

# A Self-Employment Success Story: Richarh Tyson



Richarh Tyson is a man of many talents. His creativity, keen ability to engage people, and willingness to imagine possibility have propelled him in creating Channel 27 News and Entertainment. Richarh could not have imagined his journey would eventually lead him to self-employment. Years after turbulent and challenging life experiences, Richarh has discovered his true passions and is contributing back to his community!

From a young age, Richarh preferred the creative arts of music, acting, and film-making. Living in Marion, Indiana, and noting the lack of available news sources, Richarh speculated how he might create a news venue. Marion did not have a television station at the time and Richarh says, "There was no way for people to know what was happening in their community." Using a \$420 iPhone, Richarh began filming and live-streaming events through Facebook. With encouragement from friends, he purchased additional lighting and a stabilizer for the phone.

After posting the first live-stream, Richarh recalls, "I knew I had something!" He now has more subscribers to his Facebook stream than cable users.

Richarh learned about Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation after serving 10 years in prison and subsequently being diagnosed with depression. He shares that he did a lot of soul searching to figure out "who I was." Vocational Rehabilitation connected him with Portals, and his business start-up flourished into more than a sustaining business. As a result, he now has sponsors knocking at his door. Richarh credits Portals and Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation staff with his success, and he regularly serves as a guest speaker to organizations throughout the state.



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