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## **Attacks on America: The Fight Against Terrorism and Hate Crimes**

Crime Museum To Unveil New Exhibit on March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Washington, D.C. —March 6, 2015** —[Crime Museum](#) today announced that its newest exhibit, Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes will officially open to the public on March 18, 2015. The exhibit features terrorist attacks committed on American soil and will also address a topic that is often in the headlines- Hate Crimes. This exhibit will educate the public on how these crimes are classified and what they look like today. It will also include visuals and objects such as a runner's medal and bib from the Boston Marathon Bombing, a Ku Klux Klan ceremonial robe, a noose from a lynching, and the gun used in the [2012 attack](#) aimed at the politically conservative [Family Resource Council](#) in Washington, DC.

Chief Operating Officer of Crime Museum, **Janine Vaccarello**, notes the importance of installing this exhibit, "It's an honor to install an exhibit that affects so many people. It will be an emotional journey- remembering where you were when 9/11 occurred or if you had a friend running in the Boston marathon. It will also challenge museumgoers to re-examine their beliefs on what constitutes a hate crime, how history has been documented, and how prejudices have changed. In doing so, we hope to raise awareness and change behavior for the better."

Other notable artifacts to be displayed include:

1. A rifle confiscated from the [Virginia Jihad Network](#) in 2003, after their failed attempt to train assassins at the Paintball War Games facility in Spotsylvania, VA
2. Unabomber letters
3. World Trade Center rubble and other 9/11 artifacts
4. The bust recreation of prisoner Vinson Harris, who was suffocated and killed by prison security guards in 1986, while serving a 20-year sentence for bank robbery. The bust was used at the trial to visually illustrate to the court how Harris had been suffocated with elastic bandages and duct tape.

Author [Casey Sherman](#), who co-wrote the New York Times best seller, *Boston Strong*, will be at the opening of the exhibit to discuss the events surrounding the Boston Marathon bombing. His book, *Boston Strong*, is the first book to tell the entire story through the eyes of those who experienced it. From the cop first on the scene, to the detectives assigned to the manhunt, the authors provide a behind-the-scenes look at the investigation. More than a true-crime book, *Boston Strong* also tells the tragic but ultimately life-affirming story of the victims and their recoveries and gives voice to those who lost loved ones.

An FBI agent familiar with the cases involved will also be available to answer questions at the exhibit's March 18<sup>th</sup> opening.

[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 Chinatown/Gallery Place Metro Station.

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### **About the Crime Museum**

Crime Museum's mission is to provide guests of all ages with memorable insight into the issues of crime, crime fighting, and the consequences of committing a crime in America, through an interactive, entertaining, and educational experience. Regular business hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-7:00pm; Friday-Saturday, 9:00am-8:00pm; and Sunday, 10:00am-7:00pm.

For additional information, visit [www.crimemuseum.org](http://www.crimemuseum.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).