



Scam artist's MASTERPIECE

Con man's work with FBI in N.J. corruption probe spurs arrest of dozens

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Solomon Dwek is the kind of guy who can get you a kidney.

He's also the kind of guy who authorities say knew how to get dirty money cleaned and could easily navigate the backrooms of New Jersey politics. He is, after all, a self-described member of the "green party," where "green is cash."

The FBI put Dwek's knowledge to use, and that has placed him at the center of a corruption case that is unprecedented by even New Jersey's notorious standards.

Relying largely on Dwek's work as an informant, authorities in July arrested 44 people — seven of whom have since pleaded guilty — on corruption and money-laundering charges. Those arrested included the mayors of three cities, two state lawmakers and several rabbis.

And in the most bizarre case: A rabbi was charged with brokering black-market sales of kidneys for transplant.

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