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Fleeced: Speaking Out Against Senior Financial Abuse will premiere on WFYI-TV Indianapolis on Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community was instrumental in the production of the film. The documentary tackles the important issue of financial abuse of seniors.

Jack Lybarger believed he had won a million dollars. In the end, Lybarger lost his home, his car and, ultimately, his life to this scam. His story is an all too-common occurrence among older Americans, in which one in five adults over the age of 65, falls victim to a financial scam.

Lybarger's is one of several stories profiled in the locally produced documentary, "Fleeced: Speaking Out Against Senior Financial Abuse."

The film explores what can happen to older adults when their trust is undermined by unscrupulous people out to steal not only their pensions, savings and homes, but also their health, self-confidence, and relationships. In some cases, stress causes the victims of these scams to lose their lives.

While "Fleeced" highlights the problems of abuse, the film also examines how policy changes can result in greater protections for older adults.

Through interviews with Skip Humphrey, former Minnesota Attorney General and Assistant Director of the Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; deputy Indiana Attorney General Abby Kuzma; and Ramsey Alwin of the National Council on Aging, viewers will learn what can be done to prevent abuse in the future.

This film is produced in partnership with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community, with support from The Atlantic Philanthropies.