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A former mayor of Washington Township was sentenced to 13 months in federal prison yesterday, after admitting that he had diverted campaign and community funds to his personal use. The former mayor, Gerald J. Luongo, 63, a Republican, was sentenced in Federal District Court here after pleading guilty Nov. 1 to fraud and tax evasion for using \$35,990 to make mortgage payments and pay for family meals and other costs from 1996 to 1999. His lawyer, Rocco Cipparone Jr., said Mr. Luongo had "overextended" himself financially. Mr. Luongo, who moved to Pompano Beach, Fla., last year, is also a former assemblyman and a former high school principal. Steve Strunsky (NYT)