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Unabomber Auction Items Secured by the National Museum of Crime & Punishment

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The **National Museum of Crime & Punishment (NMCP)** announced that it has purchased three items off the Unabomber auction block to bring as artifacts into the D.C. museum. The auction, which concluded on Thursday, June 2nd, included over 50 items from Ted Kaczynski’s personal belongings. While the museum bid on several of the available items, three items were won and will become part of the mass murderers exhibit area.

The auction was mandated by the government in order to pay off a \$15 million restitution order to the victims and families of Kaczynski’s crimes. The museum spent \$1,766 for three of the items on the auction lot; a hand bowed wood saw, a Hanson model 1509 scale (both used in his bomb creation), and Kaczynski’s passport photo.

According to the auction website, “Kaczynski’s construction of explosive devices was all done by hand, without assistance of power tools, and using where possible wood and metal scraps obtained from trash. He went to great length to create necessary parts himself...he also made some of his own hand tools... These items supported Kaczynski’s daily life in the wilderness cabin.”

“While the memory of Kaczynski’s crimes still resonates with much of the population, these items are a crucial part of the criminal history in our country,” says museum COO Janine Vaccarello. “We felt that it was only appropriate to acquire some of the auction items so they could be included amongst the other artifacts we feature in the museum, telling the stories of not only the criminal, but of the victims that suffered from his crimes.”

Arrival date of the new items at the museum is still to be determined. Visit www.crimemuseum.org for announcements on their arrival date.

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). Learn more at www.crimemuseum.org.

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