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Bernie Madoff Exhibit Opens at Crime Museum *Exhibit Features Artifacts from the Life of Madoff*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, May 21st at 11am, the Crime Museum unveiled “The Bernie Madoff Exhibit”, a permanent exhibit that features artifacts from the nation’s most notorious Ponzi scheme criminal. The exhibit features numerous items from both his business and personal life.

“Madoff was considered to have committed the largest financial fraud in U.S. history and this exhibit shows the magnitude of that damage.” said Janine Vaccarello, Chief Operating Officer of the Crime Museum.

Some of the many artifacts on display in the exhibit include:

- A handwritten apology note from Bernie to his surviving son Andrew with the original envelope.
- Bernie Madoff’s Wooden Snake from his yacht "Bull".
- An original business card from Bernie from his office at 110 Wall St. This was the location of the firm from the late 1960's until 1987.
- The master key that opened all of the doors at the Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities offices at 885 Third Avenue.

“Financial crimes and especially investment fraud are the silent threats destroying the dreams of many Americans today,” said Joe Persichini, retired Assistant Director of the Washington, DC FBI Field Office. “These crimes have been devastating to our aging population as their hope of financial security result in the catastrophic loss of life’s labor.”

“The Bernie Madoff Exhibit” will be on display in the Frauds section of the Crime Museum, which also features ex-conman Frank Abagnale.

About the Crime Museum

The Crime Museum’s mission is to provide guests of all ages with a memorable insight into the issues of crime, crime fighting, 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). For more information, visit www.crimemuseum.org or follow the museum on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NMCPinDC> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/crimemuseum>.

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