

# Richard H. Grant

## Photojournalist

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## Summary

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I am a dedicated photojournalist with over four years experience in the content trenches making beautiful and informative photos and short videos for various media outlets from hyper-local print newspapers and niche new media publications to national nightly news broadcasts. I thrive in the chaos of a tight deadline and always produce creative angles on even the most mundane of assignments. Additionally, I have a Part 107 drone license with over 200 kilometers of distance flown across three drones one of which is a standard part of my kit.

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## Experience

### Freelance Photographer

June 2020 - Present, Oakland, California

Working with editorial outlets to produce tight deadline still and drone photography for various media outlets including *The Markup*, *SF Gate*, *AfroLA News*, *The Long Beach Post*, *The Oaklandside*, *CBS Evening News*, *The City of Long Beach*, documentary films and book covers.

### The Signal Tribune / Photo Editor

April 2021 - June 2024, Signal Hill, California

Creating original video, still and drone photography assets for publication in print, online and social media platforms leading to over 25% growth in following on Instagram and Twitter.

Photographed products, people, and locations for editorial features and sales advertisements.

Researching and curating photos from personal library and external databases for use in editorial articles.

Using industry-standard software like **Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom** to assist with captioning, color correction, minor image retouching, and resizing.

### Long Beach Current / Photo Editor

August 2019 - May 2021, Long Beach, California

Photographed products, people, and locations for editorial features and award-winning interactive graphic stories.

Worked with multiple teams to coordinate and improve workflow under deadline pressure.

Photographed original visual content for publication in print, online, Twitter and Instagram.

Worked with teams of reporters to cover breaking news events and producing award-winning photo stories.

**Q Voice News / Photojournalism Intern**  
May 2020 - July 2020, Long Beach, California

Built a database of file photos for use in various stories.

Location scouting and searching photographic databases for the best artwork to accompany stories.

**CSU Long Beach / Photographer**  
February 2020 - July 2020, Long Beach, California

Captured artistic images using expertly selected lenses, camera settings, and lighting techniques.

Set up and broke down tripods, backdrops, and lighting for each shoot

Researched and cataloging terabytes of archival photographs to place in a digital database.

**US Army and National Security Agency/ Signal Intelligence Analyst**  
February 2012 - October 2015, San Antonio, Texas

Operated in a rapidly-changing threat-based environment by leveraging intelligence collection and analysis expertise.

Developed analytical products and reports from complex intelligence materials.

Identified, mapped and developed mitigation strategies for threat environments and relevant stakeholders.

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## Education

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**University of California, Berkeley/ MJ Photojournalism**  
August 2024 - May 2026, Berkeley, California

Currently working on media production and documentary photo course work.

**California State University Long Beach / BA Journalism**  
August 2018 - May 2021, Long Beach, California

Graduated Cum Laude with a minor in Spanish

**Victor Valley College / AA Communications**  
February 2017 - June 2018, Victorville, California

Graduated Summa Cum Laude with course work in Journalism and Spanish

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## Affiliations

Membership in:

Military Veterans in Journalism, National Press Photographers Association, Society of Professional Journalists, and Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles