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### **Two Special Author Programs THIS WEEK** *The Gun and The Fall of the House of Zeus*

**Atlanta, GA.** – Reminder...we have two very special and very different author programs this week.

Tonight at 7pm, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist C.J. Chivers discusses his book *The Gun*. This highly acclaimed book tells the story of the most notorious, widespread and lethal firearm in the world, the automatic Kalashnikov rifle or AK-47. Doug Stanton, author of *Horse Soldiers* says Chivers is “dazzling in his research and reporting.” You can read all about the book in the recent New York Times Book Review [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/31/books/review/Boott.html?\\_r=1&ref=books](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/31/books/review/Boott.html?_r=1&ref=books) or check out Terry Gross’s interview with C.J. Chivers.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=130493013>

Doors to the Carter Presidential Library theater open at 6:30pm. Acappella Books will be selling copies of *The Gun*. A book signing follows Chivers talk. The event is free and open to the public.

Tomorrow night, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the Carter Library will host Curtis Wilkie, author of *The Fall of the House of Zeus*. This is the story of Dickie Scruggs, arguably the most successful plaintiff’s lawyer in America. A brother-in-law of Trent Lott, the former U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Scruggs made a fortune taking on mass tort lawsuits against “Big Tobacco” and the asbestos industries. He was hailed by *Newsweek* as a latter day Robin Hood, and portrayed in the movie, *The Insider*, as a dapper aviator-lawyer. Scruggs’ legal triumphs rewarded him lavishly, and his success emboldened both his career maneuvering and his influence in Southern politics--but at a terrible cost, culminating in his spectacular fall, when he was convicted for conspiring to bribe a Mississippi state judge.

In gripping detail, Curtis Wilkie crafts an authentic legal thriller propelled by a “welter of betrayals and personal hatreds,” providing large supporting parts for Trent Lott and Jim Biden, brother of then-Senator Joe, and cameos by John McCain, Al Gore, and other DC insiders and influence peddlers.

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For more information, call 404-865-7109. You can keep up with the Carter Library events on the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library page on Facebook or follow the CarterLibrary on Twitter.

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