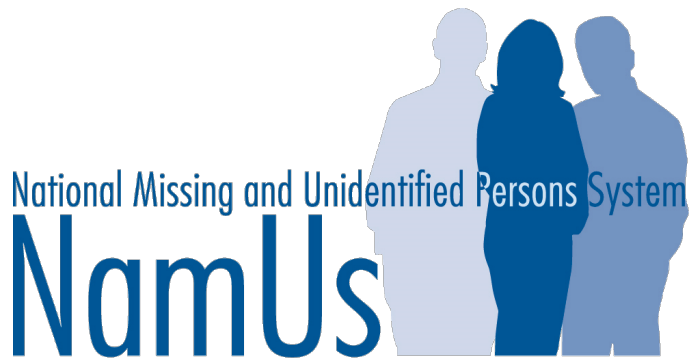


# The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

Resources to resolve missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases

September 21, 2021



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# THE NATION'S SILENT MASS DISASTER

*The sheer volume of missing and unidentified person cases poses one of the greatest challenges to agencies tasked with resolving these important cases.*

Over 600,000 individuals go missing in the United States every year. Fortunately, many missing children and adults are found quickly, alive and well. However, tens of thousands of individuals remain missing for more than one year – what many agencies consider “cold cases.”

It is estimated that 4,400 unidentified bodies are recovered each year, with approximately 1,000 of those bodies remaining unidentified after one year.

## 600,000

Individuals go missing every year

## 4,400

Unidentified bodies are recovered each year

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE RESPONSE TO THE NATION'S SILENT MASS DISASTER

**NamUs = PEOPLE + INFORMATION + TECHNOLOGY + FORENSIC SCIENCE**



## **Forensic Services**

Free services include forensic odontology, fingerprint examination, forensic anthropology, and DNA analyses through a network of partner organizations



## **Technology**

The NamUs database fills the nation's need for a unified, free, secure database for unidentified remains and missing persons.



## **Training and Outreach**

Subject matter experts provide free training and perform direct outreach to families of the missing.



## **Investigative Support**

Seasoned staff consult on cases and support criminal justice efforts to drive resolution.



## **Research**

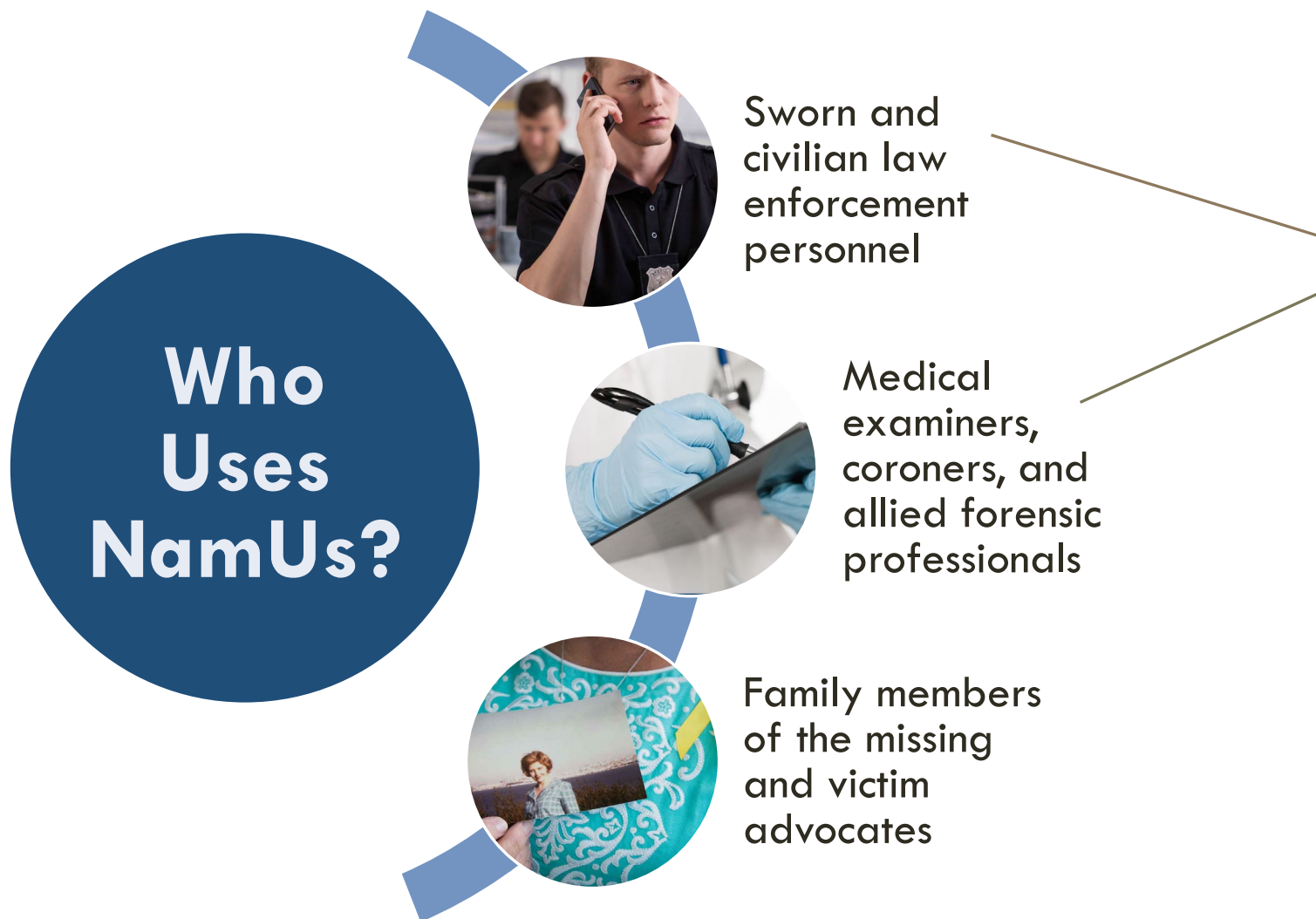
NamUs researchers recommend system improvements and provide information to better respond to missing and unidentified person cases.

# CORE SERVICES

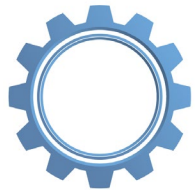


The NamUs program combines technology, forensic services, investigative support, and research to support the resolution of missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases. **All NamUs services are free of charge.**

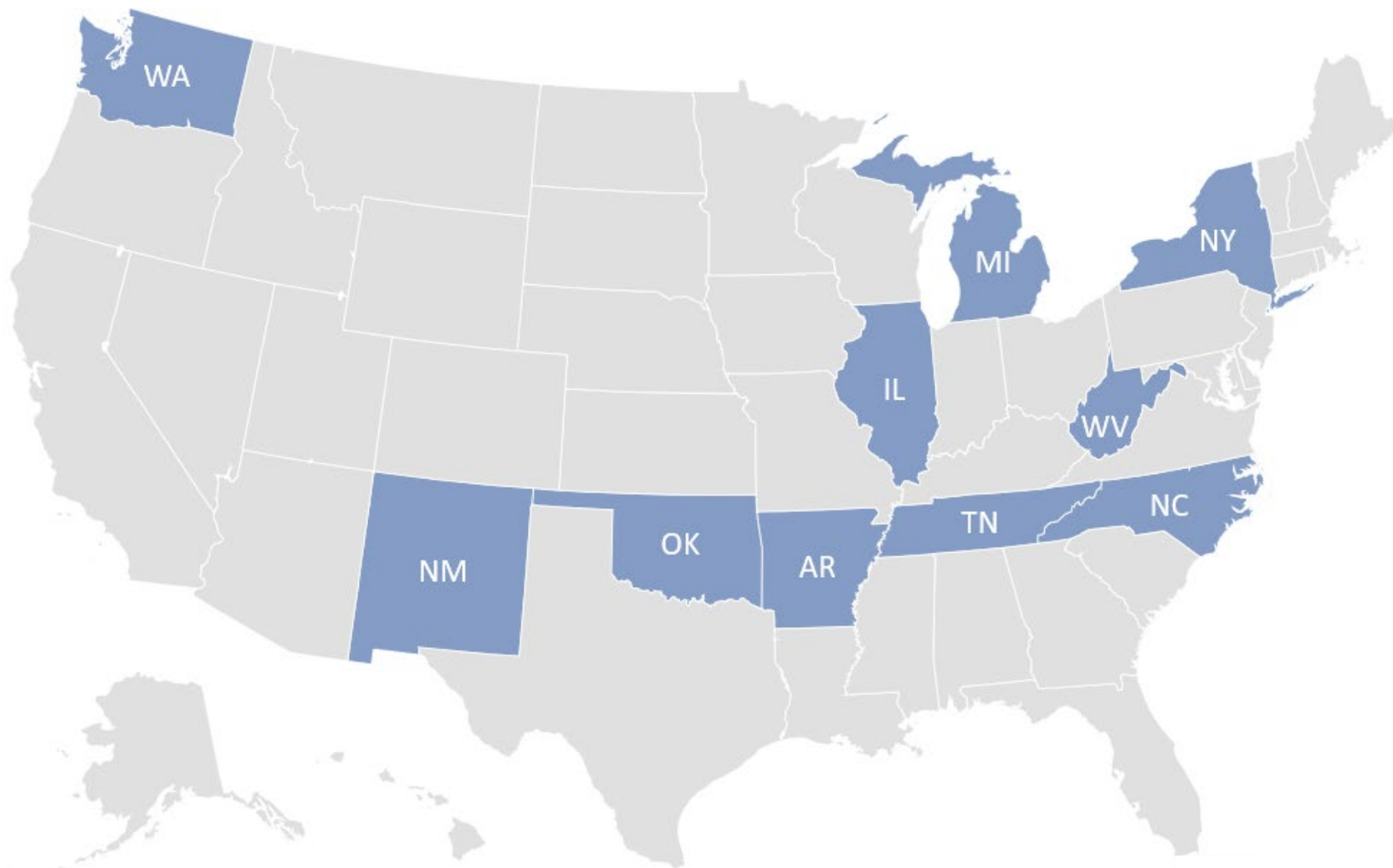
# WHO USES NAMUS?



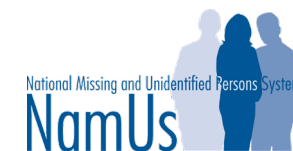
**9,000+**  
**Professional**  
users enter, search,  
compare, and  
authorize publication of  
case information in  
NamUs.



# STATES WITH LEGISLATION THAT INCLUDES NAMUS



Ten states have passed legislation mandating the use of NamUs for missing and/or unidentified persons cases



“WITHOUT DATA, THERE IS NO CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT  
A PROBLEM EXISTS.”

*Representative Ruth Buffalo*

*North Dakota House of Representatives, District 27*

*Testimony during the March 14, 2018*

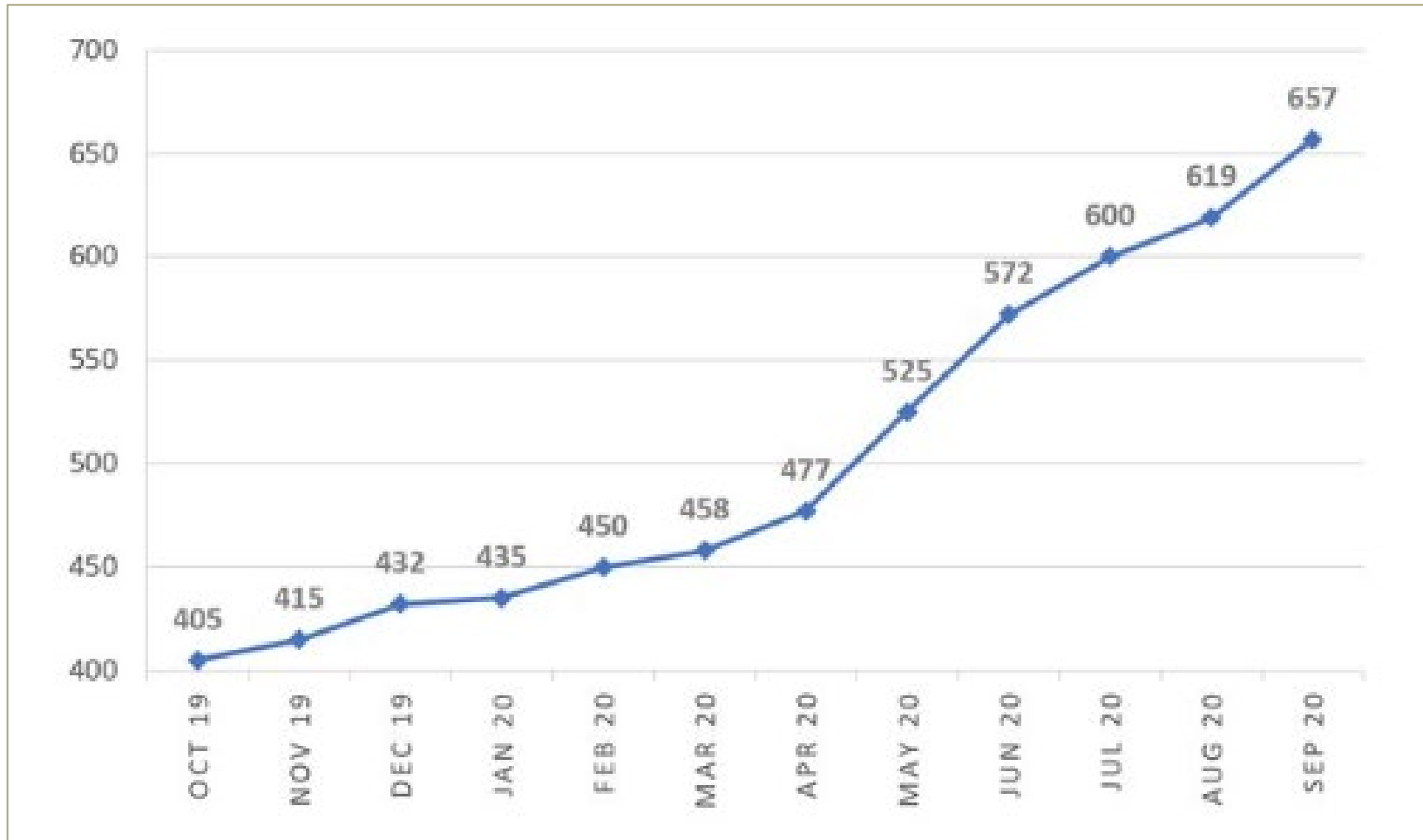
*Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States hearing*

*on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women*











# TREND IN AI/AN MISSING PERSON CASES PUBLISHED IN NAMUS, BY MONTH

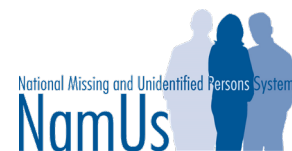


# NAMUS AS A CENTRAL DATABASE FOR MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON CASES

744 Missing Persons Cases Found [Revise Search](#)



Case Status: Published X		Race / Ethnicity: American Indian / Alas... X	
Sort by	DLC	ASCENDING	DESCENDING
Results	25	Page 1 / 30	1
	<b>Missing Person / NamUs #MP50533</b> <b>Mary Hudgins, Female, Multiple</b> Date of Last Contact October 20, 1954	<b>Missing From</b> Santa Cruz, CA	<b>Missing Age</b> 23 Years <b>Date Modified</b> January 24, 2020
	<b>Missing Person / NamUs #MP34305</b> <b>Ida Lee, Female, American Indian / Alaska Native</b> Date of Last Contact November 01, 1956	<b>Missing From</b> Grand Canyon National Park, AZ	<b>Missing Age</b> 25 Years <b>Date Modified</b> August 13, 2019
	<b>Missing Person / NamUs #MP33503</b> <b>Walcie Downing, Female, American Indian / Alaska Native</b> Date of Last Contact December 14, 1956	<b>Missing From</b> Gallup, NM	<b>Missing Age</b> 32 Years <b>Date Modified</b> March 20, 2020
	<b>Missing Person / NamUs #MP39937</b> <b>Mary Begay, Female, American Indian / Alaska Native</b> Date of Last Contact August 01, 1957	<b>Missing From</b> Grand Canyon National Park, AZ	<b>Missing Age</b> 20 Years <b>Date Modified</b> December 07, 2018
	<b>Missing Person / NamUs #MP42620</b> <b>Harry Pitka, Male, American Indian / Alaska Native</b> Date of Last Contact September 25, 1960	<b>Missing From</b> Nulato, AK	<b>Missing Age</b> 39 Years <b>Date Modified</b> January 05, 2021
	<b>Missing Person / NamUs #MP42623</b> <b>Leo Demoski, Jr., Male, American Indian / Alaska Native</b> Date of Last Contact September 25, 1960	<b>Missing From</b> Nulato, AK	<b>Missing Age</b> 48 Years <b>Date Modified</b> January 05, 2021

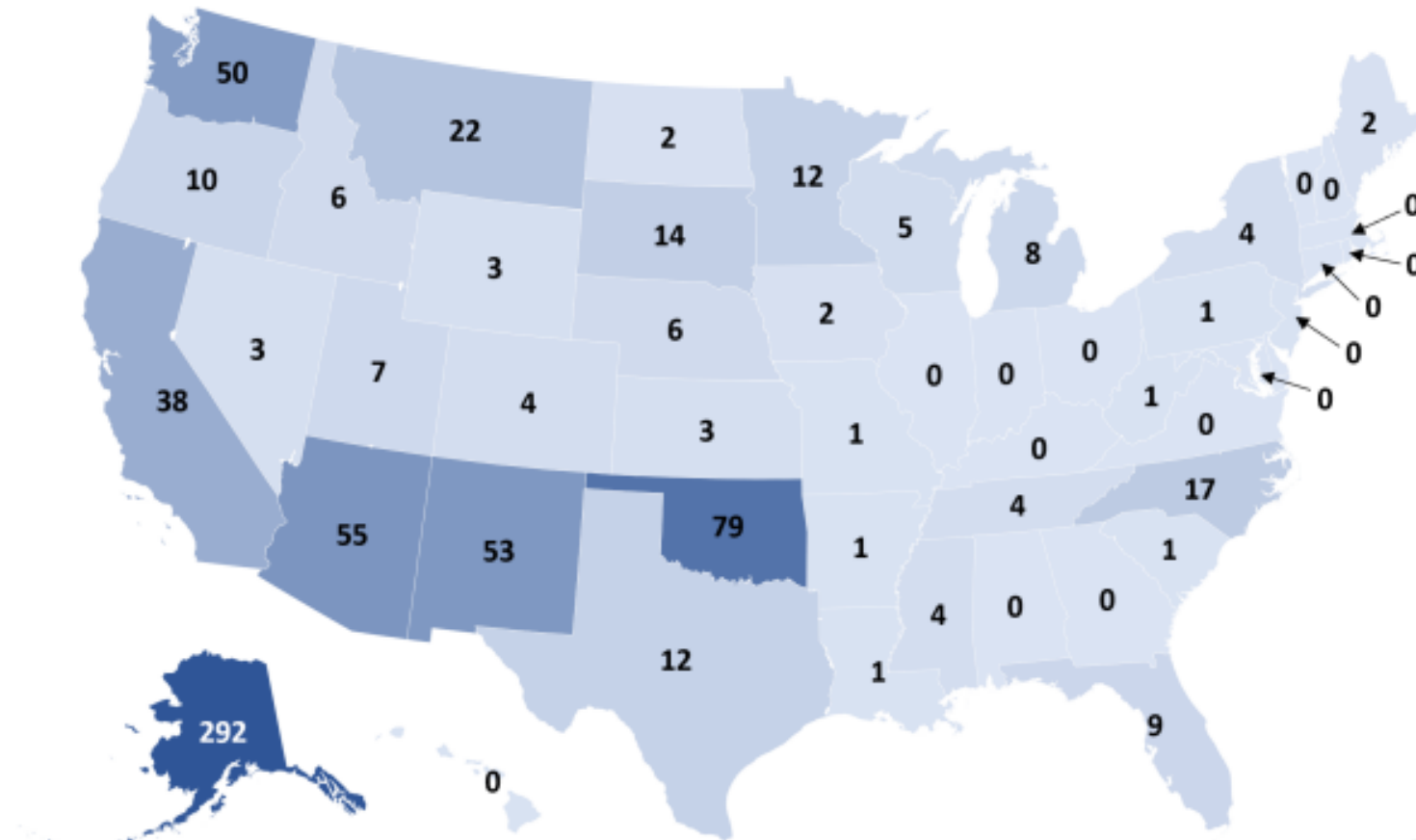


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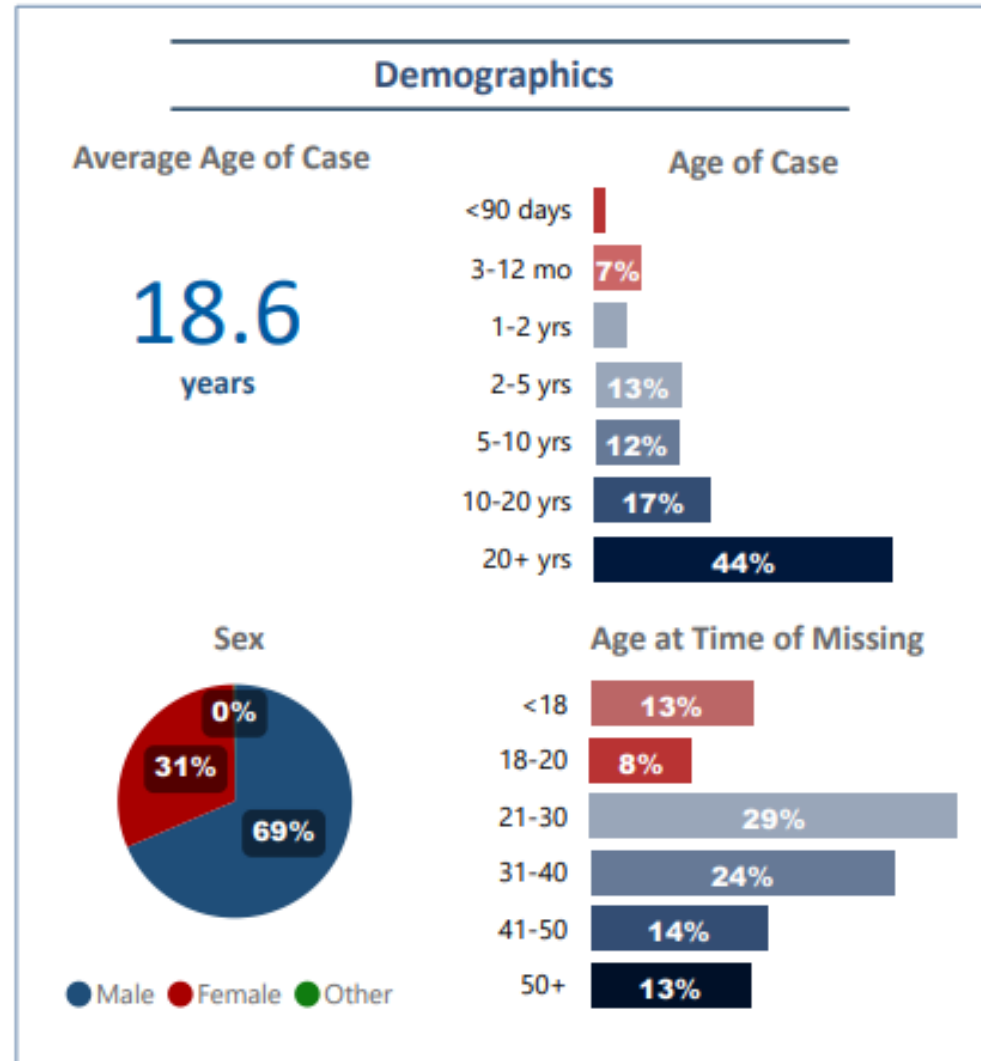
**734** missing from **36** states

## Top 10 States

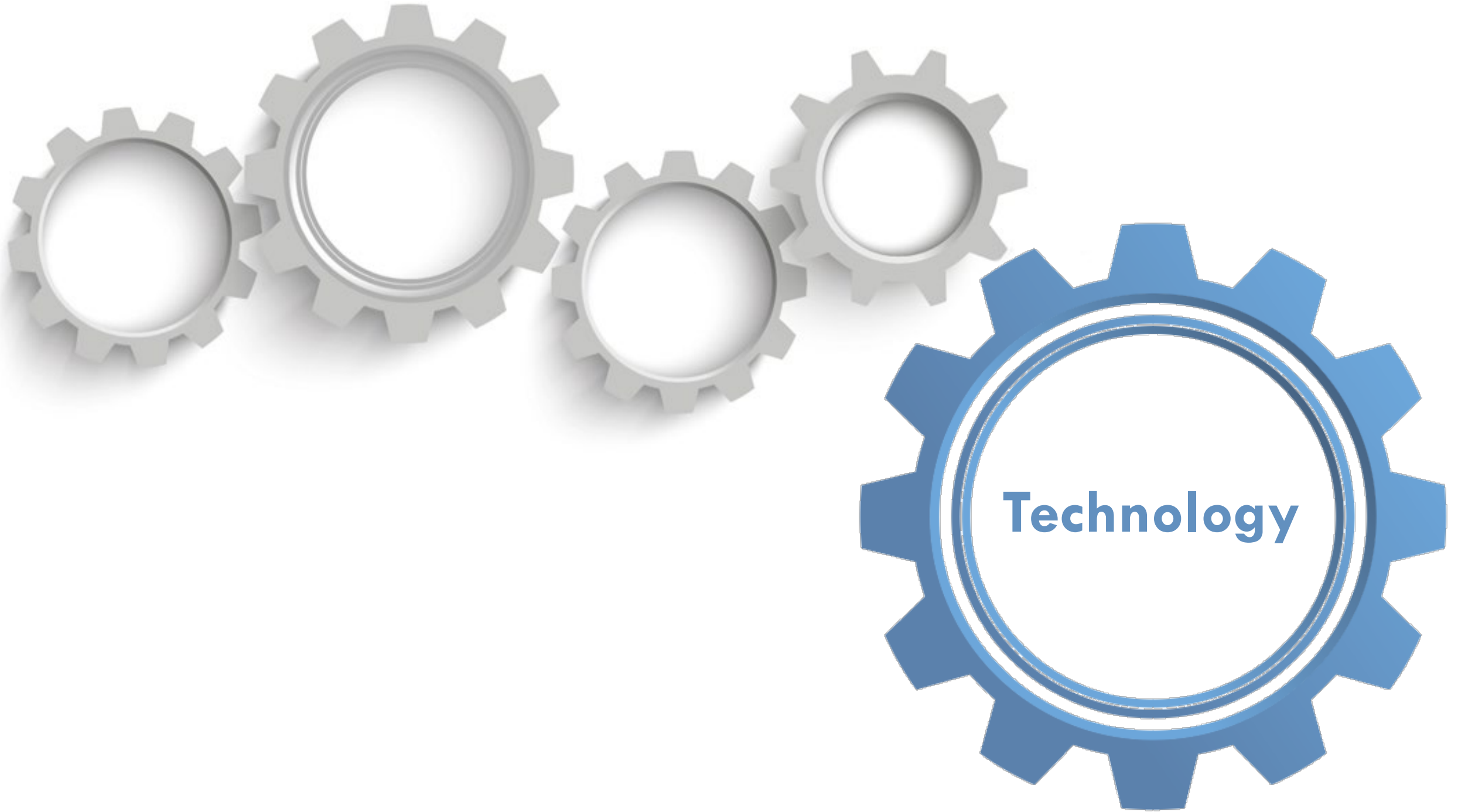
Alaska	292
Oklahoma	79
Arizona	55
New Mexico	53
Washington	50
California	38
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Minnesota	12
Texas	12



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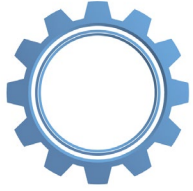
**Technology**



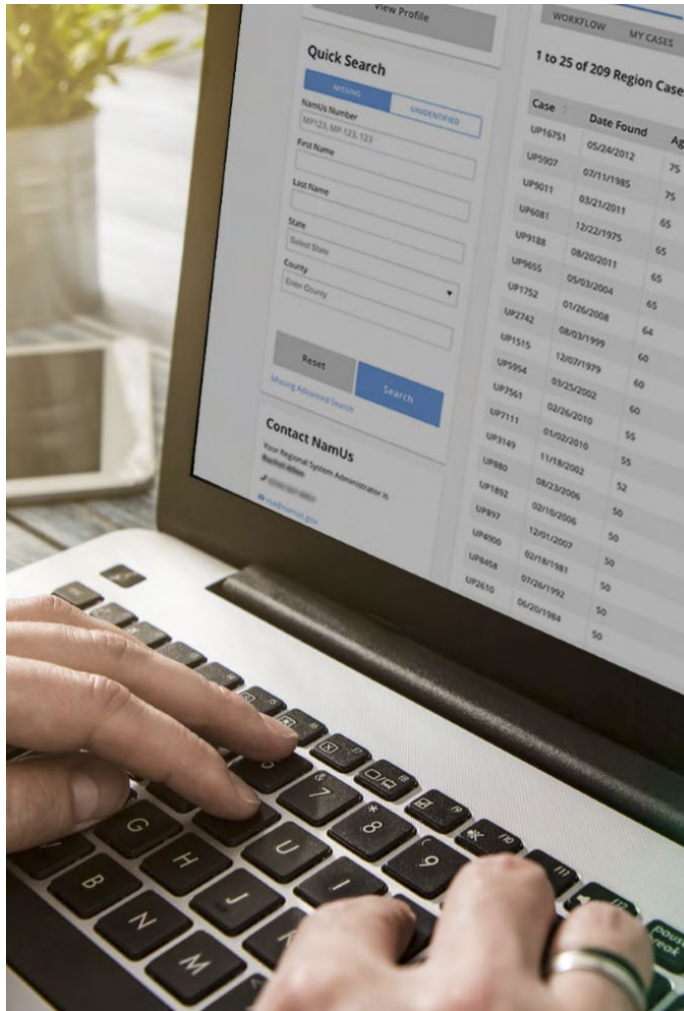
# SYSTEM SECURITY



- NamUs 2.0 database is hosted in SecureCloud, which is an area within GovCloud for highly-secured applications
- The system is monitored 24/7 by the Office of Justice Programs Information Security team, as well as the NamUs Information Technology team
- Law enforcement, medical examiner, coroner and allied forensic professionals are vetted before access to secure data in NamUs is granted

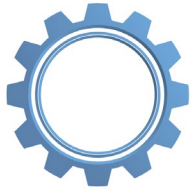


# NAMUS TECHNOLOGY



- The NamUs 2.0 database is a central repository for storing, sharing, and comparing all missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person case information
- Case management, advanced searching, and automatic matching tools within the NamUs application expedite case associations and resolutions
- The NamUs database is searchable by anyone. However, sensitive case data are only accessible by appropriate, vetted professional users, which include medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officers, and allied forensic professionals





# PUBLIC USER REGISTRATION

← → ↻ [namus.gov/Registration](https://namus.gov/Registration)

PERSONS UNCLAIMED PERSONS

## Registration

Welcome Account Information Contact Information Privacy Policy and Terms

### Account Information

Login email: publicuser@usa.com Confirm: publicuser@usa.com

Account verification will be sent to this email account.

Password: ..... Confirm: .....

Your password must have at least 12 characters, with numeric, or special characters. It may not contain any of the following characters: !@#\$%^&\*~`|}{~`|}{

Security question: Favorite food Security answer: Pizza

How did you learn about NamUs? News Article/Media Report

Previous

### Contact Information

Welcome Account Information Contact Information Privacy Policy and Terms

First Name: John Middle Name: Q

Contact Email: publicuser@usa.com Contact email selected:

Address: 123 Maple Street Address 2: Optional

City: Fort Worth State: Texas

Primary Phone: 123-456-7891 Ext: Optional Primary type: Mobile

Secondary Phone: Optional Ext: Optional Secondary type: Select Primary

Previous

### Accept the Privacy Policy

Welcome Account Information Contact Information Privacy Policy and Terms

The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a national database of missing, unidentified, and unclaimed persons. NamUs is a public website and the information contained therein can be searched by criminal justice agencies.

#### I. Privacy Policy

Here is how we handle information:

**A. Information Collected and Used**

If you visit our site to read or download information, we collect your IP address, browser type, and other information about your visit.


The name of the Internet domain you use to access our site, your e-mail account, or "yourschool.edu" if you are a student, and your phone number that is automatically collected when you use our mobile application.

I agree to the NamUs Privacy Policy and Terms of Use.

Previous Register

### Registration Complete

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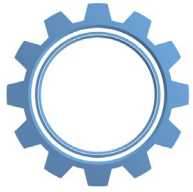


## Registration Complete

You will receive an email to activate your account.

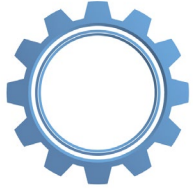
*If you do not receive this email in the next 15 minutes, please check your spam/junk email folder. If you require additional assistance completing your registration, please contact NamUs at (855) 626-7600.*

NamUs Home



# CENTRAL DASHBOARD FOR ALL ACCOUNT AND CASE TOOLS

The screenshot displays the 'My Dashboard' interface for a user named Jane Smith. The top navigation bar includes the NamUs logo and menu items for 'MY DASHBOARD', 'MISSING PERSONS', 'UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS', and 'UNCLAIMED PERSONS'. The user's profile is shown on the left, including a 'My Profile' button. Below the profile is a 'Quick Search' section with filters for 'MISSING', 'UNIDENTIFIED', and 'UNCLAIMED'. The search fields include 'NamUs Number' (with the example 'MP123, MP-123, 123'), 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'State' (a dropdown menu), and 'County' (with the placeholder 'Enter County'). 'Reset' and 'Search' buttons are at the bottom of the search section, along with a link to 'Missing Advanced Search'. The main dashboard area is titled 'My Dashboard' and features a '+ Missing Case' button. It has three tabs: 'MISSING', 'UNIDENTIFIED', and 'UNCLAIMED'. Under the 'MISSING' tab, there are sub-tabs for 'MY CASES', 'RECENT', and 'REGION'. The 'MY CASES' sub-tab shows '0 Entered' cases, while 'RECENT' and 'REGION' show '0 Tracked Cases'. The main content area displays 'No Cases'. An orange arrow points to the '+ Missing Case' button.



# + MISSING CASE FROM DASHBOARD

## Create a Missing Persons Case

What is your relationship to the missing person?  
Law Enforcement

### Demographics

First Name  Middle Name  Last Name

Date of Birth

Sex

Race / Ethnicity (select all that apply)

White / Caucasian  Black / African American  
 Hispanic / Latino  Asian  
 Hawaiian / Pacific Islander  Uncertain  
 American Indian / Alaska Native  Other

### Circumstances

Date of Last Contact

Last Known Location

City  State  ZIP Code

County

Circumstances of Disappearance

Describe the circumstances of disappearance

### Physical

Height (Feet/Inches)  ft  in -  ft  in Weight (lbs)  lbs -  lbs

Hair Color

Eye Color

Specify Each Eye Separately

Cancel

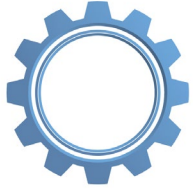
### Create and submit a Missing Persons case

[Privacy Act Statement](#)

- 1. Begin**  
Complete this form with all available information.
- 2. Create**  
Click the 'Create Draft' button. You will be able to enter additional information on the following page.
- 3. Review**  
After creating your draft, the following fields will be required to submit your case.
  - Relationship to missing person
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Sex
  - Race / Ethnicity
  - Date of Last Contact
  - City
  - State
  - County
  - Circumstances of Disappearance
  - Height
  - Weight
  - Hair Color
  - Eye Color
- 4. After Submission**  
A Regional Program Specialist (RPS) will review your case(s) for accuracy and completeness. All cases will be verified with the appropriate investigating agencies prior to publication in NamUs.  
  
You will be contacted by your NamUs RPS if additional information is needed.


Short entry form to quickly create a new case draft for Missing Person





# COMPLETE AND SUBMIT NEW CASE ENTRY

ADMIN TOOL Status  
New

 Missing Person / NamUs #MP50002 NEW  
**John (Sample Case) Doe, Male, American Indian / Alaska Native** Resolve Case Stop Tracking Case

Date of Last Contact: January 1, 2010  
Missing From: Washington, District of Columbia  
Missing Age: 30 Years  
Current Age: 40 Years  
Matches: 1

[CASE](#) [IMAGES & DOCUMENTS](#) [COMPARISONS](#) [CONTACTS](#) [NOTES](#) [REMINDER](#) [TOOLS](#)

**CASE INFORMATION**

Case Numbers  
Demographics  
Circumstances  
Physical Description  
Medical Data  
Clothing and Accessories

**BIOMETRICS**

DNA  
Fingerprints  
Dental

**ADDITIONAL CASE INFO**

Personal Electronics  
Transportation

**Case Information** Indicates information not viewable by the public

**Case Numbers** [Edit](#)

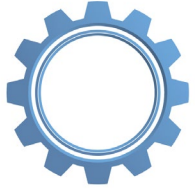
NCIC Number <span>🔒</span>	VICAP Number <span>🔒</span>	NCMEC Number
M123456789	--	--

**Demographics** [Edit](#)

Some information is missing in this section that is required to submit this case.

Missing Age	Current Age	
38 Years	38 Years	
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
John (Sample Case)	--	Doe
Maiden Name <span>🔒</span>	Nickname/Alias	
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- System guides user to enter the minimum information needed to submit to NamUs
- On cases entered by family or a public user, NamUs staff verifies missing person status with the investigating agency and requests permission to publish

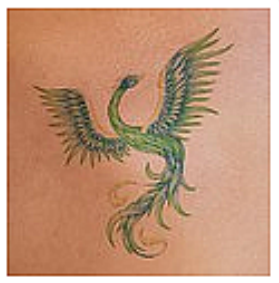


# ENTER DETAILED PHYSICAL & CLOTHING DESCRIPTIONS

## Distinctive Physical Features

Item	Description
Artificial body part/aid	Webbed toes
Scar/mark	Large raspberry colored birth mark on left shoulder
Tattoo	Tattoo of a green, blue, and yellow

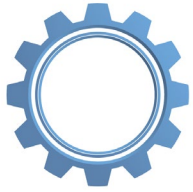
[+ Add Distinctive Physical Feature](#)



## Clothing and Accessories

Item	Description
Accessories	Camouflage canvas backpack
Clothing	Last seen wearing blue jeans and a red shirt.
Jewelry	Gold colored ring with initials JD

[+ Add Clothing and Accessories](#)



# ADD ALL KNOWN MEDICAL DATA

## Add Medical

Mark this section as No Known Information

Item

Other medical information

Known allergy

Skeletal information

Known illness

Medical implant

Medication

Drug of abuse

Prior surgery

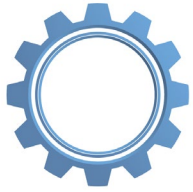
Organ absent

Foreign object

Medical condition/disorder

Other medical information

defined categories.



# ENTER DENTIST INFORMATION & POTENTIAL FINGERPRINT SOURCE

## Edit Fingerprint Information

Mark this section as **No Known Information**

What Best Describes the Availability of Fingerprints

- Fingerprint Information is Available Elsewhere
- Fingerprint Information is Available for Entry

Comments

Fingerprints were provided when MP obtained his

## Edit Dental Information

### Dentist Information

First Name

Last Name

Address

Address 2

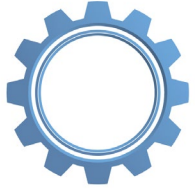
City

State

ZIP Code

Phone

Email



# UPLOAD IMAGES & DOCUMENTS

Missing Person / NamUs #MP50002 **NEW**  
John (Sample Case) Doe, Male, American Indian / Alaska Native

Resolve Case Stop Tracking Case

Date of Last Contact: January 1, 2020  
Missing From: Washington, District of Columbia  
Missing Age: 40 Years  
Current Age: 40 Years  
Matches: 0

CASE **IMAGES & DOCUMENTS** COMPARISONS CONTACTS NOTES REMINDER TOOLS

Choose a file or drop files here to upload

5 Images & Documents

- Facial/case ID**  
Uploaded: June 8, 2018
- Fingerprint card**  
Uploaded: June 18, 2018
- Dental radiograph**  
Uploaded: June 18, 2018
- Dental radiograph**  
Uploaded: June 18, 2018
- Tattoo**  
Uploaded: June 18, 2018

- Photographs
- X-rays
- Dental images and treatment records
- Fingerprint cards
- Tattoos
- Clothing



# NEW DATA FIELDS IN NAMUS: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT/AFFILIATION

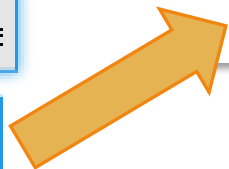
1) Tribe Enrollment / Affiliation  
Enrolled ▼

2) Tribe Recognition  
Federally-Recognized ▼

3) Tribe State  
Montana ▼

4) Tribe  
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation ▼

Add Tribe



Associated Tribe(s):

- Enrolled with Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation x

# NEW DATA FIELDS IN NAMUS: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT/AFFILIATION

## Edit Demographics

Hispanic / Latino       Asian  
 Hawaiian / Pacific Islander       Uncertain  
 American Indian / Alaska Native       Other

**i** Was this person [enrolled/affiliated](#) with a [federally-recognized](#) or [state-recognized](#) tribe?  
Yes

Enrolled/Affiliated Tribes

Tribe Enrollment / Affiliation	Tribe Recognition	Tribe State	Tribe
Enrolled	Federally-Recognized	Montana	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the

Associated Tribe(s):  
- Enrolled with Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation **x**

Blood Type

**i** Height (Feet/Inches)      **i** Weight (lbs)

ft	in	-	ft	in	lbs	-	lbs
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Cancel Save



# NEW DATA FIELDS IN NAMUS: MISSING FROM/RESIDES ON TRIBAL LAND

## Edit Circumstances

**Indicates fields that are required to submit this case**

**Date of Last Contact**  
01/01/2019

**Suspected Foul Play**  
 Yes  No  Possibly  Uncertain

**Last Known Location**  
 Street Address  Intersection  General Location

Location  
Flathead Reservation

**City**  **State**  **ZIP Code**

**County**

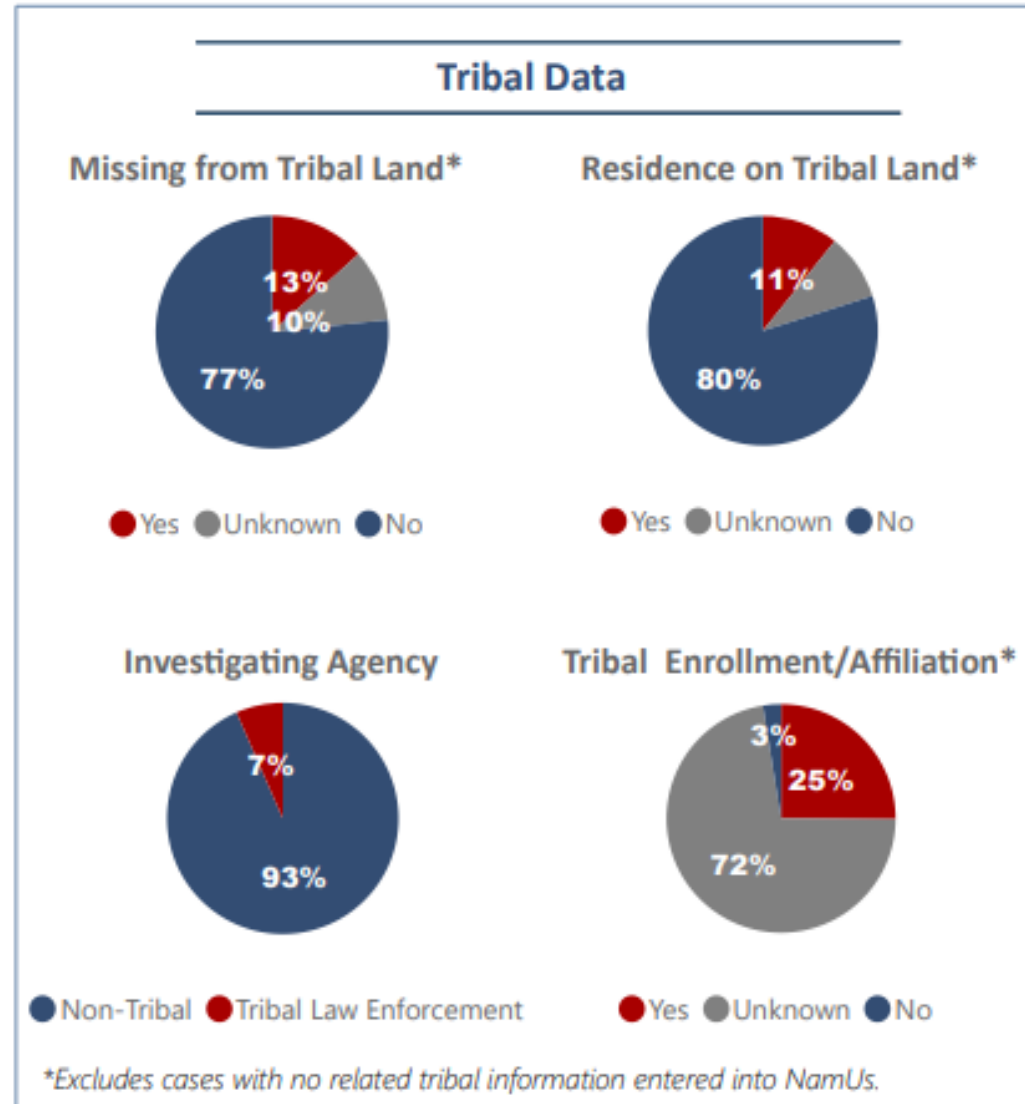
**Is this location on tribal land under United States' jurisdiction?**  **Was this person's primary residence on tribal land?**

**Circumstances of Disappearance**  
Missing from Lame Deer, Montana.

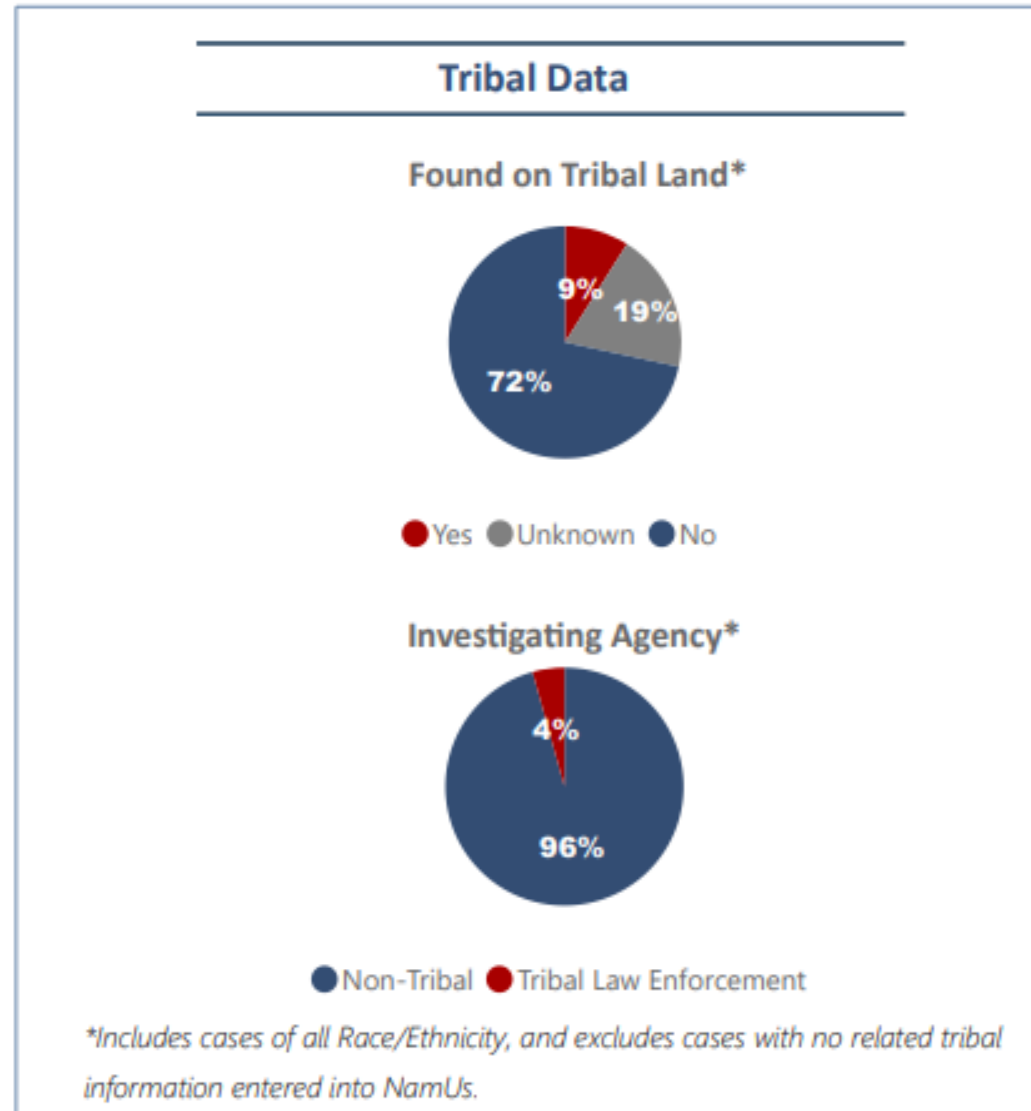
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# NAMUS AI/AN MISSING PERSON CASES, AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021



# NAMUS AI/AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CASES, AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021



# NAMUS SUPPORT OF MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON CASES



## NamUs Support for Missing Indigenous Person Cases

### HOW NIJ AND ITS NAMUS PROGRAM SUPPORT TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITIES

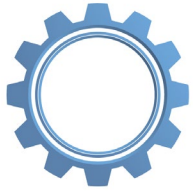
NamUs is working to close data gaps related to missing indigenous persons, and to ensure that every tribal law enforcement agency knows about and can use the NamUs program to help resolve cases. The NamUs 2.0 database (accessible from [www.NamUs.gov](http://www.NamUs.gov)) allows tribes to collect better data on their missing persons, and provides a tool for sharing and comparing case information across jurisdictional boundaries.

Data fields specific to tribal cases in NamUs include:

- A missing person's tribal enrollment or affiliation
- Whether a missing person was last seen on tribal land
- Whether a missing person's primary residence was on tribal land

Trend data of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) missing person cases that were **published** in NamUs as of the first of the month is provided below (for example, March 1st at 12:00 am). Please keep in mind that NamUs is an operational database. The data displayed below reflect a snapshot in time. These data do not show unpublished cases that have yet to be vetted by law enforcement for publication purposes, nor do they reflect the number of cases that have been resolved and archived since the last data collection draw. The NamUs database is not a historical database. Please keep these issues in mind when using them. Additional statistics regarding

- To view more information about NamUs' support of missing indigenous person cases, or to download the most recent AI/AN case reports from NamUs, visit [www.NamUs.gov](http://www.NamUs.gov)



# MISSING PERSONS CASE ENTRY

Detailed instructions for entering a missing person case can be found by clicking the **LIBRARY/MULTIMEDIA** tab at the top of the NamUs.gov website



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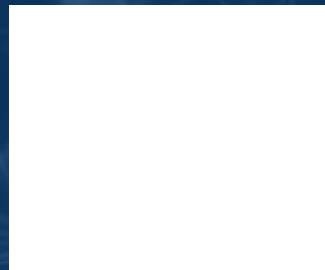
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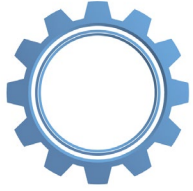
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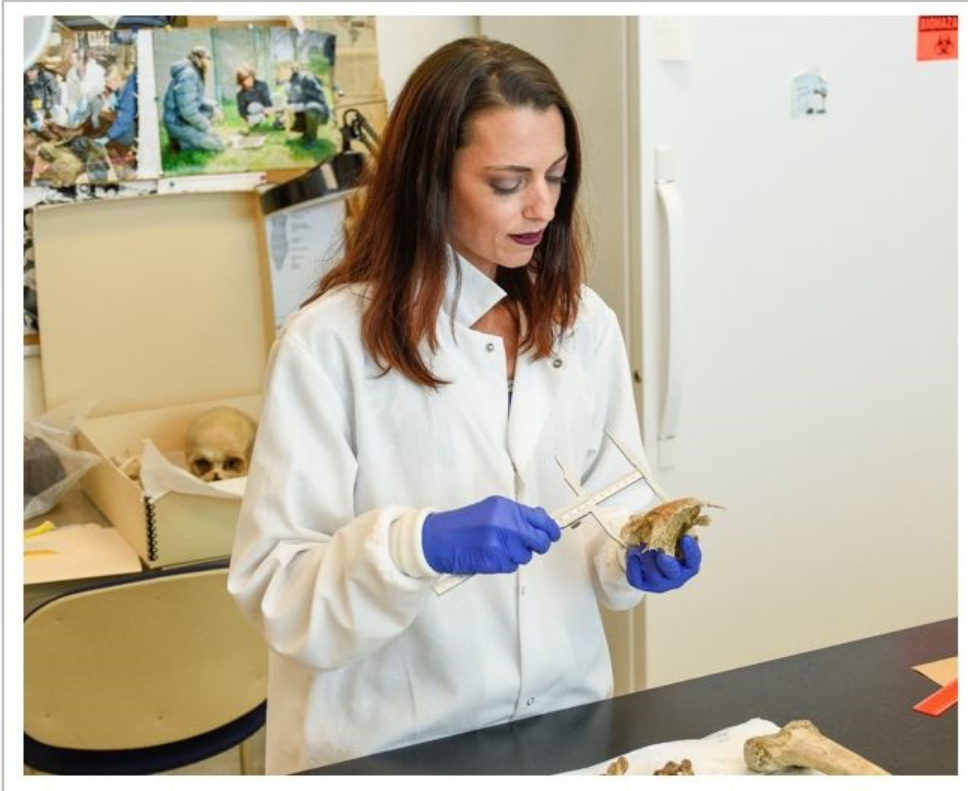
NamUs provides technology, forensic services, and investigative support to resolve missing person and unidentified remains cases.

[Explore NamUs](#)





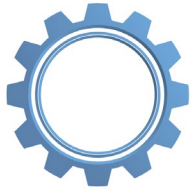
# + UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CASE ENTRY




*Anna Delaney, Director  
Forensic Anthropology Laboratory and Human Remains Repository  
New Jersey State Police*

- Records are typically entered and closed by Medical Examiner or Coroner NamUs users
- Law Enforcement may enter if an authorized designee of the Medical Examiner's or Coroner's Office





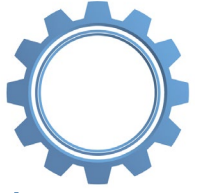
# UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CASE DATA

 <b>UNIDENTIFIED</b>	Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP14737		
	Male, Asian		
Date Body Found	Location Found	Estimated Age Range	
November 2, 2015	Atlantic City, New Jersey	45-65 Years	

Case entry mirrors entry for missing persons and includes:

- Case Numbers
- Demographics
- Circumstances and Location
- Physical Description
- Medical Data
- Clothing and Accessories
- BIOMETRICS
  - DNA
  - Fingerprints
  - Dental
- ADDITIONAL CASE INFO
  - Autopsy Facility
  - Disposition of Remains

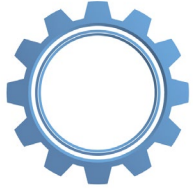





# UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CASE IMAGES

Images may be viewable to the public or restricted to professional users only





# + UNCLAIMED PERSON CASE ENTRY



Unclaimed Person / NamUs #UCP58752 **ACCEPTED**  
Test Test, Female, White / Caucasian

Date Body Found	Location Found	Maximum Age
July 16, 2019	Sacramento, California	19 Years

**UNCLAIMED**

[CASE](#) [IMAGES & DOCUMENTS](#) [CONTACTS](#) [NOTES](#)

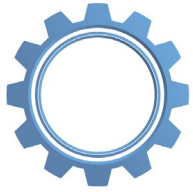
**CASE INFORMATION** Case Information

- Demographics
- Circumstances
- Physical Description
- Medical Data
- Clothing and Accessories
- ADDITIONAL CASE INFO
- Disposition of Remains

### Demographics

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Test	--	Test
Maiden Name	Nickname/Alias	
--	--	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
July 1, 2000	--	
Sex	Race / Ethnicity	
Female	White / Caucasian	
Military Affiliation		
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- Instances where next of kin was unknown or could not be located at the time of death
- Can be entered by all professional NamUs users
- Unidentified Persons case entries, once identified, can be converted to an Unclaimed Person case if next of kin was not located



# ADVANCED SEARCHING

### Distinctive Physical Features

No Information Entered

No Known Information

Distinctive Physical Features

butterfly

**Searching For** butterfly

[Limit to Selected Fields](#)

[+ Add Keyword Search Item](#)

### Clothing and Accessories

No Information Entered

Clothing and Accessories Description

ring

**Searching For** ring

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Only Include Cases That Contain a Description for the Following:

[Select all](#) [Clear all](#)

Accessories  Clothing

Footwear  Jewelry

### Circumstances

Foul Play Indicated

Yes  No  Possibly  Uncertain or not provided

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NamUs Case Created

Between  Month  Day  Year  -  Month  Day  Year

Date of Last Contact

Between  Month  Day  Year  -  Month  Day  Year

### Last Known Location

City

Enter City

State

Texas X Louisiana X Mississippi X

County

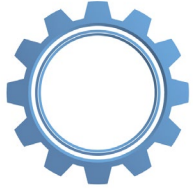
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Circumstances Description

Circumstances of Disappearance and Notes

Advanced searches can be constructed to locate cases in specific areas, or to match unique physical descriptors, such as scars, marks, tattoos, clothing, jewelry, etc.



# SEARCH RESULTS: LIST, GALLERY AND MAP VIEW

## 47 Unidentified Persons Cases Found [Revise Search](#)



Case Status: Published X Estimated Age Group: Adult - Pre 50 X Sex: Female X

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





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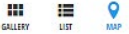
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UP52730	18-15369	08/18/2018	--
UP990	00-201838	09/25/2000	25 Years
UP17659	0499	06/08/2014	26 Years
UP14863	0534	06/06/2014	25 Years
UP14006	0389	05/23/2010	30 Years
UP12681	Baylor 0439	07/17/2009	25 Years
UP16660	0612	07/25/2012	25 Years
UP16704	0411	05/21/2013	23 Years
UP16481	0477	06/05/2014	20 Years
UP16754	0634	01/09/2017	24 Years
UP14013	0446	09/03/2012	25 Years
UP12475	Baylor 0416	09/02/2011	26 Years
UP1136	1993-2069	10/24/1993	36 Years
UP12969	OA14-145	10/08/2014	30 Years
UP11630	OA13-125	08/15/2013	29 Years
UP2982	07-0397	05/22/2007	20 Years
UP13539	01-152	08/01/2001	27 Years
UP16211	M.E.15-062	01/21/2015	19 Years
UP60245	78488	06/10/1988	--
UP3376	200001128	02/09/2000	25 Years
UP5283	2004-03283	06/16/2004	24 Years
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Case Status: Published X Estimated Age Group: Adult - Pre 50 X Sex: Female X Race / Ethnicity:

Sort by: County

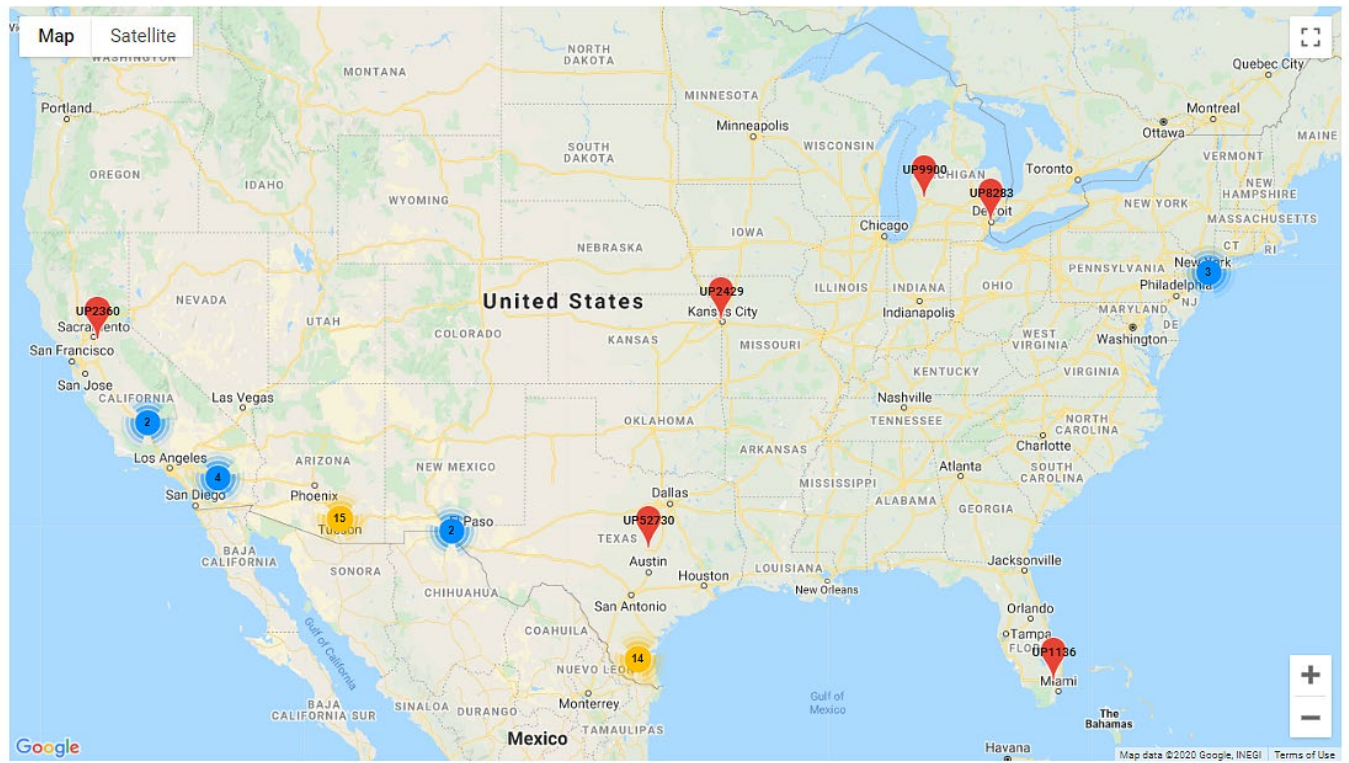
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**Female, Multiple**  
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Location Found: Aguadilla, PR
-  Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP52730  
**Female, Multiple**  
Date Body Found: August 18, 2018  
Location Found: Killeen, TX
-  Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP990  
**Female, Multiple**  
Date Body Found: September 25, 2000  
Location Found: Reading, PA
-  Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP17659  
**Female, Hispanic / Latino**  
Date Body Found: June 08, 2014  
Location Found: --, TX
-  Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP14863  
**Female, Hispanic / Latino**  
Date Body Found: June 06, 2014  
Location Found: Falfurrias, TX
-  Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP14006  
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-  Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP12681  
**Female, Hispanic / Latino**  
Date Body Found: July 17, 2009  
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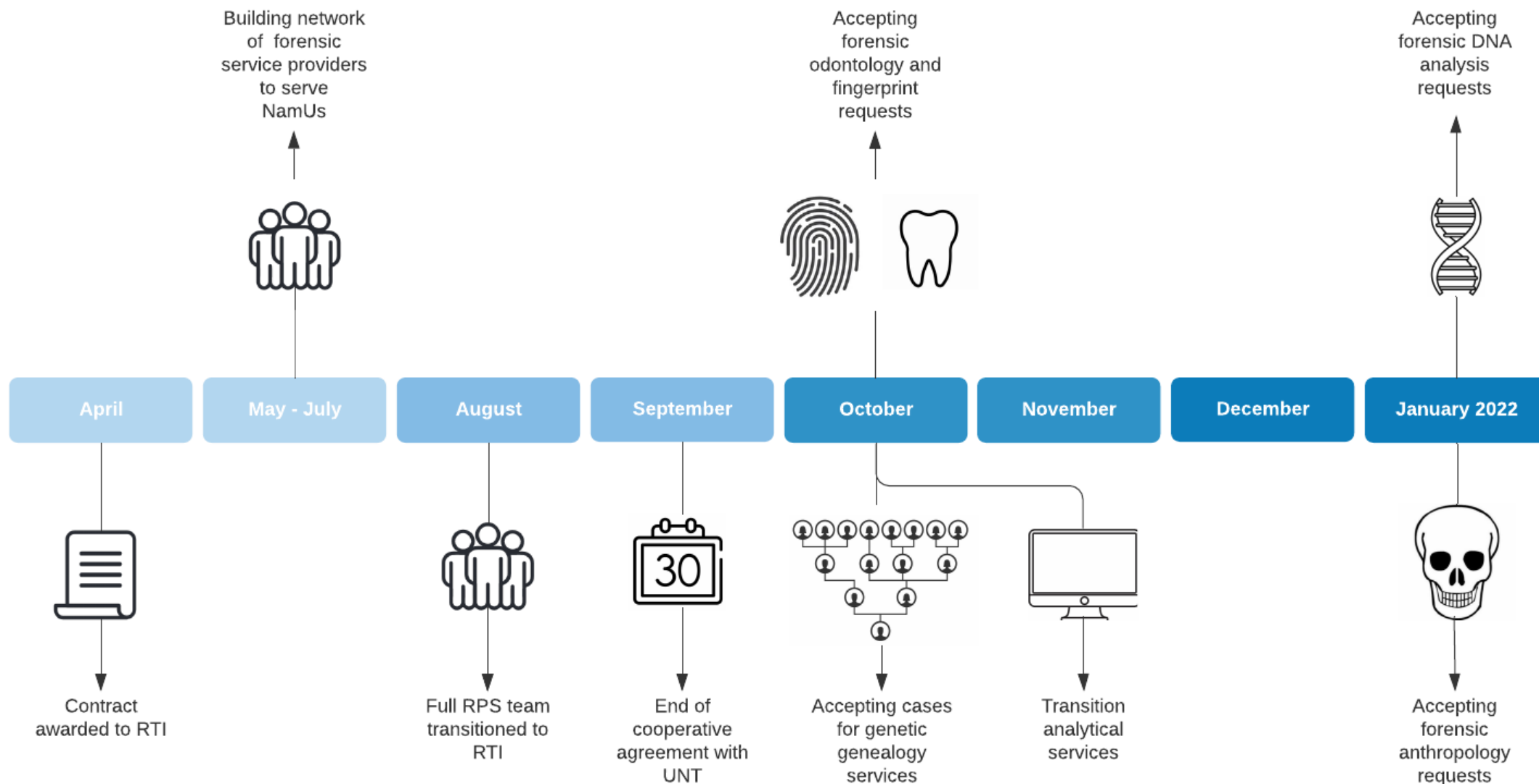
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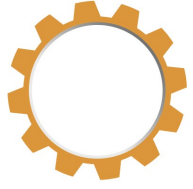




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# TRANSITION TIMELINE





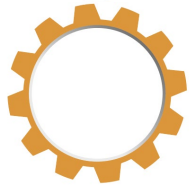
# FREE DNA ANALYSIS

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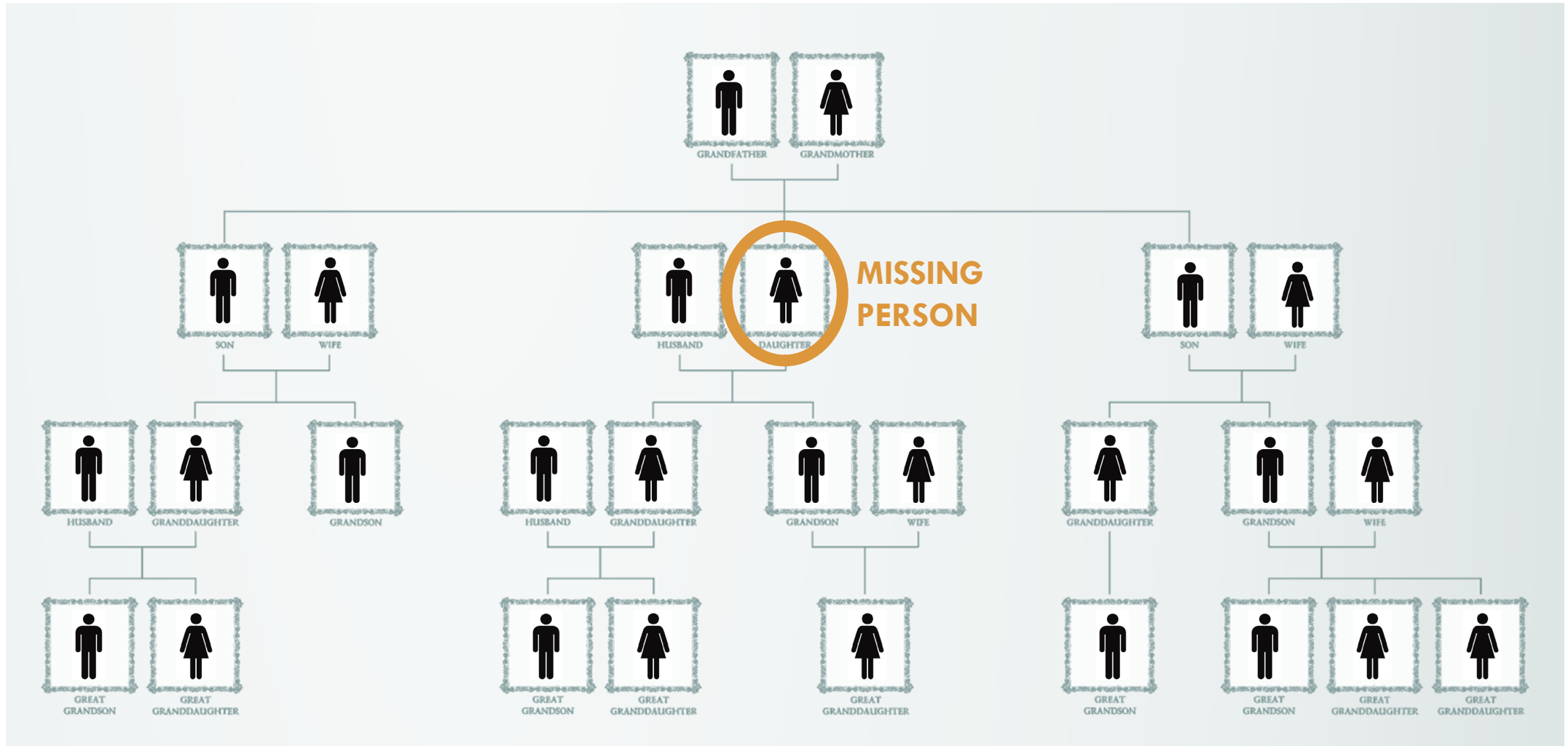
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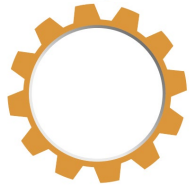






# SELECTING FAMILY MEMBERS FOR DNA COLLECTIONS

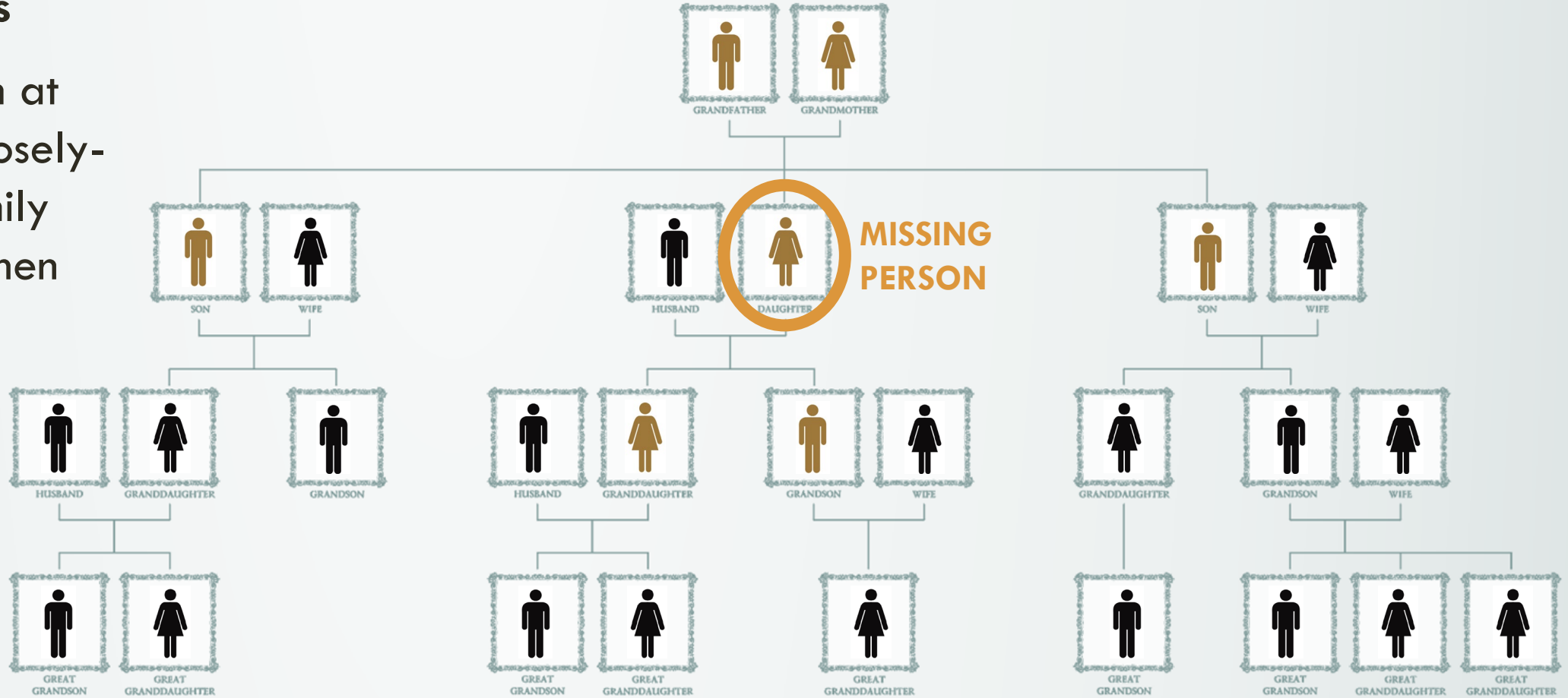


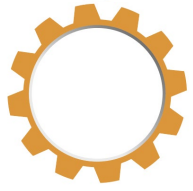


# SELECTING FAMILY MEMBERS FOR DNA COLLECTIONS

## STR Profiles

Collect from at least two closely-related family members when possible

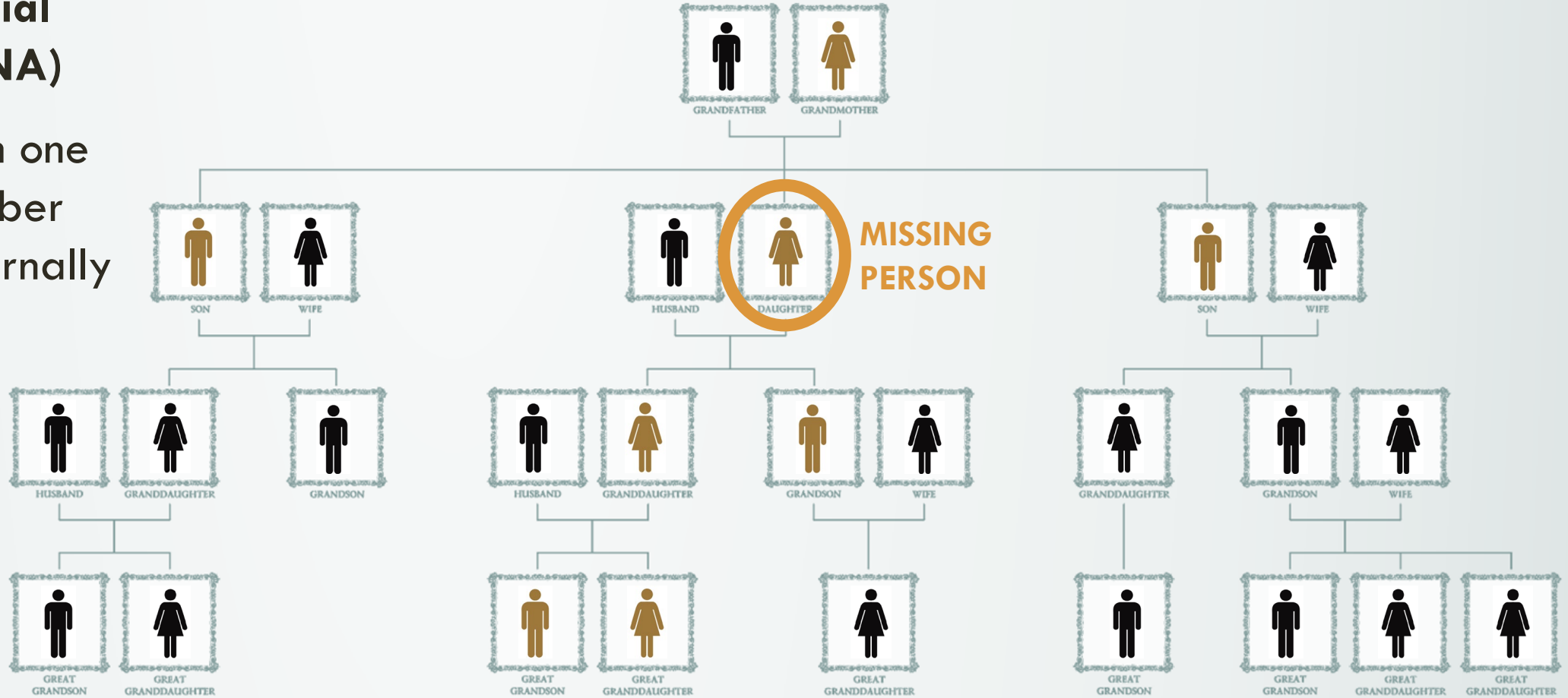


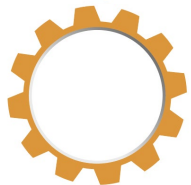


# SELECTING FAMILY MEMBERS FOR DNA COLLECTIONS

## Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)

Collect from one family member who is maternally related.





# DNA COLLECTIONS

**NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS PROGRAM**  
University of North Texas Center for Human Identification, 3500 Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, TX 76107  
1-800-763-3147, www.untchi.org

**Family Reference Sample Submission Form**

**Instructions:** Complete each section as applicable (shaded areas will be completed by UNTCHI).  
**Note:** Sections 1 and 3-9 are required for submission. Omission of required information will cause a delay in processing.

	UNTCHI Case No.
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**1. INVESTIGATING AGENCY**

Agency:		Agency Case No:	
Address:		NCIC No:	
		NamUs MP No:	
Contact Name:		Phone No:	
Contact Email:		Fax No:	

**2. COURTESY COLLECTING AGENCY** Complete this section if the collecting agency is different from above

Agency:		Agency Case No:	
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Contact Name:		Phone No:	
Contact Email:		Fax No:	

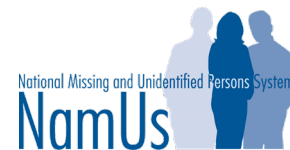
**3. EVIDENCE SUBMITTED** Please submit one form per reference donor

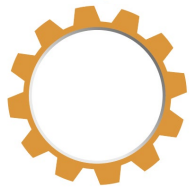
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Is this reference sample associated with another case submitted to UNTCHI? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, UNTCHI Case No: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**4. CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

Released by:	Signature	Printed Name	Date & Time Released
Shipped by:	Shipping Company	Tracking Number	
Received by: <small>(For UNTCHI Use Only)</small>	Signature	Printed Name	Date & Time Received

- Kits for collecting family reference samples for DNA analysis are provided at no cost and contain swabs, gloves, and a postage-paid return envelope
- Consent forms and submission paperwork must be downloaded from [www.namus.nij.ojp.gov/services/dna](http://www.namus.nij.ojp.gov/services/dna) prior to collection
- Family members must sign a consent form prior to processing





# CODIS INDICES

Profiles uploaded to CODIS are organized into indices which can – and cannot – be searched against one another in specific ways.

## Most Commonly Used CODIS Indices



Missing Person Index



Relatives of Missing Persons Index



Pedigree Tree Index



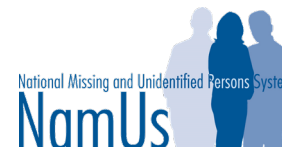
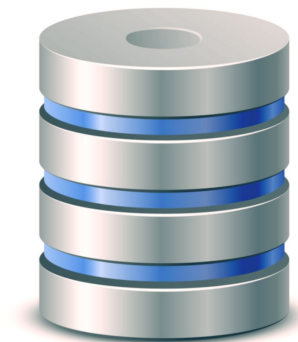
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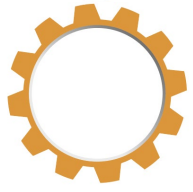


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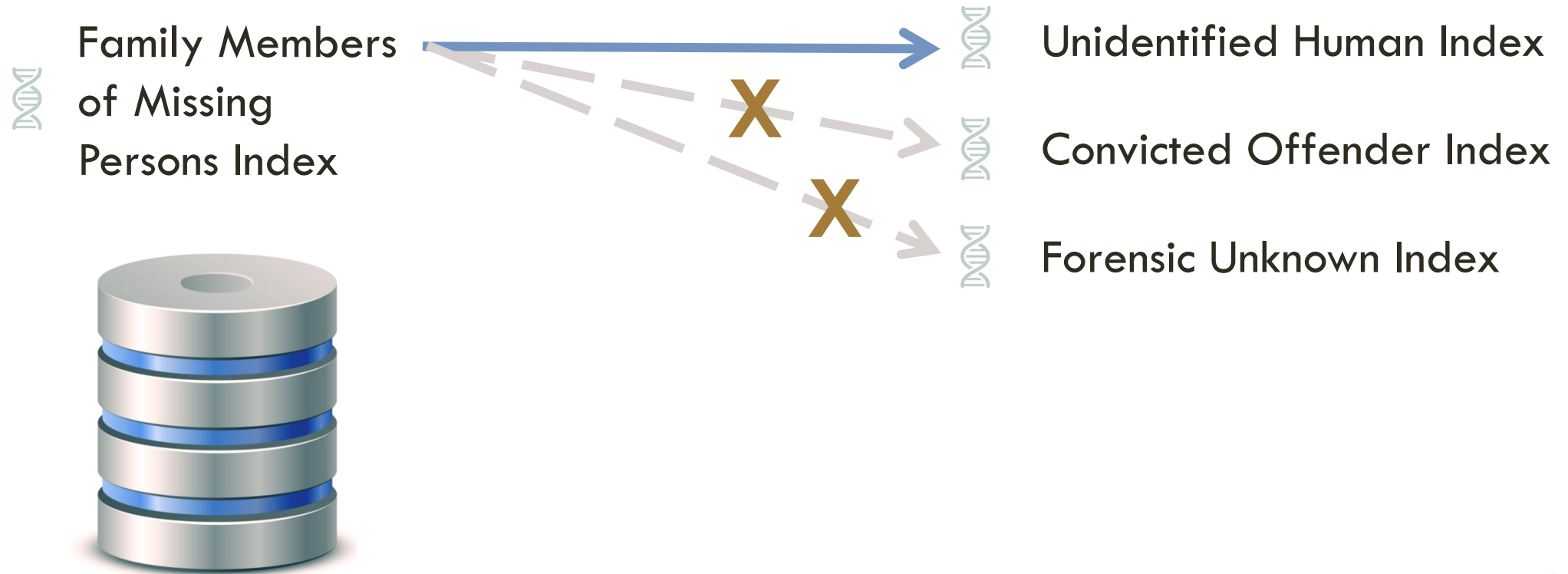


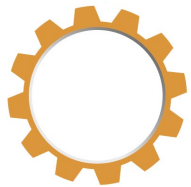
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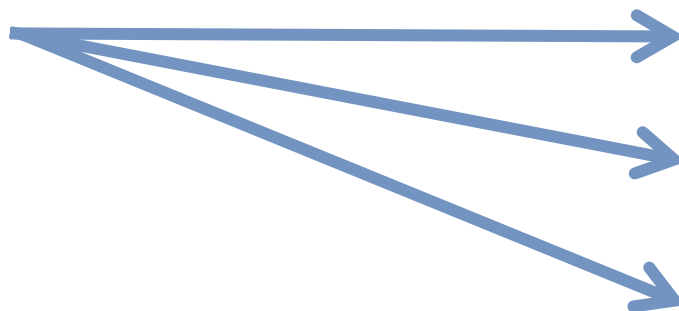
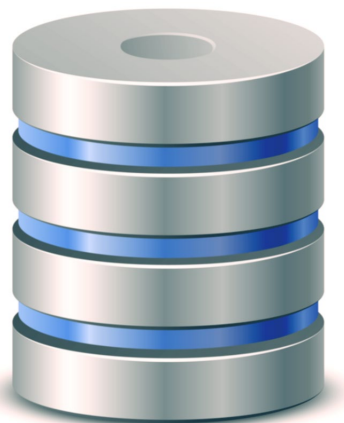




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Missing Person Index



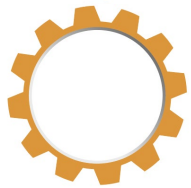
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Convicted Offender Index



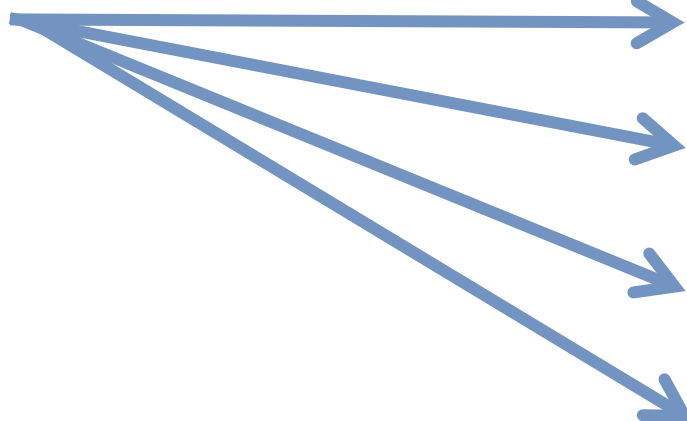
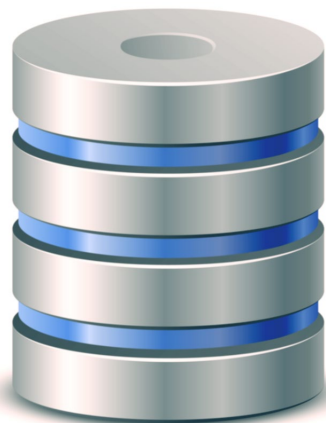
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# CODIS SEARCHING



Unidentified  
Human Index



Missing Person Index



Family Members of Missing Persons

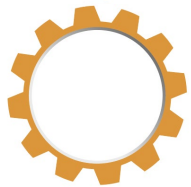


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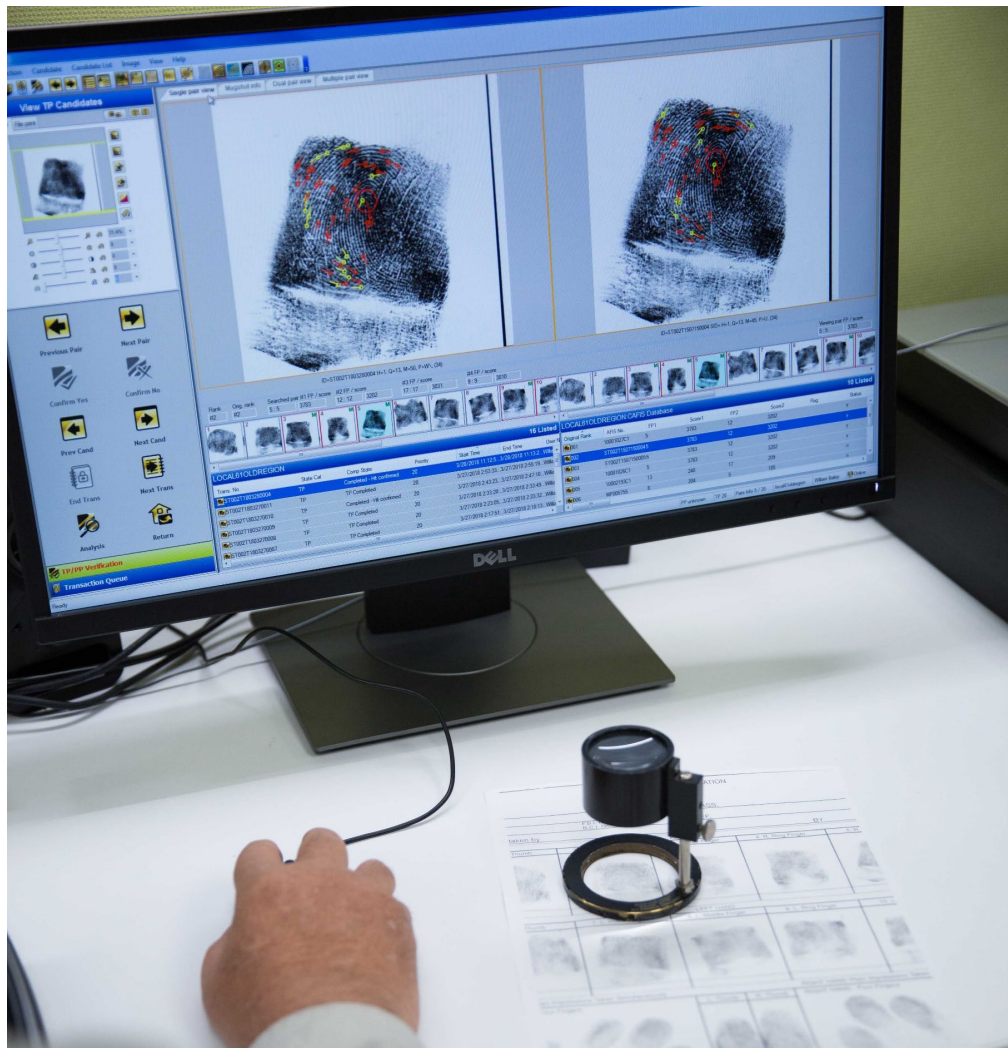


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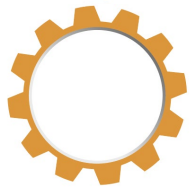




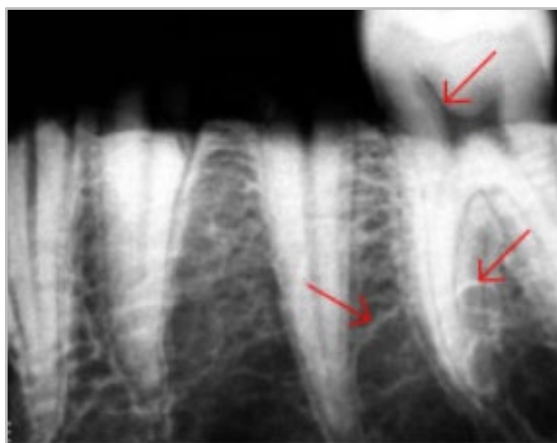
# FINGERPRINT SERVICES



- Locating/acquiring fingerprint records
- Coding prints for NCIC and NamUs entry
- Facilitating fingerprint database searches
- Performing fingerprint comparisons



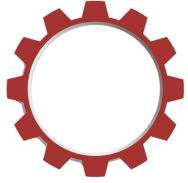
# DENTAL RECORDS



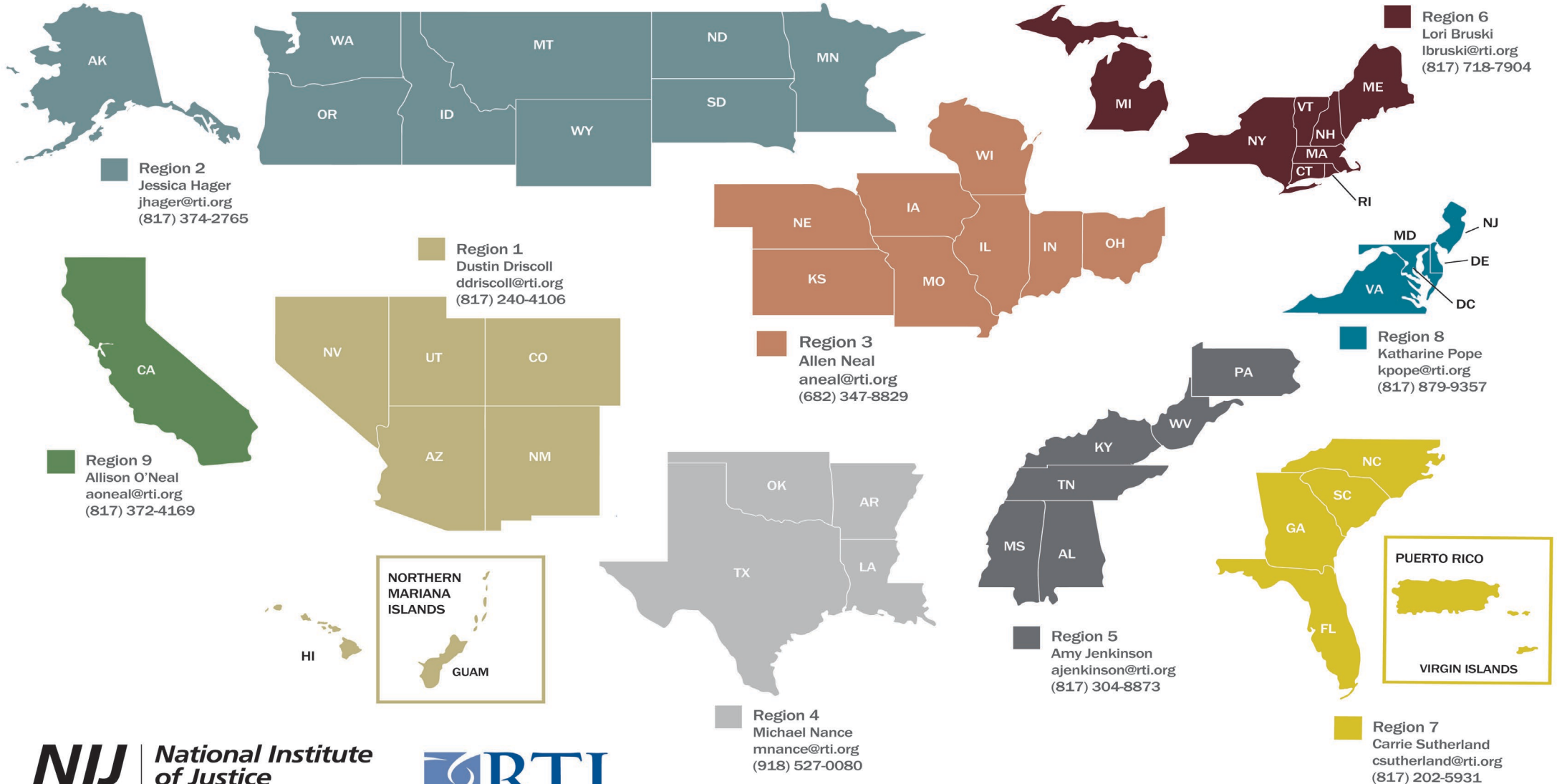
- Dental records provide an opportunity to make rapid, cost-effective, detailed comparisons between individuals for inclusions or exclusions of potential matches
- Agencies can directly upload dental information for missing and unidentified person cases to NamUs

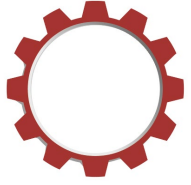


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# REGIONAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS



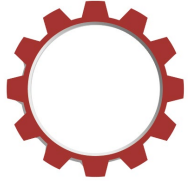


# REGIONAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

Support families and criminal justice agencies across the country by:

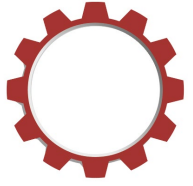
- Vetting, activating, and renewing all professional user registrations
- Vetting and publishing all case entries
- Providing investigative support and facilitating forensic services
- Providing online and classroom trainings
- Assisting with the coordination and implementation of missing person day events





# NAMUS ANALYTICAL SERVICES

- Searches for indication of life or death
- Locating Next of Kin (NOK) for death notifications
- Locating family members for DNA collection
- Searches for a suspect/Persons of Interest (POI)/associate
- Media/newspaper articles
- Advanced searches of the NamUs database to locate potential comparisons
- Open sources searches

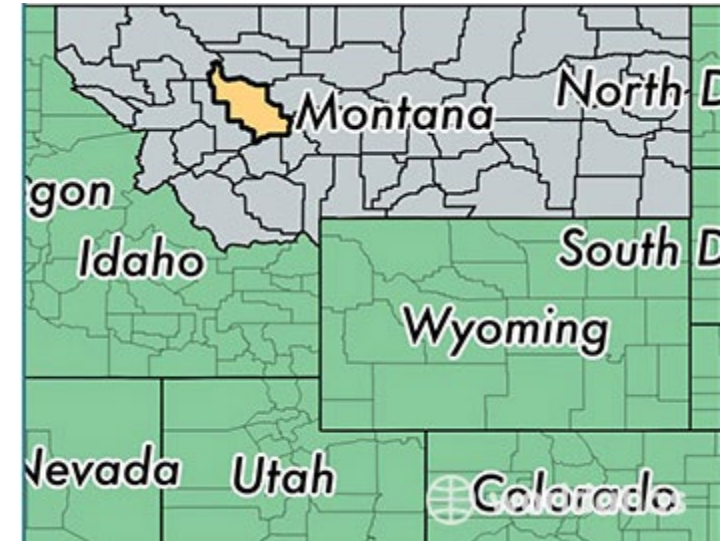


# 1974 CASE RESOLVED WITH DENTAL RECORDS

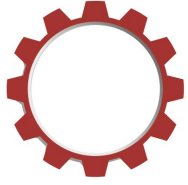
- 20 year old male, enrolled with Navajo Nation, went missing on 06/15/1974
- Entered into NamUs on 03/28/2016 by Air Force OSI

## Unidentified Remains

- Found on 09/04/1982 in Lewis and Clark County, MT
- Entered into NamUs by the Coroner's Office in 2014



*Dentals confirmed identification in May 2017*



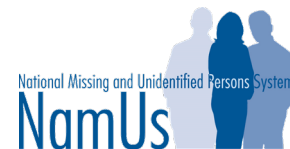
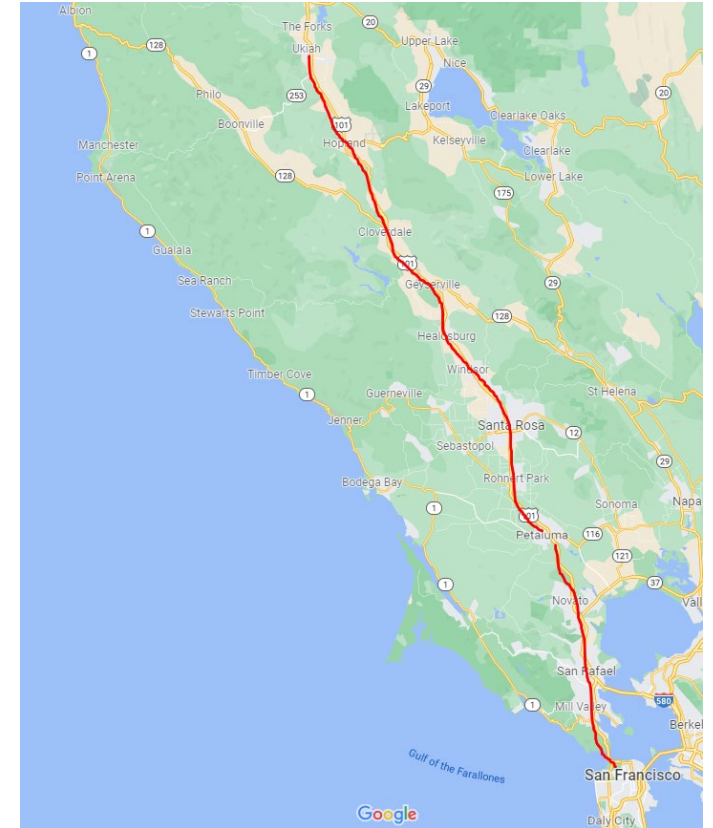
# 1971 CASE RESOLVED WITH DNA

- 16 year old Native American female, adopted from Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho to Ukiah, CA
- Family adopted several children throughout the United States and the closest sister lived in San Francisco
- Left to find her on September 1, 1971

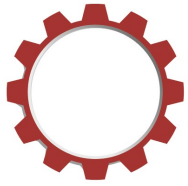
## Unidentified Remains

- Decedent was struck by a vehicle on US 101 on 09/10/1971 in Petaluma, CA
- Witnesses stated she was trying to cross the freeway to San Francisco to find her sister
- Fingerprints were taken with negative results
- Body was buried prior to DNA Analysis and exhumed on 04/27/2018

*DNA confirmed identification in August 2018*

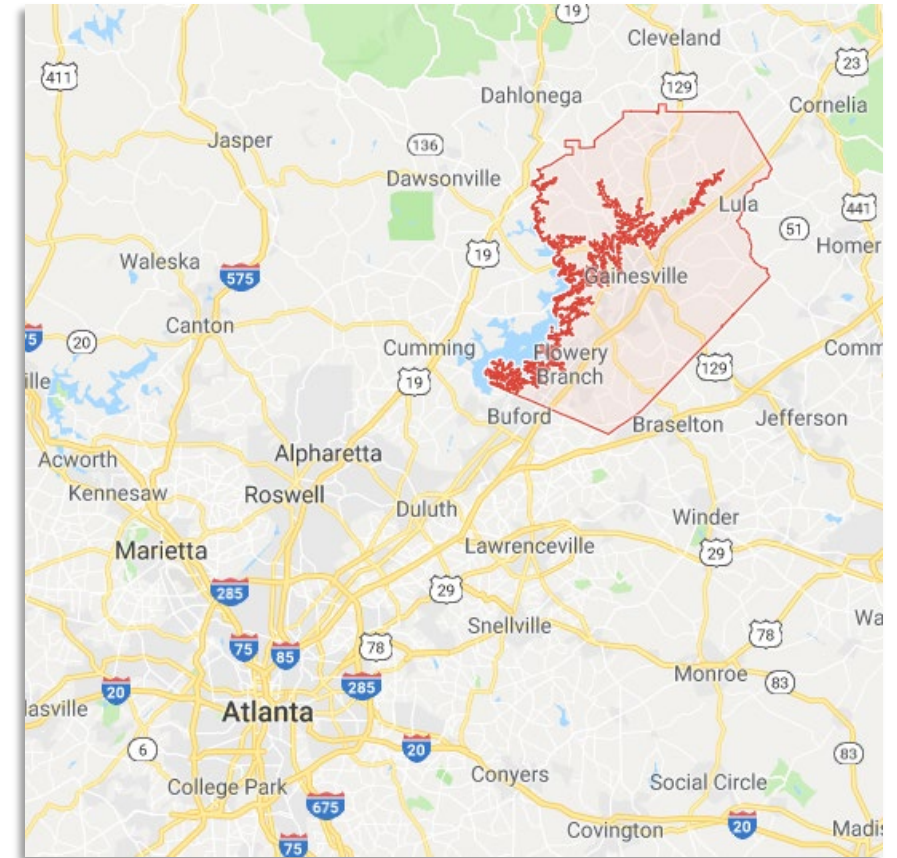


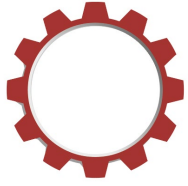




# FAMILY SEES POSTER OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEDENT, RESOLVES CASE

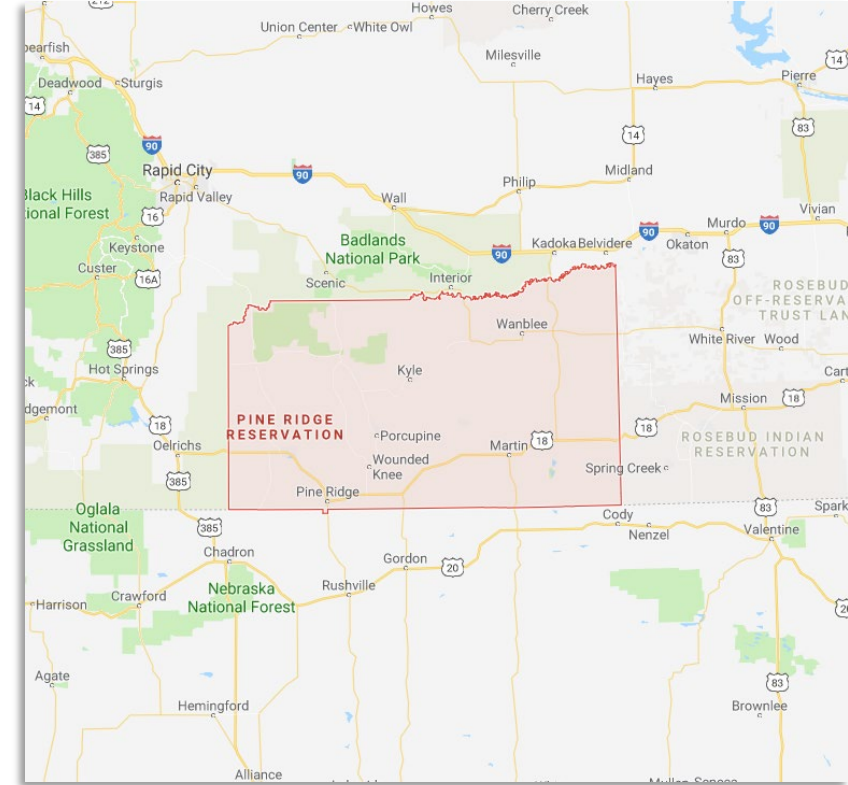
- On May 22, 1980, an unidentified deceased female was located in Hall County, GA
- She was thought to be a Native American female between the ages of 18 and 24
- Most unique, the young woman had an artificial right eye and numerous healed injuries to her skull





# FAMILY SEES POSTER OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEDENT, RESOLVES CASE

- The missing person left for California but later told family she decided to go to Tennessee, and was never seen again
- Most unique was that the missing person had an artificial right eye and multiple healed injuries from a prior automobile accident
- There was no report to law enforcement, as family was unaware that she had died



THANK YOU!

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