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National Museum of Crime and Punishment's Online Survey Reveals that 64% of Museum Goers Believe that Detainees of Guantánamo Bay Should be Tried in the U.S.

Washington, D.C. (February 24, 2009) – This month's poll question on the National Museum of Crime and Punishment's website located on the web at www.crimemusuem.org, asks museum goers ***"When Guantánamo Bay closes, what do you think should happen to its detainees? Should they be released in their native country, tried in their native country, released in the U.S., or tried in the U.S.?"***

President Barack Obama has taken the first step to closing the terrorist detention center at Guantánamo Bay, however, the outcome of the 245 detainees currently held at Guantánamo Bay, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, is still up for debate.

Results of the National Museum of Crime and Punishment's survey reveal that 64% of people who completed the online poll believe that Guantánamo Bay's detainees should be tried in the U.S., 27% believe that they should be tried in their native country, 8% believe that they should be released in their native country and 1% believes they should be released in the U.S.

"The purpose of our online polls is to spark discussions and track opinions about controversial issues related to crime and punishment," says Janine Vaccarello, Chief Operating Officer of the National Museum of Crime & Punishment. "The decision to close Guantánamo Bay and the outcome of its detainees is a hot issue right now, and we want to know what the public thinks about it."

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Source:

U.S. News World & Report. *"Should Barack Obama Close the Guantánamo Bay Detention Facility?"*
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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. 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).

Admission to the NMCP is \$17.95 for adults, with a special rate of \$14.95 for law enforcement officers. Admission is \$14.95 for children (ages 5-11) and seniors age 60 and older, and free for children under the age of five. The museum is open weekdays 10am until 6pm September through February, and 9am to 7pm March through August.