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Emmy award-winning reporter Jonathan Dienst is NBC 4 New York's chief investigative reporter and is an NBC News contributing correspondent. Dienst leads NBC New York's investigative unit focusing on breaking major stories on topics ranging from terrorism to political corruption, corporate scandals to NYPD crime stories.

Dienst's exclusive reporting can be seen on NBC 4 New York's newscasts and NBCNewYork.com. He also files stories for The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, MSNBC, CNBC and has appeared on Dateline.

Dienst's exclusive reporting on terror and security stories has received local and national acclaim. Dienst's firsts include: breaking news in 2013 of plots to bomb New York's Federal Reserve Bank; the 2013 targeting of trains leaving Penn Station for Canada; the 2011 security threat to the 10th Anniversary of 9-11 that put New York on high alert; the 2010 Times Square bomb plot and arrest of suspect Faisal Shazad; arrests in the 2009 Zazi subway bomb plot; the "Newburgh 4" arrests in a conspiracy to hit Synagogues in the Bronx; a 2007 plan to bomb Fort Dix; the 2006 terror plot to bomb fuel lines at JFK; the 2004 Herald Square subway bomb plot; the 2003 New Jersey "missile-man" FBI sting, among others. Dienst worked to help lead WNBC's coverage of the investigation into the 9-11 terror attacks, the anthrax attacks and the crash of American Airlines flight 587 in the Rockaways in 2001. He also broke and reported key developments for NBC in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings investigation as well as the 2005 London bombings.

Prior to NBC 4 New York, Dienst worked at WPIX/Channel 11 News from 1996-2001. In addition to covering police and the courts, Dienst also covered politics, national and international news for the station. While there he helped spearhead coverage of the crash of TWA Flight 800 and also covered the police brutality case of Abner Louima. He got the first interview with Newshawn Williams, the so-called "AIDS man" who in the interview admitted for the first time of possibly infecting many more women with the HIV virus than initially feared.

Before WPIX, Dienst was a member of the staff that helped launch New York 1 News in 1992. At NY1 he helped lead the station's coverage of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the Sheik Terror Plot.



Dienst also worked as a reporter for NBC affiliate WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georgia where he reported on the city's skyrocketing murder rate and several police corruption scandals. Dienst has also written articles for Newsday, the New York Post, and worked behind the scenes at Fox 5 News in New York.

Dienst works with producer Joseph Valiquette who is a lawyer and former FBI official who spent 30 years with the FBI. He was one of the original members of New York's Joint Terrorism Task Force. He now helps oversee NBC 4 New York's coverage of federal cases and special investigations.

Dienst is the recipient of numerous awards including: Deadline, Emmys, the New York Press Club Gold Typewriter, Associated Press/NY State Broadcasters, Edward R. Murrow, Investigative Reporters and Editors, the Long Island Press Club, and the "Daniel Pearl Journalism Leader Eagle Award" from the Respect of Law Alliance, Inc., among others. Dienst served on the board of the New York Press Club and for a time with the New York local of the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists.

Dienst is a graduate of Colgate University and received a Master's Degree in Journalism from Columbia University.