

U. S. Attorney's Office Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person Coordinators

On November 22, 2019, Attorney General Barr launched a national strategy to address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP).

The AG's MMIP Initiative is a coordinated effort by the U.S. Attorneys with Indian Country in their districts, the FBI, the Office of Tribal Justice, with support from the Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Violence Against Women.

The MMIP Initiative objectives included placing MMIP coordinators in U.S. Attorneys' Offices in Alaska, Arizona, Montana, Oklahoma, Michigan, Utah, Nevada, Minnesota, Oregon, New Mexico, and Washington state. The DOJ invested an initial \$1.5 million to hire the 11 MMIP coordinators.

MMIP issues differ across the country, therefore the work performed by MMIP Coordinators also differs from Office to Office; however, all Coordinators will perform the following functions:

- Assist with the development of guidelines to improve law enforcement and community response in cases involving missing American Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) persons.
- Ensure lead law enforcement agencies in missing AIAN 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.
- Provide assistance to other U. S. Attorney's 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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