



THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS INITIATIVE TRIBAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN PILOT PROJECTS

The Attorney General's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative (AG's MMIP Initiative) and Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) called for developing guidelines or protocols to respond to cases of missing or murdered American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) persons. These initiatives prioritized a concerted effort to assist tribal governments, U.S. Attorneys' Offices and other partners with the development of Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRPs).

Beginning in December 2020, U.S. Attorney's Offices in Alaska, Michigan, Montana, and Oregon launched pilot projects, with interested tribes and other partners, to implement TCRPs for emergent missing persons cases. The TCRPs are made up of guides for responding to emergent cases of missing AI/AN persons, including the following:

- Guide for Developing Community Outreach Guidelines
- Guide for Developing Law Enforcement Agency Guidelines
- Guide for Developing Victim Services Guidelines
- Guide for Developing Public and Media Communications Guidelines

Lessons learned from the pilot projects will be used to improve the guides before the TCRPs are shared across the country.

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The Department of Justice launches the AG's MMIP Initiative to address the issue. The collaborative effort is steered by the U.S. Attorneys on the Native American Issues Subcommittee, the 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 AI/AN cases.

SPECIALIZED FBI RAPID DEPLOYMENT TEAMS

Deploy the FBI's most advanced response capabilities when requested, based on 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.

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Executive Order 13898 is issued, establishing the Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) Task Force to address missing and murdered AI/AN. Co-chaired by the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior, OLJ outlined complementary goals to the AG's MMIP Initiative which include the following:

- 1 Develop guidelines (protocols) applicable to new and unsolved cases of missing or murdered persons in AI/AN communities.
- 2 Improve the way law enforcement investigators and prosecutors respond to the high volume of such cases, and collecting and sharing data among various jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies.

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S.227 Savanna's Act is signed into law on October 10, 2020. The legislation directs the Department of Justice to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address MMIP cases and issues.