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**INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY TEAMS WITH ICONIC FILM DIRECTOR JOEL
SCHUMACHER
GREENLIGHTING NEW SERIES “DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS”**

--True-Crime Series Featuring Hotel Murder Mysteries Premieres 4Q 2015--

(Silver Spring, MD) -- Welcome to the real-life Bates Motel where guests check in...but, don't always check out. Stories straight out of horror films that gave you nightmares are now coming to life with Investigation Discovery's new true-crime series, **DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS**, featuring real life chilling cases of hotel murders. A throwback to cult classics like "The Shining" and "Psycho," **DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS**, is helmed by award-winning renowned director, **Joel Schumacher**, who serves as executive producer on the series. Schumacher will lend his expertise to deliver a highly stylized cinematic look and feel to the series which is slated to premiere 4Q 2015.

"It's an honor to welcome distinguished Hollywood legend, and self-proclaimed ID Addict, Joel Schumacher to the Investigation Discovery family," said Henry Schleiff, Group President, Discovery Networks. "**DO NOT DISTURB** explores the dark aspects of the hotel experience we've all encountered – vulnerability, seclusion, and anonymity – so, we can't wait to see what Joel's creative genius adds to this psychological edge-of-your-seat thriller."

"I love true crime and I'm fascinated with the criminal mind (because I have one), which is why I love ID," said Joel Schumacher. "I thought, wouldn't it be fun to work on a show for them and we hit on this idea of murders in hotel rooms – so expect violence, sex, and all the scandal and twists ID fans want to see."

Viewers who check in to **DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS** will experience some of the most twisted and horrifying murder cases to have ever taken place in unassuming hotels and inns, across America. Through high quality cinematic recreations, archival footage and shocking revelations

uncovered in exclusive, first-person interviews with family, friends, authorities and hotel staff, the series is a balance between true crime and a movielike thriller.

DO NOT DISTURB: HOTEL HORRORS is produced for Investigation Discovery by Matador Content with Jay Peterson, Joel Schumacher and Mark Marabella serve as executive producers. For Investigation Discovery, Pamela Deutsch is senior executive producer, Sara Kozak is senior vice president of production, Kevin Bennett is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is Group President.

About Joel Schumacher

Joel Schumacher is renowned for his versatility, style and ability to move seamlessly between film genres with equal popular success and critical acclaim. He began his film career as a costume designer for such legendary directors as Woody Allen (*Sleeper*, *Interiors*) and Herbert Ross (*The Last of Sheila*), before making his own name as a screenwriter with *Sparkle* and *Car Wash*. After cutting his teeth directing two television movies, Joel made his feature film directorial debut on *The Incredible Shrinking Woman* in 1981. His career soon took off with such iconic fare as *St. Elmo's Fire* and *The Lost Boys*, followed by other successes - *Cousins*, *Flatliners*, *Dying Young* and *Falling Down*. He would go on to direct film versions of two best-selling novels by John Grisham (*The Client* and *A Time to Kill*) as well as two installments of the blockbuster *Batman* film series, *Batman Forever* (at the time, the #1 box office opening of all time, with Jim Carrey as 'The Riddler') and *Batman & Robin*.

As his career entered the 21st century, Joel brought audiences the films *8MM*, *Flawless* (which he also wrote), *Tigerland*, *Phone Booth*, *Bad Company*, *Veronica Guerin*, *The Number 23* and *Trespass*. In 2004 he adapted Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*, for the screen. The film was nominated for three Academy Awards and a Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy. *Twelve*, based on the groundbreaking novel by Nick McDonell, was honored as the closing night presentation of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. Most recently, Joel returned to television, directing two episodes of the Emmy-nominated Netflix series *House of Cards*, starring Kevin Spacey and executive produced by David Fincher.

About Investigation Discovery

Investigation Discovery (ID) is the leading mystery-and-suspense network on television and America's favorite "guilty pleasure." From harrowing crimes and salacious scandals to the in-depth investigations and heart-breaking mysteries that result, ID challenges our everyday understanding of culture, society and the human condition. One of our nation's fastest growing cable networks, ID delivers the highest-quality programming to more than 86 million U.S. households and is available in both high definition (HD) and standard definition (SD). For more information, please visit InvestigationDiscovery.com, facebook.com/InvestigationDiscovery, or twitter.com/DiscoveryID. Investigation Discovery is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 pay-TV programmer reaching nearly 3 billion cumulative subscribers in 220 countries and territories.

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