

Former KSEE reporter Matt Otstot to join KMJ morning show

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Former KSEE24 morning show reporter Matt Otstot is joining the News Talk 580 and 105.9 KMJ team to anchor the morning slot. He will host the 6-9 a.m. weekday program that features news, weather and sports.

The move comes only six months after Otstot left the Nexstar Broadcasting duopoly of KSEE24/CBS47 to work in the public relations department at Valley Children's Hospital.

“I wasn’t looking for another job but they made me an offer that was too good to be true,” Otstot says.

Otstot’s first day at KMJ will be Feb. 10. He’s not certain how soon he will be on the air.

The radio job allows Otstot to get back into the news reporting world he’s worked in for 16 years. He got his start at WHIZ radio in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1997 after graduating from Penn State.

When Otstot left local television he had just married Katie, a local school teacher, and was happy that he wouldn’t have to get up so early to work. The radio job will have him starting early, but it isn’t as early as when he was doing morning TV news.

This wasn’t the first time Otstot had left local TV only to make a return. He came to Fresno in the summer of 2001 to work at KSEE (Channel 24.1). He left his job as a reporter and weekend weather forecaster in early 2003 when he was hired as a public affairs officer for the city of Fresno. He returned to KSEE in 2010 as a weekday reporter and weekend anchor.

Also during his break from TV, Otstot moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career and then performed with the Fresno Will Work for Food Players improvisational group. He doesn’t rule out future acting jobs if the situation is just right.

Otstot says he was honored to work at Valley Children’s.

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