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## CRIMES, GUNS, AND MURDER DISCUSSED DURING NEXT "PHILADELPHIA TALKS" AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (November 10, 2006) – Crimes, guns, and murder will be the subject of the next "Philadelphia Talks" program presented by the National Constitution Center and *Philadelphia* magazine on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. These issues will certainly dominate next year's race for mayor, as leaders aim to make our city safe for its citizens and fight to keep the city's vital tourism business going strong. This program is being hosted in partnership with WDAS FM and Power 99 FM as part of their ongoing commitment to *Increase the Peace in Philadelphia*. Admission to *Philadelphia Talks: Crimes, Guns, and Murder* is free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Joining the discussion will be **Lynne Abraham**, District Attorney of Philadelphia; **Sylvester Johnson**, Philadelphia Commissioner of Police; **Lawrence Sherman**, University of Pennsylvania criminologist and director of Penn's Jerry Lee Center of Criminology; **Dorothy Johnson-Speight**, founder and executive director of Mothers in Charge; and **Greg Gilderman**, author of the November *Philadelphia* magazine cover story "The Dead of Night." Moderating the discussion will be **Anthony Green**, vice president of programs and national outreach at the National Constitution Center. There will also be a special introduction by Philadelphia Magazine Editor **Larry Platt** and WDAS FM Midday On Air Personality **Patty Jackson**.

This program is part of "Philadelphia Talks", a series of unique discussions for Philadelphians about Philadelphia.

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One of the most distinguished and most honored metropolitan monthly publications in the country, *Philadelphia* magazine was founded in 1908 as a quarterly illustrated magazine published by the Trades League of Philadelphia, and has been in continuous publication for more than 90 years. Bought in 1946 by S. Arthur Lipson, the magazine has remained in continuous operation by the Lipson family. Current Chairman D. Herbert Lipson assumed the helm as publisher in 1961, and in 1986 the torch was passed to S. Arthur Lipson's grandson, David H. Lipson, Jr. In 2003, Marian Conicella was named publisher while David Lipson remains as president. *Philadelphia* magazine is a division of Metrocorp.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues.

The National Constitution Center's programs earned the organization a 2006 Best of Philly® award from *Philadelphia* magazine as the "Best Place To Smarten Up". For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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