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**PBS Series *History Detectives* to feature St. Joseph Story
Series airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on WGUV TV**

(Grand Rapids, MI, June 30, 2009) On Monday, July 6, 2009 at 10 p.m., the PBS series *History Detectives* will feature a segment on a shotgun possibly used by one of Al Capone's men in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, found at the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center in St. Joseph. The series, which is devoted to solving historical mysteries, searching out the facts (and falsehoods) behind local folklore, family legends and interesting objects, airs on WGUV, Public Television for west and southwest Michigan. The investigators on the series receive letters from viewers and set out to uncover the truth through modern forensic science.

In the segment, *History Detectives* stares down the barrel of a shotgun for clues that one of Al Capone's men fired it in a Chicago gang massacre that shocked the nation. The gun came to the contributor's family after it was handed down through two generations of prominent Chicago families. It's a Western Field single-barreled repeating action 12-gauge shotgun and the barrel and the stock were once shortened just the way the Capone gang liked its guns: easy to conceal and with more destructive force. Host Elyse Luray tests the gun's firepower, consults with ballistics experts, and combs through physical evidence to see if she can place this gun at the scene of the crime.

History Detectives is in its seventh season on PBS and airs nationwide throughout the summer months. This year's season includes eleven all-new episodes, each with three unique stories from around the country.

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