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The Conspirator Temporary Exhibit Opens at the National Museum of Crime and Punishment

WASHINGTON, D.C. – During the aftermath of President Abraham Lincoln’s assassination, seven men and one woman, Mary Surratt, were arrested and charged with conspiring to kill the President. *The Conspirator*, a feature film scheduled for release in April 2011 by The American Film Company, focuses on the story of Surratt as the sole woman involved in the crime. In partnership with Executive Producers Webster Stone and Brian Falk, the National Museum of Crime and Punishment unveiled a temporary exhibit earlier today depicting the story of Surratt through artifacts and costumes from the upcoming film.

Designed by Stone and Falk, *The Conspirator* exhibit features a variety of artifacts used in the film, including spurs worn by actor Toby Kebbel (John Wilkes Booth) in the movie and the dress worn by Robin Wright (Surratt) while she was in prison and on the gallows. Also on display is Norman Reedus’ (Lewis Payne) bowie knife used by Payne to wound Secretary of State William Seward in the movie.

"The National Museum of Crime and Punishment is a fitting place to introduce people to *The Conspirator* and the fascinating and largely unknown story of the plot to kill Lincoln," states Producer Brian Falk of The American Film Company. "We are proud to unveil this unique exhibit, featuring the eye-catching props and costumes used in the movie."

Other artifacts include replicas of the hood, ball & chain, and Lilly Irons (manacles) worn by the accused, and a reproduction of the playbill for "Our American Cousin" the play Lincoln attended at Ford's Theater. *The Conspirator* exhibit will be available for public viewing from March 2nd until May 2011.

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). Learn more at www.crimemuseum.org.

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