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**New ‘Stopped’ Series Explores  
Widespread Racial Bias in Traffic Stop Data**  
*Four-Week Multimedia Series to Culminate in Virtual Town Hall*

Kansas City, MO, October 26, 2020 - Kansas City PBS and Flatland, Kansas City PBS’ digital news source, this week is launching [Stopped: Profiling the Police](#), a new multimedia series examining racial bias in law enforcement traffic stops. New installments will appear on [flatlandkc.org](http://flatlandkc.org) each Wednesday from October 28 through November 18. The four-week Flatland series culminates with a Kansas City PBS town hall hosted by Nick Haines, airing Thursday, November 19.



“In-depth reporting in series such as *Stopped* is integral to advancing conversations on complicated issues,” said Kliff Kuehl, President & CEO of Kansas City PBS. “As Kansas City’s public media, we exist to serve our communities and believe in the importance of keeping these topics front and center as our country continues to grapple with systemic injustice.”

Focusing on the Kansas City region, *Stopped: Profiling the Police* is based on 20 years of data compiled in the Missouri Vehicle Stops Report issued annually by the Missouri

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Attorney General's office. The report was originally created in response to concerns voiced by Missouri citizens regarding bias in traffic enforcement and the need for greater transparency. Although two decades have passed since the statute was approved by the Missouri General Assembly, the data shows troubling trends in the equitable treatment of citizens.

“At Flatland, we strive to tell important, often overlooked stories through the voices of the people who live them,” said Chris Lester, Managing Editor at Kansas City PBS. “Our role, in part, is to hold a mirror up for the community we serve, even when it’s uncomfortable.”

The series examines racial disparities in law enforcement traffic stops, compares communities within the region, explores what happens after a traffic stop and discusses what can be done to address the imbalance. A town hall airing on Kansas City PBS channel 19.1 will bring together a variety of voices from around the community for a candid conversation on the issues presented in the reporting.

This project was made possible through a partnership with the Solutions Journalism Network.

For more information about Kansas City PBS visit [kansascitypbs.org](https://kansascitypbs.org).

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Kansas City PBS is a non-profit multimedia organization located in midtown Kansas City. Founded in 1961, KC PBS operates four television channels, as well as working with sister brands Flatland, a digital news and culture magazine, and 90.9 The Bridge, an NPR music discovery public radio station.

Flatland is Kansas City PBS' digital news source, a destination for local and regional storytelling around Kansas City. Flatland shares in-depth, multimedia series and stories that dig into the best of our people and places, the news and issues that affect us, our arts and culture, and more.