



## Criminal Justice Experts Discuss Stop and Frisk Second Forum Planned



More than 400 Kingsborough students gathered in the Marine Academic Center (MAC) to hear a panel of Kings County Court judges and criminal justice practitioners discuss the perceptions and realities of the criminal justice system. The panel included (L-R) Justice John H. Wilson; Justice Deborah Dowling; Justice Evelyn LaPorte; De Lacy Davis, Black Cops Against Police Brutality; Michael A. Ortiz, senior special agent, U. S. Department of Homeland Security, New York Office; Shannon Taylor, Not Just Black and Jews in Conversation and Carl Calderone, detective, New York City Police Department.

More than 400 Kingsborough Community College (KCC) students and more than 60 Brooklyn high school students gathered, in November, in the Marine Academic Center (MAC), to learn from a panel of Kings County Court judges and criminal justice practitioners what they should and should not do when stopped by police.

The forum, entitled “Legal or Illegal: Perceptions and Realities of the Criminal Justice System,” was co-sponsored by the Department of History, Philosophy, and Political Science and the Men’s Resource Center. It was

led by Dr. Christopher Chapman, assistant professor, and Michael Rodriguez, director of the Men’s Resource Center.

“This forum gave our students an opportunity to hear not just from academics but from criminal justice practitioners on a subject that is critically important to them,” said Dr. Christopher Chapman.



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Michael Rodriguez

“The questions from the students were thoughtful and the distinguished panelists did not hold back,” said Michael Rodriguez.

The forum enabled students to be informed and poised when approached by police.

KCC criminal justice students were offered internships at the Kings County Court, by participating judges, to enrich their learning experience.

The co-sponsors are planning to hold a second forum in 2011 to delve deeper into this subject that captivated KCC students.