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***STEAL YOUR LOVED ONES HEART THIS VALENTINE'S DAY  
GET HANDCUFFED  
AND EXPLORE "CRIMES OF PASSION"***

*The National Museum of Crime and Punishment Offers Couples Discount this Valentine's Day*

**Washington, D.C. (February 5, 2009)** – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this Valentine's Day will be filled with the usual tokens of affection for most American couples. Each year billions of dollars are spent on chocolates and flowers. If this month is anything like February 2008, there will be around \$2.6 billion spent in jewelry stores across the country. What about that couple looking for something a little more unique and bold? This year lose the candy and flowers and try the "Crimes of Passion" experience at the **National Museum of Crime and Punishment (NMCP)**.

To celebrate the holiday, couples can delve into the world of crimes of passion, and learn more about the crime team of Bonnie and Clyde, as well as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. For a more unique experience, couples will have the option of being handcuffed together while they tour the museum's galleries.\* Each couple will be given their own set of handcuffs at the end of their tour.

Couples looking for a way to explore this darker side of love with their sweetheart can forgo the starry eyes, mushy poems and red paper hearts. **On Valentine's Day weekend, Friday -Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m.**, couples will have the opportunity to attend the special "Crimes of Passion" museum visit. There cost of this memorable experience is \$25.00 per couple (regularly \$17.95 per adult).

To learn more, or reserve tickets, visit the NMCP online at [www.crimemuseum.org](http://www.crimemuseum.org), or call (202) 621-5550.

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.

\*Must be 18+ years old to be handcuffed

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