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Hughes Center to Take Insider's Look at the "Jersey Sting"

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Galloway Township, **NJ-** The biggest corruption bust in New Jersey history, and the role of investigative journalism in making it happen, will be examined in-depth when the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy hosts an authors' discussion of "The Jersey Sting."

The case, involving corrupt politicians, money-laundering rabbis, black market kidneys and the informant who brought the whole scheme down, is the subject of a new book coming out next month.

The Jersey Sting co-authors, Ted Sherman and Josh Margolin, will be joined by former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey, in a panel discussion moderated by New Jersey Network senior political correspondent Michael Aron. Sherman is a reporter for *The Newark Star Ledger* and Margolin for *The New York Post.* The discussion is scheduled for **6 p.m., March 29 at Stockton's Alton Auditorium** (A-Wing on the Galloway Twp. campus).

"The Jersey Sting promises to be a lively discussion of a story that made international headlines," said Sharon Schulman, Executive Director of the Hughes Center. "This is the type of civic engagement event the Hughes Center has reputation for presenting."

The true story of "The Jersey Sting" details a 3-year corruption investigation which eventually took on realities so sensational they became fodder for late-night talk show monologues.

According to the website for the book, the FBI "had been trolling for corruption...and the bait this time was an undercover informant, a failed real estate mogul named Solomon Dwek, mired in bankruptcy and facing 30 years in jail for a \$50 million bank fraud."

When the "sting" came to light, those involved included three mayors, five Orthodox rabbis, a retired exotic dancer, an illegal body parts broker, president of the Jersey City Council, real estate developers, a former punk rocker and two New Jersey Assemblymen. -more-

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"We are looking forward to hosting what should prove to be an entertaining and enlightening discussion," Schulman said.

The William J. Hughes Center at Stockton College serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing southern New Jersey. The Center serves as a forum for public discussion of issues so as to engage both citizens and policy-makers.

Seating is limited. Please register in advance by emailing us at <u>hughescenter@stockton.edu</u> or calling 609.626.3542. Registrations are also available on our website, by clicking <u>here</u>.

For the most up-to-date information regarding any of the Center's events, please visit us as <u>www.stockton.edu/hughescenter</u>.

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