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DC's Newest Museum to Be New Headquarters for FOX TV's Hit Series, *America's Most Wanted*

*Partner and Show Host, John Walsh, Relocates the Show's Studio to the
National Museum of Crime & Punishment, Opening May 2008*

Washington, DC – After more than 20 years on the air, the hit FOX TV program *America's Most Wanted* (AMW) brings crime fighting to the heart of the nation's capital where the nation's most interactive TV program will be seen first hand: the 28,000-square-foot National Museum of Crime & Punishment, which will serve as both an interactive exhibit and studio for the popular crime fighting series. The new AMW interactive studio – which also houses the well-known AMW hotline (1-800-CRIME-TV) is the new location where the show originates many broadcasts.

"We're really proud of our new home," said show host and museum partner John Walsh. "The museum has a lot of components to it, and something really important to us is that we pay tribute to law enforcement officers. Most of the American public doesn't really know the sacrifices these men and women make on a daily basis, but they will now and we're very proud of that," he said. "From personal experiences and traveling the world for *America's Most Wanted*, I've seen first-hand cops' sacrifices. Visiting the museum will be a great opportunity to see these two great forces combine in educating the public on crime and safety in America," said Walsh.

Although the show shoots many of its episodes at locations related to the fugitives being profiled, the new museum based AMW studio is used frequently when the show originates from its Washington, DC Headquarters. During these studio tapings, museum guests are invited to "witness" the taping of the show live. Another exciting addition to the museum is the AMW Hotline, which has been used to take down nearly 1,000 dangerous fugitives. Beginning at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, the team of trained operators fields incoming calls and e-mails, turning those leads immediately over to federal and local police in the hopes of apprehending the fugitives profiled on the show.

The studio also serves as an interactive learning experience where guests will discover and learn about John Walsh's personal tragedy that led him to become the nation's most well known and successful crime fighter. It also explores the significant impact his program has made on crime fighting in this country. Interactive exhibits within the AMW gallery include a studio camera with greenscreen technology allowing for virtual "intros" and interviews by John Walsh and providing guests with the true "live television" experience. Guests can also use a

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touchscreen and zip code analysis to learn more about community-based prevention programs in their own neighborhoods. In support of youth safety, parents can create children's photo ID cards including pictures, fingerprints, and descriptions.

Owned and operated by Orlando businessman John Morgan in partnership with John Walsh the NMCP is located at **575 7th Street NW between E and F Streets in downtown Washington, D.C.** With historical artifacts typically found in a traditional museum, combined with dynamic interaction, the NMCP presents the history of crime and punishment in America, encompassing everything from pirates, Wild West outlaws, serial killers and gangsters to white collar criminals hiding behind computer technology. Along the way, the museum explores crime-fighting and crime-solving techniques as well as the consequences of committing a crime.

Permanent attractions include opportunities to interact with a realistic forensics lab, a simulated FBI shooting range, high-speed police chase training equipment, an electric chair, and a lie detector test.

The museum, which will include a retail shop, will open in May 2008. NMCP is located on the web at www.crimemuseum.org. For sales information, call (202) 393-1099. For media information, call (703) 534-4600 x216.

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About the National Museum of Crime & Punishment

NMCP's mission is to provide guests of all ages with memorable insight into the issues 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).

America's Most Wanted

AMERICA FIGHTS BACK airs Saturdays (9:00-10:00 p.m. ET/PT) on FOX. AMW is produced by STF Productions, Inc. Lance Heflin is Executive Producer.