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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EXPLORES NEW WAYS TO DETECT FINANCIAL ELDER ABUSE

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today published an article online that discusses new ways to identify financial exploitation and abuse of the elderly. The article discusses NIJ-funded research into whether computers can “learn” how to distinguish between financial exploitation and other forms of elder abuse.

The researchers found that computer models were effective in identifying financial exploitation and its variations. This study may provide practitioners with ways to use existing data to identify financial exploitation among elderly adults and opens the door for expansion into a web-based application for real-time monitoring and intervention.

**TITLE:** *“Computers Learn To Detect Financial Abuse of the Elderly”*

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