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Washington, D.C. Celebrates the First Year of Crime and Punishment

Washington, DC – On May 23, 2009, the **National Museum of Crime & Punishment** will celebrate its one-year anniversary. The first 75 guests will be granted free admission to the museum to mark the 75th Anniversary of Bonnie and Clyde's death, which also falls on May 23rd. (The museum is home to the 1967 Hollywood film "Death Car" of Bonnie and Clyde as well as several other Bonnie and Clyde artifacts.)

To welcome the tourists and residents spending the Memorial Day weekend in Washington, D.C., the museum will offer a myriad of special events from Friday, May 22nd through Sunday, May 24th. "Our inaugural year has been extremely successful," said Janine Vaccarello, Chief Operating Officer of the National Museum of Crime & Punishment. "We are looking forward to the upcoming year, especially as we introduce several new artifacts, temporary exhibits and three new CSI workshops."

Anniversary weekend activities to include:

Friday, May 22nd

- All Day, Appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, crime trivia, Cop Shop raffles.
- All Day, Buy one get one Free Giffords ice cream (with museum receipt)
- 1pm, CSI fingerprint demonstration
- 1-2pm, Bonnie and Clyde Discussion with author Jim Knight
- 4pm, CSI fingerprint demonstration

Saturday, May 23rd

- All Day, National Museum of Crime & Punishment 1 Year Anniversary
- All Day, 75th Anniversary of Bonnie & Clyde's Death
- All Day, Appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, crime trivia, Cop Shop raffles.
- All Day, Free Giffords ice cream (with museum receipt)
- 9am, First 75 Guests receive Free Admission
- 10am-12pm, Fairfax County Award Winning K9 "Justice"
- 11-11:30am, Discussion with Special Guest Chief of Police, John Weinstein, on Police Academy Training and Experience
- 11-1pm, Complimentary food provided by Nando's Peri-Peri
- 12pm, CSI fingerprint demonstration
- 12:30-1pm, Special Guest Edward M. Robinson, Assistant Professor, Forensic Science Department at the George Washington University will host an interactive discussion on electrostatic dust print lifter to visualize invisible dusty shoeprints.
- 1-2pm, Bonnie and Clyde Discussion, author Jim Knight
- 3pm, CSI fingerprint demonstration

- 4-4:30pm, Special Guest Captain Mitch Cunningham, Director of Information Support and Analysis Division, Montgomery County Department of Police will host a discussion on the DC Sniper case
- After 5pm, buy one get one free admission to the museum.

May 24th:

- All Day, Appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, crime trivia, Cop Shop raffles.
- All Day, Buy one get one Free Giffords ice cream (with museum receipt)
- 1-2pm, Bonnie and Clyde Discussion, author Jim Knight
- 2pm, CSI fingerprint demonstration
- 3-3:30pm, Special Guest Wyndell Watkins Sr., Retired Metropolitan Police Chief, to host discussion on *"The Cold Case Review Process."*

The museum is located on the web at www.crimemuseum.org. For ticket and facility rental information, call (202) 393-1099.

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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. 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).