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WHOOPI GOLDBERG TAKES VIEWERS ON A GUIDED TOUR OF SOME OF THE MOST STUNNING TALES OF DECEPTION WHEN ABC NEWS STUDIOS' PRIMETIME SERIES 'THE CON' RETURNS FOR SEASON TWO

Season Premiere Examines the Story of a Trusted Small Town Savior Turned Scheming Sinner, Thursday, July 28, on ABC



Duplicity, broken promises and greed ... ABC News Studios' primetime series **"The Con"** returns for season two, narrated by Emmy®, GRAMMY®, Tony® and Oscar® winner and moderator of "The View" **Whoopi Goldberg**. Each week Goldberg takes viewers inside the shocking tales of deceit and fraud, revealing the con artist's schemes, devastating costs, and hope for justice as told by the key people who lived the life-changing events. Podcaster **Laci Mosley** ("Scam Goddess") joins the series as a featured expert making weekly appearances. Season two of "The Con" premieres **Thursday, July 28 (10:00-11:00 p.m. EDT)**, on ABC, and next day on demand and on [Hulu](https://www.hulu.com).

In the series premiere, "The Faithful Investor," Goldberg introduces viewers to Aubrey Lee Price, a once beloved Georgia pastor turned financial advisor. Price, who came to boast over 100 clients in his portfolio and millions of dollars in assets, turned his attention to a floundering small-town bank in need of funding. An opportunity that he thought would be his cash cow ended up being "the nail in his coffin." He had no way to pay back his investors, most of whom were the faithful parishioners who trusted Price with their life savings when things did not go as planned. The father of four boarded a ferry from Key West to Fort Myers, Florida, after sending what amounted to suicide notes to friends and family. He disappeared in June 2012 while his victims were left to pick up the pieces of their lives and ruined retirements, but a routine traffic stop solved the mystery of what happened to Aubrey Lee Price. "The Faithful Investor" includes interviews with Price's victims, attorneys and even the preacher himself, who takes a turn at confession.

This season, "The Con" will feature the stories of Jim Bakker, who prosecutors say has been up to his old tricks conning his faithful followers with a sham COVID cure; the stories of a complex love fraud

with victims spanning the country; ill-gotten gains in the film business; a counterfeit ring fueled by extreme couponing and graphic design skills; and the billion-dollar heist of the century that threatened the global financial system.

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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