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**ON A NEW EPISODE OF 'THE CON,' IS IT LOVE OR TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE WHEN A LIFELONG BACHELOR FALLS FOR A WOMAN MORE THAN HALF HIS AGE**

**The ABC News Studios Primetime Series Narrated by Whoopi Goldberg Airs  
Thursday, Aug. 11, on ABC**



**“The Sweetheart Swindler Con”** - When 75-year-old retired naval officer Dick Olmstead hit it off with a beautiful woman more than half his age in a parking lot, he thought he was getting a second lease on life. Desiree Boltos, early 30s, confided that she was struggling financially because she had recently become widowed, and Olmstead was very happy to help. The lifelong bachelor had about \$380,000 in his bank account after cashing out his longtime stock investments. When he unknowingly dropped \$60,000 into Boltos’ casino cage account at the Bellagio, fraud investigators from his bank in Texas, and later the District Attorney’s office, stepped in to tell him the truth. Assistant District Attorney Lori Varnell soon exposed the truth: Olmstead was the victim of a love fraud. He ultimately had given Boltos the majority of his life savings. There’s more...the ADA went on to unravel a complex fraud that proved Boltos had love-scammed millions from seven victims across the United States. “The Sweetheart Swindler Con,” a new episode of “The Con,” airs **THURSDAY, AUG. 11** (10:00-11:00 p.m. EDT), on ABC, and next day on demand and on [Hulu](https://www.hulu.com).

The ABC News Studios primetime series is narrated by Emmy®, GRAMMY®, Tony® and Oscar® winner and moderator of “The View,” Whoopi Goldberg, with weekly appearances by podcaster Laci Mosley (“Scam Goddess”) as a featured expert.

For the series, David Sloan is senior executive producer, and Carrie Cook serves as executive producer for ABC News. Eli Holzman and Aaron Saidman are executive producers for The Intellectual Property Corporation (IPC), a part of Sony Pictures Television, along with executive producer and showrunner John Henshaw.

### **About ABC News Studios**

ABC News Studios, inspired by ABC News' trusted reporting, is a premium, narrative non-fiction original production house and commissioning partner of series and specials. ABC News Studios champions untold and authentic stories driving the cultural zeitgeist spanning true-crime, investigations, pop culture, and news-adjacent stories. Its subsidiary, ABC News Films, acquires and produces feature documentary films.

### **About The Intellectual Property Corporation**

The Intellectual Property Corporation (IPC), a part of Sony Pictures Television, is an Emmy®-winning content creation and production studio based in Van Nuys, California. Founded in 2016 by Eli Holzman and Aaron Saidman, IPC develops and produces premium television, film, documentary, commercial and interactive mobile content for global streamers and US broadcast and cable networks. Recent productions include "Indian Matchmaking" and "Night Stalker" (Netflix); "Selena + Chef" (HBO Max); "We're Here" and "The Swamp" (HBO); "This Is Paris" (YouTube Originals); "The Last Narc" (Amazon); "The Substitute" (Nickelodeon); "Empires of New York" (CNBC); and "The Con" (ABC). IPC is a two-time Emmy Award recipient and a Producers Guild Award recipient for its series "Leah Remini: Scientology & the Aftermath" (A&E).

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