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**Public Museum's *WHODUNIT?* Exhibit and Programs
Bring out the Inner Detective in All of Us**

Grand Rapids, MI (September 8, 2008) – Fascinated with the television show CSI? The Public Museum will offer a crash course on “uncovering the truth about crime scene investigation” on Saturday, September 13th during the first of four **Super Sleuth Saturdays** scheduled throughout the exhibit’s run. Super Sleuth Saturdays run in conjunction with the investigative exhibit ***WHODUNIT? The Science of Solving Crime*** and feature mystery-themed activities and presentations on exhibit-related topics. Additional dates include October 11, November 8 and December 13, 2008.

A Grand Rapids Police Department Crime Scene Technician will be at the Museum from 12:30-2:30 pm September 13th to give visitors an up-close-and-personal view of an official crime scene van and explain the evidence collection process in the field. Family-friendly hands-on activity stations from Noon to 3 pm will offer fingerprint art; hair and fiber analysis under a microscope; a word search puzzle and a police gear try-on station.

On October 11th at 11:30 am **Super Sleuth Saturday** guests will hear tales of intrigue, deception and murder from two men who see death on a daily basis. Kent County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Stephen D. Cohle and true-crime writer Tobin T. Buhk will be at the Museum to present their newest collaborative book ***Skeletons in the Closet***. It recounts 21 riveting, real-life autopsy stories, each with a unique forensic twist. At 12:30 and 1:30 pm GRPD Detective Erika Fannon will explain “what it takes to crack a cold case”. She’ll revisit some of the sensational local cases once again making news and discuss what cold case teams are able to do that original detectives are not. Activity stations will again be open.



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On November 8th programming will focus on “the truth about crime scene investigating,” a session designed to dispel the “instant results” myth perpetuated by popular TV crime shows. On December 13th learn the “powers of observation” from a seasoned detective.

In ***WHODUNIT?*** visitors take on the role of police detectives who discover a body in an alley while investigating a robbery at the Memory Diner. Then it’s up to them to crack the case by listening to eyewitness testimony, searching for clues and analyzing evidence at the crime lab kiosks. The exhibit runs through January 4, 2009 and is free with general Museum admission (Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children \$3. Members are free.)

The Public Museum is a collections-based educational organization that explores and celebrates the world and our place in it. Hours are Monday – Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, and Sunday 12-5 pm. For more information call 616/456-3977 or visit grmuseum.org.

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