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“I’ve been very fortunate to make a career out of a childhood hobby. I love what I’ve been able to do here at ABC7 and I love the people I’ve worked with over the years,” said Hill. “I’ve been given a great platform to use my talents in meteorology, now I’m going to dedicate those gifts to Christian ministry and focus on my family. I’m looking forward to the next chapter in my life and am privileged to have ABC7’s full support.”

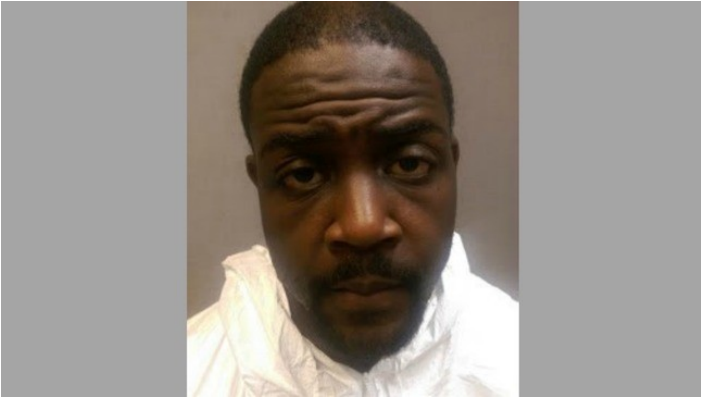
Hill had an interesting foray into meteorology. He attended Towson State College before entering the United States Air Force. Most of his four-year tour was spent at Andrews AFB, where he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. After his military service, Doug became a Prince George's County Police Officer where he served for six years until he was convinced to make the unlikely switch from cop to broadcaster.

“Doug is an invaluable member of not only the ABC7 family, but the local Washington community,” said ABC7 Director of News Mitch Jacob. “He’s been a mentor to our respected team of meteorologists and we will all miss his engaging style, guidance and expertise.”

Prior to joining ABC7/WJLA-TV, Hill served for 16 years as Chief Meteorologist for WUSA-TV. He began his broadcast career in 1978 at WWBT-TV in Richmond, Virginia. In 1980, he made the move to Detroit where he worked for both WDIV-TV and WXYZ-TV, before returning in 1984 to Washington.

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