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## **U.S. Attorney Chris Christie and NJ Attorney General Anne Milgram Discuss Human Trafficking At Stockton's Hughes Center Event**

**Law Enforcement Education, Community Involvement  
Seen as Keys to Curb "Modern Slavery"**

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**Atlantic City, NJ** – Human trafficking, a growing concern throughout New Jersey, the United States and the world, was discussed last night in a forum sponsored by Stockton College's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

A panel featuring U.S. Attorney Chris Christie and New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram packed a lecture hall at Stockton's Carnegie Library Center in Atlantic City with invited guests including county prosecutors, law enforcement officials and representatives of social services agencies determined to aid trafficking victims.

New Jersey Network's Kent Manahan, who moderated the panel, said the U.S. State Department estimates human trafficking is a \$32 billion criminal enterprise worldwide involving between 15,000 to 18,000 victims each year in the United States alone. Worldwide, the estimate is more than two million victims annually.

"There is no polite way to say it, human trafficking amounts to slavery," Christie said. "It is uniquely heartbreaking. The victims are the vulnerable people: often they are impoverished women from othe9Wbd1oD9 to 18,



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Christie said local law enforcement often misses the human trafficking element in prostitution and other crimes because signs can be very subtle. Thus enforcement officials may deal with the symptom of prostitution and not the main disease of trafficking.

“If you drop Eastern European people into the middle of Lincoln, Nebraska they would stand out, but if you dropped them in New York, Philadelphia or a lot of places in New Jersey there would be many other people who speak the same language. Law enforcement might not take notice.”

Milgram mentioned another case where a woman was placed into domestic servitude for seven years and hardly ever left the house. “You can’t blame the