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What's with April? The Season of Crime **Alcatraz East Crime Museum's new exhibit on April Crimes**

Alcatraz East Crime Museum, located in Pigeon Forge, is putting the spotlight on the spike in mass crimes taking place in April

PIGEON FORGE, Tennessee (March 22, 2022) – April showers bring May flowers, but April is also filled with a history of violence that shook the country. Some of the most well-known crimes have occurred during the month of April, leading people to wonder what it is about the month that tends to spike crime? Alcatraz East Crime Museum highlights this phenomenon as well as some memorable April events. Beginning on April 1, 2022, the exhibit "The Season of Crime" will be displayed in the lobby through the summer.

"Once people recognize the pattern of crime in April, they start to notice it more and more," says Ally Pennington, artifacts and programs manager for Alcatraz East. "We look forward to helping people gain a better understanding of what may be different about that month."

Some of the objects featured in "The Season of Crime" display include a Columbine High School 1999 graduation card, items from the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing, and an Abraham Lincoln funeral relic. The display will also provide information about how there tends to be a spike in crime during April, with many well-known crimes occurring that month.

Some of the Most Sensational Crimes of April include:

April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated

April 14, 1865: President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated

April 15, 2013: Boston Marathon Bombing

April 16, 2007: Virginia Tech Massacre

April 19, 1995: Oklahoma City Bombing

April 20, 1999: Columbine High School Shooting

The month of April marks a disturbingly large number of mass shootings, bombings, and crime anniversaries in general. Law Enforcement agencies have monitored the crimes of April for several decades, and while the evidence linking all these crimes together may be anecdotal, there is a lot of it. Public warnings are issued, particularly in schools, about the increase in crime in April in hopes that tensions can be diffused before they have catastrophic consequences. But what sets April apart from any other month?

“We may never know exactly what makes crime increase so much in April,” added Pennington. “Be sure to check out the display during April on your way in. You won’t want to miss it!”

With over 100 temporary and permanent exhibits, the Alcatraz East Crime Museum sheds light on crime throughout the country. The museum features information and artifacts about the history of crime, crime scene investigation, consequences of crime, crime-fighting, counterfeit crimes, pop culture, and more. There are numerous popular items on display for people to see, including the famous white Bronco from the O.J. Simpson chase and Ted Bundy’s famous Beetle. The museum also features special guest speakers throughout the year.

This top museum is open at 10 a.m. daily. The last tickets are sold 60 minutes before closing. These interactive experiences are available for birthday parties, school groups, scouts, team building, or other [special events](#) for an additional fee. To get more information about tickets, discounts, and all the museum offers, visit the site: <https://www.alcatrazeast.com>.

About Alcatraz East

Alcatraz East is the most arresting crime museum in the United States. Guests of all ages can encounter a unique journey into the history of American crime, crime-solving, and our justice system. Through interactive exhibits and original artifacts, Alcatraz East is an entertaining and educational experience for all ages - so much fun it's a crime! This family attraction is located at the entrance of The Island, located at 2757 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN. The last ticket is sold 60 minutes before closing. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: www.alcatrazeast.com.

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