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Tisha Thompson is an investigative reporter for ESPN based in Washington, D.C. Her work appears on all platforms, both domestically and internationally, including *SportsCenter*, *Outside the Lines*, *E60*, *SC Featured*, *The ESPN Daily* podcast, ESPNW, ESPNFC, ESPN Deportes and espn.com. She also serves as an occasional guest host for *OTL on SportsCenter*.

Thompson's recent investigations have examined sexual assault allegations against MLB pitcher Trevor Bauer, the government investigations of NFL owner Dan Snyder and the Washington Commanders, the financial health of the WNBA, and sexual assault allegations within the U.S. Snowboard team.

She is a member of ESPN's 2019 Peabody Award winning team for its work on "Spartan Secrets," and received the 2019 national Gracie Award for Best Online Video Host for her work on "Being Believed: A Conversation with Sister Survivors," which also received the 2019 Gold Telly Award for Best Online Talk Show. She's the recipient of more than 100 awards and honors, including three other Gracie Awards, 24 regional Emmy Awards, 15 regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, the national Gerald Loeb Award for business reporting and the national Society of Professional Journalist Sigma Delta Chi Award for Public Service journalism. "Dead Man Walking," her *E60* profile of a man targeted for murder, was part of a team entry that won a national Emmy Award in 2019, while her investigation of the University of Rochester Football team, entitled "I Just Wanted to Survive," was nominated for the 2018 Dan Jenkins Medal in Sportswriting and ranked No. 2 by Chartbeat's "100 Most Engaging Stories of the Year," with more than 17.5 million minutes engaged the year it was published.

Thompson joined ESPN in January 2017. She previously worked as an investigative reporter in Washington, D.C., for WRC-TV (2011-2016) and WTTG-TV (2007-2011) and in Baltimore at WMAR-TV (2003-2007). She also worked as a reporter and anchor at WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky., and as an anchor and political reporter at KOMU-TV in Columbia, Mo.

A fifth-generation reporter, Thompson's journalistic roots can be traced back to the late 1800's. She played women's rugby at Princeton University and received her master's degree from the University of Missouri Graduate School of Journalism. She is an advisory board member for the Fund for Investigative Journalism, and has served in a multitude of volunteer positions for other journalism non-profits, including Investigative Reporters & Editors and the National Institute for Computer Assisted Reporting.

She resides in her hometown of Washington D.C.