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Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

Operation Lady Justice

NamUs 2.0 Database

ACCESSIBILITY

- Accessible online 24/7, 365 days per year, with varying levels of access depending upon the registered, vetted user permissions.
- All visitors and users have access to all publicly-viewable fields in published cases.
- Authorized local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement officers, as well as medical examiners, coroners, and allied forensic specialists can enter, manage, and view sensitive information.
- Public users can make missing person entries, which are vetted with appropriate criminal justice agencies prior to publication.

INFORMATION

- Stores records of three case types: missing persons, unidentified persons (living and deceased), and unclaimed remains.
- Stores detailed biometric coding/classification (e.g., dental and fingerprint) with associated high-resolution image files (e.g., dental radiographs and 10-print fingerprint cards).
- NamUs staff assist with the acquisition and entry of biometric information, including collection of records from the National Personnel Records Center for missing military personnel.
- NamUs forensic subject matter experts perform secondary review of all biometric information to ensure accuracy and completeness.

CASE COMPARISONS

- Real-time comparison of missing and unidentified person cases in "Comparisons" tab is accessible to all authorized professional system users.
- NamUs forensic subject matter experts perform 1:1 comparisons of biometric data to disposition tips and leads.
- Identifications and exclusions can be recorded in NamUs files.



NCIC Database

ACCESSIBILITY

- Accessible 24/7, 365 days a year to over 18,000 authorized federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.
- All authorized agencies have access through their appropriate state or federal Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Systems Agency (CSA). The access is not available to the public.
- Authorized medical examiners/coroners are granted direct access to the Missing and Unidentified Person Files for query, entry, and record modification through their state CSA.

INFORMATION

- 21 files (7 property files and 14 person files) which include the Missing and Unidentified Person files.
- Stores detailed biographic data which can be associated to biometric systems such as the Next Generation Identification System, the National Dental Image Repository, and the Combined DNA Index System.
- Data entered by authorized law enforcement personnel who may coordinate with forensic subject matter experts as needed.
- NCIC policy requires all records receive a second-party check, annual validation for accuracy and completeness, and are subject to auditing.

CASE COMPARISONS

- Potential matches between the Missing and Unidentified Person files are automatically generated and sent via daily system messages to the investigating agency and record-owning agency. These messages produce investigative leads for missing and unidentified person cases.
- Offline search capability and support, which provides information not available through a typical inquiry, to further assist in Missing and Unidentified person investigations.



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