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**Lock It Up With the One You Love This Valentine's Day at the
2nd Annual "Crimes of Passion" Experience**

Washington, D.C. – Every year, around 1 billion Valentine cards are sent across the United States as a symbol of affection. But this Valentine's Day, those darker romantics among us have a new way to show their love for their significant other, courtesy of the **National Museum of Crime and Punishment**. Back by popular demand, couples are invited this Valentine's Day weekend to visit the museum and experience "**Crimes of Passion**," a special exhibit that unlike anything seen before.

Upon entering the museum, our on-staff wardens will bind couples together and lead them on their way to tour the three floors of the museum. As they view over 600 exhibits regularly featured at the museum, they will also enjoy special exhibit boards placed throughout explaining various crimes of passion, many of which took place in the D.C. metropolitan area. Couples will delight their dark side with true stories such as the "Valentine's Vampire," all while being bound to one another during this unique Valentine's Day journey.

This memorable experience will take place Friday, February 12th through Sunday February 14th from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The cost is \$30.00 per couple (regular admission is \$17.95 per adult), and includes a pair of souvenir handcuffs. Participants must be at least 18 years old to participate and have a valid driver's license. To learn more or reserve tickets, visit the museum online at www.crimemuseum.org or call (202) 621-5550.

About the National Museum of Crime & Punishment

NMCP'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

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