



Join the FBICCAA

for a Counterfeit Sports Memorabilia Presentation & Dinner

-Monday, March 9th, 2015

**-Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch
and Chicago Sports Museum**

*Water Tower Place, Level 7
835 North Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611*

Don't Strike Out on Counterfeit Sports Memorabilia

Who wouldn't want a baseball or a football signed by his or her favorite player? Apparently a lot of us — but not all of us get what we paid for. With an estimated 16.7 million collectors, the sports memorabilia industry has become one of the largest collectibles markets in the world. As it began to grow in the 1990s, law enforcement saw a wave of fraudulent items enter the sports memorabilia marketplace. This problem was first brought to the public's attention with two groundbreaking investigations conducted by the FBI: "Operation Foul Ball" in Chicago, and "Operation Bullpen" in San Diego. In the 2000s, law enforcement saw the Internet boom bring another wave of fraudulent items into the marketplace. Today, the FBI continues to be at the forefront of policing the sports memorabilia industry to help protect collectors and consumers from fraud.

You will also meet a sports memorabilia executive who was arrested by the FBI and recently convicted of fraud. Hear his take on today's industry.

\$35 non-members & guests

FREE to members of the FBICCAA

RSVP to: events@fbiccaaa.org

5:30 PM - Guest check-in

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Presentation

8:00 PM - Tour of Museum

9:00 PM - Event ends

A \$12 flat rate for parking in the Water Tower garage will be offered with validation.

All reservations cancelled after 8 am on Monday, March 2nd will be billed.