

TREASURE HOUSES OF POLISH ACADEMIC HERITAGE



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Forensics Museum

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Free admission (advance booking is essential for group visits of up to 25 people).
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The collections of the Forensics Museum of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Gdańsk are unique on a countrywide scale due to their function, and their historical and material value. The museum is the only institution of its kind in Poland. No other Polish university can boast such collections, which have been accumulated over more than 30 years. The museum was originally located in the Prison Tower (*Wieża Więzienna*) and Dungeon (*Katownia*) in *Targ Węglowy* (Coal Market Square) in Gdańsk, which is where the Forensics Laboratory of the University of Gdańsk operated at that time. In 2001 the Forensics Laboratory and its collections were moved to the newly erected Faculty of Law and Administration building at ul. Bażyńskiego 6.

The museum has a collection of arms and ammunition where exhibits such as firearms (historic, sports, gas, alarm, signalling, and pneumatic guns), cold weapons, objects used to incapacitate people using electricity, homegrown weapons, army weapons and equipment, and police uniforms are on display. Other exhibits include objects related

to forensic science, forensic documentation of well-known cases, collections of forensic photographs, objects used to perpetrate crimes and objects from actual crimes – among others, burglary tools – criminological objects and equipment used for finding and securing evidence at crime scenes, and equipment used for measuring speed, counterfeit banknotes and Polish and foreign coins, objects confiscated from people held in detention facilities or prison. Part of the collections is dedicated to Paweł Tuchlin, known as the 'Scorpion' – a well-known serial killer and rapist with connections to Gdańsk.

The majority of the collections were amassed thanks to the motivation and devotion of Jerzy Wnorowski, the first director of the Forensics Laboratory, who held the post for many years, and who was responsible for establishing the museum. The staff of the Forensic Laboratory of the Provincial Police Headquarters in Gdańsk were also of great help.

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