

U.S. ATTORNEYS' OFFICES MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS COORDINATORS



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On November 22, 2019, Attorney General William P. Barr launched the Attorney General's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative (AG's MMIP Initiative). The collaborative effort is steered by the U.S. Attorneys on the Native American Issues Subcommittee, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Office of Tribal Justice, with support from the Office of Justice Programs, and the Office on Violence Against Women.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MMIP INITIATIVE OBJECTIVES

ESTABLISH MMIP COORDINATORS

DOJ invested an initial \$1.5 million to hire 11 MMIP Coordinators. The Coordinators were designated in **Alaska, Arizona, Montana, Oklahoma, Michigan, Utah, Nevada, Minnesota, Oregon, New Mexico, and Washington** to work with federal, tribal, state and local agencies to develop common protocols and procedures for responding to reports of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) persons.

SPECIALIZED FBI RAPID DEPLOYMENT TEAMS

Deploy the FBI's most advanced response capabilities when requested, based upon the circumstances of the case.

COMPREHENSIVE DATA ANALYSIS

Analyze federally supported databases and data collection practices to identify opportunities to improve missing and murdered AI/AN data.

MMIP issues differ across the country, therefore the work performed by MMIP Coordinators also differs according to the particular U.S. Attorney's Office; however, all Coordinators are performing the following functions:

- Assist with the development of guidelines to improve law enforcement and community response in cases involving missing AI/AN persons.
- Ensure lead law enforcement agencies in missing AI/AN investigations are aware of available federal resources, including FBI Rapid Deployment Teams.
- Support MMIP efforts within the state, including the efforts of state, tribal and local missing Indigenous person task forces.
- Support efforts to improve MMIP data collection practices and the use of broadcast alerts in missing person cases.
- Identify training to build capacity in tribal communities to implement and act on MMIP guidelines and improve community awareness of what to do when a loved one goes missing.
- Assist other U. S. Attorneys' Offices to address MMIP issues.

MMIP Coordinators are **not** investigators and **do not** investigate MMIP cases.

For information about a specific MMIP investigation, interested parties should contact the lead investigative agency directly.

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