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**Documentation and information value of Criminology Museum, University of Athens, Greece**

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The Criminology Museum is a university museum that holds collections of very important historical, educational and scientific features. Its objects and human remains are evidence of criminal and violent actions, or are important cases of medical and forensic interest. Museum collections have been deliberately collected by an eminent Professor of Forensic Medicine and are connected with sectors such as Criminology, Forensic, Toxicology, Forensic Anthropology and branches of Sociology. For this reason, the proper recording and presentation of the history of crime is very important.

However, collector passion for collections' creation did not develop the concern for documenting the objects' associate information. Thus, the Professors-Museum Directors that have followed couldn't know the whole story of many objects and thus, their importance remained silent. Recently, the museum manages to re-connect the collection objects and human remains with their historical, sociopolitical and scientific context by establishing an integrated documentation process.

The submitted paper presents documentation main results, by focusing firstly on the process approaching sources and secondly on the value of the information recorded about museum objects, human remains and the main collector. This process and the information gathered document important historical events of 19th and 20th century's Greek history and undocumented aspects of

well-known events. Moreover, usually the undocumented aspects of the history are connected with oral history and can be certified only via collection objects and human remains.

Finally, this paper discusses the documentation process benefits for the museum objects and human remains that can be used for presentation and interpretation.