newscast in the market.

"We will miss Bianca's daily contribution, but are pleased she will still be part of our team," Tina Luque, WTKR's News Director said.

Martinez added, "I am so proud of what we have accomplished here at WTKR and WGNT. I am so thankful for my time here. I simply can't walk away from it all together. You will see me every now and then. Count on it."

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