Stockton College’s CSI Summer Camp Teaches
High School Students to Solve Murder Cases

Registration Open for Three Camp Sessions in June and July

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey this summer will be
hosting a group of young investigators — CSI campers — as they learn about crime scene
investigation and courtroom techniques.

Dr. Joshua Duntley, associate professor of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Christine Tartaro, professor
of Criminal Justice, are the masterminds who imagined and designed the five-day overnight
summer camp for high school students, which is entering its seventh year.

Campers first learn how to collect evidence and how to record a crime scene as first
responders. Then they spend the rest of their time solving a murder case that is staged on
campus. Campers experience all aspects of an investigation including police reports, eye-
witness interviews, fingerprinting, DNA analysis, jury selection and trial preparation.

“The campers watch the TV shows, so we tell them what’s inaccurate and point out the myths
and misconceptions,” said Tartaro.

The camp combines classroom learning with hands-on exercises. Officers from the Stockton
Police Department go over fingerprinting and introduce police dog Hemi to the campers. The
students also visit a local jail and the Medical Examiner’s Office.

“We talk to students about the reality of criminal justice careers. On television, actors are often
doing five or six jobs as one job. We explain to the students that they would not be doing all of
those jobs and encourage them to pick one and to major in that,” said Tartaro.

Registration for all three camp sessions is open. The camps run June 23-27, July 14-18 and
July 28-August 1. For more information or to register, visit www.stocktoncsi.com.

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