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*National Museum of Crime & Punishment Will Remain
Open During Pending Government Shutdown*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – If speculations are accurate and a government shutdown is imminent, popular tourist attractions such as the Smithsonian museums will no longer be available for the thousands of tourists descending upon Washington this spring season. In light of the pending government shutdown, the National Museum of Crime & Punishment encourages all tourists coming to Washington to enjoy their time by exploring the three floors and over 600 artifacts of information related to the most interesting subject in America.

“We truly hope that a government shutdown does not become a reality for a variety of reasons,” explains Janine Vaccarello, COO of the museum. “Not only does it hurt the country as a whole, but it negatively affects tourism here in Washington, D.C. during our busiest season. We want guests to the Nation’s Capital to be aware that our museum will remain open no matter what happens with the government, so they will still have the opportunity to experience a unique Washington attraction.”

Approaching its 3rd anniversary here in Washington, the National Museum of Crime & Punishment (NMCP) dissects both the overarching concept of crime and the dark side of the criminal mind. The museum provides America’s most thorough and comprehensive study of the development and evolution of crime and punishment throughout the history dating as far back as Europe’s Middle Ages. By presenting the concept of crime and punishment through the eyes of both the criminal and the crime fighter, NMCP presents both the fascinations and the horrors of this harsh everyday reality, like never before.

Admission to the museum offers guests access to interact with a realistic forensics lab, create ID cards and fingerprints, and use a lie detector test. Visitors will also experience first-hand the skills necessary to fight crime through such interactive components as a simulated FBI shooting range and high-speed police chase simulators. Artifacts include J. Edgar Hoover’s badge and boxing gloves given to him by James Braddock (“Cinderella Man”), John Dillinger’s car, the 1967 Hollywood film “Death Car” of Bonnie and Clyde, and the collections of Poncho Villa and Jesse James.

In anticipation of the shutdown, guests have already begun to purchase tickets online for their upcoming Washington itineraries. Tourists and locals alike are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at www.crimemuseum.org to ensure ticket availability.

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). Learn more at www.crimemuseum.org.