

# Successful Screening of PBS Documentary

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Scott Rabideau and Jill Jones-Lazuka lead attendees during the symposium.

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Those who attended the recent viewing of the documentary, *A Long Hard Streak*, before it runs on PBS enjoy a great evening of entertainment and discussion. In the audience was the FBI agent working the case, Cecil Moses, along with a former Morgan County Deputy Sheriff, JW Bradley, who worked at the jail when Billy escaped.

From Producer/Director Scott Rabideau : "Despite Billy's wild life of crime, what really drew me to this story was his creative drive. I couldn't imagine living in a cave for this long — surviving, writing, and painting while the FBI was conducting a nationwide manhunt. It was fascinating he chose to be creative at all, to use his artwork as a tool to communicate with friends and loved ones when he was in hiding. For me, the film is about the power of art to pull you out of your darkest moments, and I think it did that for Billy. From the words in his journal and the images he produced in the cave, I see a conflicted human being striving to get back to his true self."

Special thanks to Humanities Tennessee for awarding Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society a grant to bring the film and the producer to Wartburg.

The screenings in Jamestown and Wartburg sold out quickly, but there are plans for more showings in the area including Byrdstown, Crossville, Cookeville, and Nashville. The 60 minute version of the film will broadcast on PBS in the coming months, and the feature length film will be available on Amazon Prime Video. Please visit [longhardstreak.com](http://longhardstreak.com) or [facebook.com/longhardstreak](https://facebook.com/longhardstreak) for updates.

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