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**National Museum of Crime & Punishment to Launch Behind the Scenes Tour of
America's Most Wanted Studio**

Washington, DC – Beginning in August, the National Museum of Crime & Punishment will offer a behind the scenes studio tour of one of America's longest running television programs, *America's Most Wanted* (AMW). Guests can experience a one-of-a-kind tour of the show's filming studio, which is located in the museum, and learn about host John Walsh's tireless crusade to fight for missing persons and victims of criminal captures.

Tour participants will discover how AMW has led to the capture of more than 1,000 fugitives, including 15 criminals from the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List, and the return of over 40 missing persons. From John Walsh's personal dressing room and office to the center stage of the studio, this guided tour will provide guests with an in-depth look at the studio where John Walsh films the show year-round. Guests will also hear the heart wrenching story of Adam Walsh's abduction, which led to start the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the establishment of the "Code Adam" missing child safety program.

"People are always intrigued with studio tours, not only is this show history in the making, it's the 4th longest running program in the nation," said Janine Vaccarello, Chief Operating Officer of the National Museum of Crime & Punishment. "John Walsh has an incredible story to tell and his passion for the cause lends itself to a powerful exhibit that we feel will resonate with our guests."

August tours will run on Saturdays at noon and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The *America's Most Wanted* studio tour is \$12.00 per person or \$10.00 with the purchase of a museum ticket.

Tickets can be purchased at the museum box office, by phone at 202-621-5550, or by visiting the museum's website at www.crimemuseum.org. For fall tour schedules, please refer to the museum's website for updates.

About America's Most Wanted

America's Most Wanted is the longest running television program on the Fox Television Network. The show's purpose is to profile and assist law enforcement in the capture of fugitives wanted for various crimes. John Walsh, show host, has formed the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and continues to lobby for new laws and legal action protecting missing children and bringing awareness to convicted criminals.

About the National Museum of Crime & Punishment

The NMCP's mission is to provide guests of all ages with a memorable insight into the history of crime, crime fighting and solving, and the consequences of committing a crime in America through a captivating interactive, entertaining, and educational experience. Some of the attractions include a CSI Experience, a high-speed chase simulator and FBI shooting range, Americas Most Wanted studio, and a room where visitors can try to hack into a computer, crack a safe and test their Wild West shooting range. The museum is located on 7th Street NW between E and F Streets in downtown Washington, D.C. at the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro (Arena exit).

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