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“Securing the Homeland - ICE” Exhibit Now Open at the Crime Museum in Downtown DC

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Crime Museum today unveiled a new exhibit entitled “Securing the Homeland - ICE,” offering insight into the federal agency responsible for enforcing U.S. immigration and customs laws. The primary law enforcement arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) promotes homeland security and public safety through the enforcement of more than 400 federal laws governing homeland security, customs, trade and immigration. ICE and DHS were created 11 years ago this month, in March 2003, following the events of 9/11.

This exhibit educates the public on the role and work of ICE. Museum guests will have the opportunity to read about some high profile ICE cases, learn about the impact of counterfeit goods on U.S. security, understand how ICE protects our homeland and test their knowledge of ICE at the Crime Museum.

“This exhibit provides ICE with a new venue to showcase how the dedicated men and women of this agency work to keep our nation and its people safe every day,” said ICE Deputy Director Daniel Ragsdale. “As we protect America from the cross-border crime and unlawful migration that threatens public safety, we hope to inspire people to join our team and help us keep our nation safe.”

A variety of items that ICE has confiscated are among the artifacts in the exhibit, along with uniforms and part of the agency’s history. Some highlighted objects include:

- Reproductions of the 9/11 hijackers’ passports and other 9/11 artifacts
- Drug smuggling paraphernalia and drug tunnel digging tools
- Seized counterfeit goods including fake Super Bowl tickets and merchandise, and educational software
- A stuffed bear and a highway road sign that helped special agents solve cases and rescue endangered children

“Our mission at the Crime Museum is to educate, utilizing interactive and entertaining experiences,” said Janine Vaccarello, chief operating officer of the Crime Museum. “We are pleased to team with ICE to present this informative exhibit that underscores the role the organization plays in public safety on a daily basis.”

“Securing the Homeland - ICE” at the Crime Museum is scheduled to run through summer. The museum is located at 575 7th Street, NW (between E and F Streets) in downtown Washington, D.C., less than a block from the Gallery Place Metro Station.

General admission ticket prices range from \$14.95 to \$21.95, and the museum frequently offers Web specials at www.crimemuseum.org.

Regular business hours are Sunday-Thursday, 10:00am-7:00pm; Friday-Saturday, 10:00am-8:00pm. Call 202-621-5550 or (202) 870-2343 to verify daily hours, or visit www.crimemuseum.org.

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About the Crime Museum

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](#) and [Twitter](#).

About ICE

[U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#) is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Created in 2003 through a merger of the investigative and interior enforcement elements of the U.S. Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, ICE now has more than 20,000 employees in offices in all 50 states and 48 foreign countries. ICE plays a key role in promoting homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of the federal laws governing customs, international trade and immigration.