

# The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

Resources to resolve missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases

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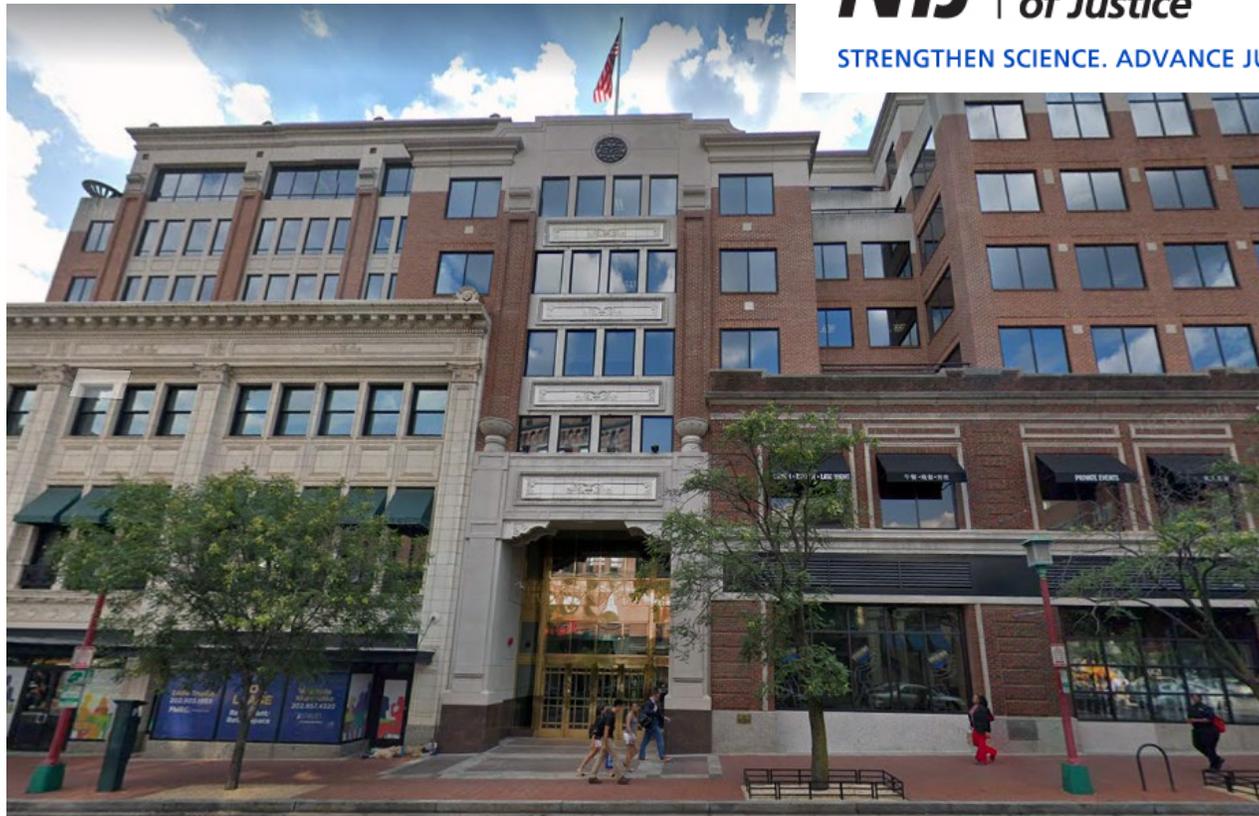
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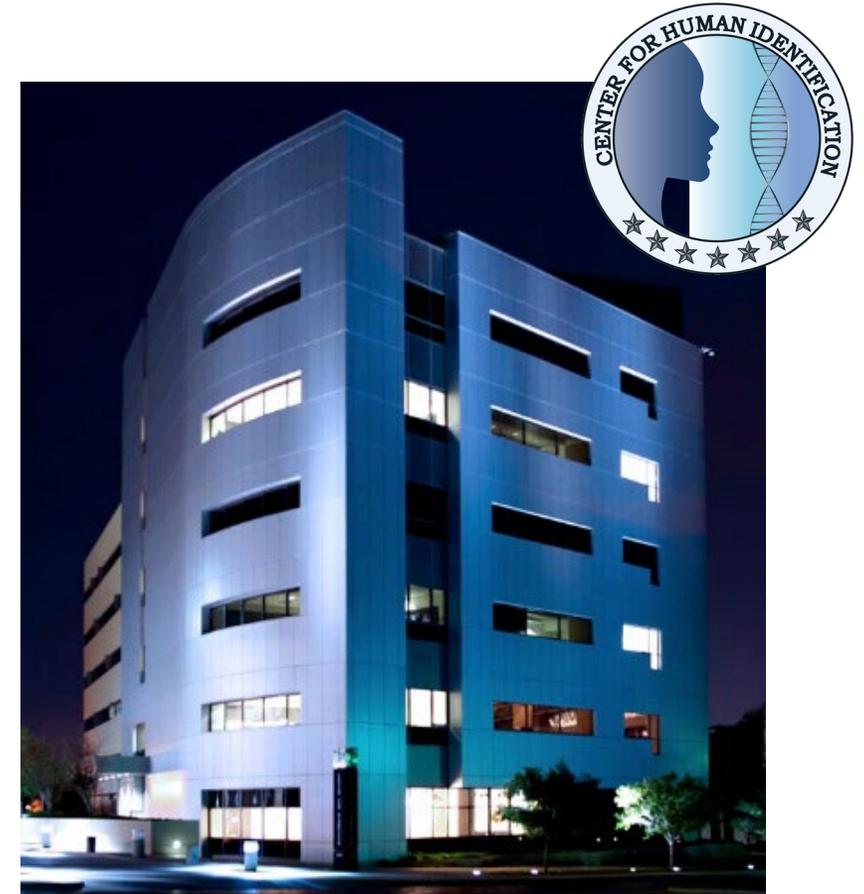
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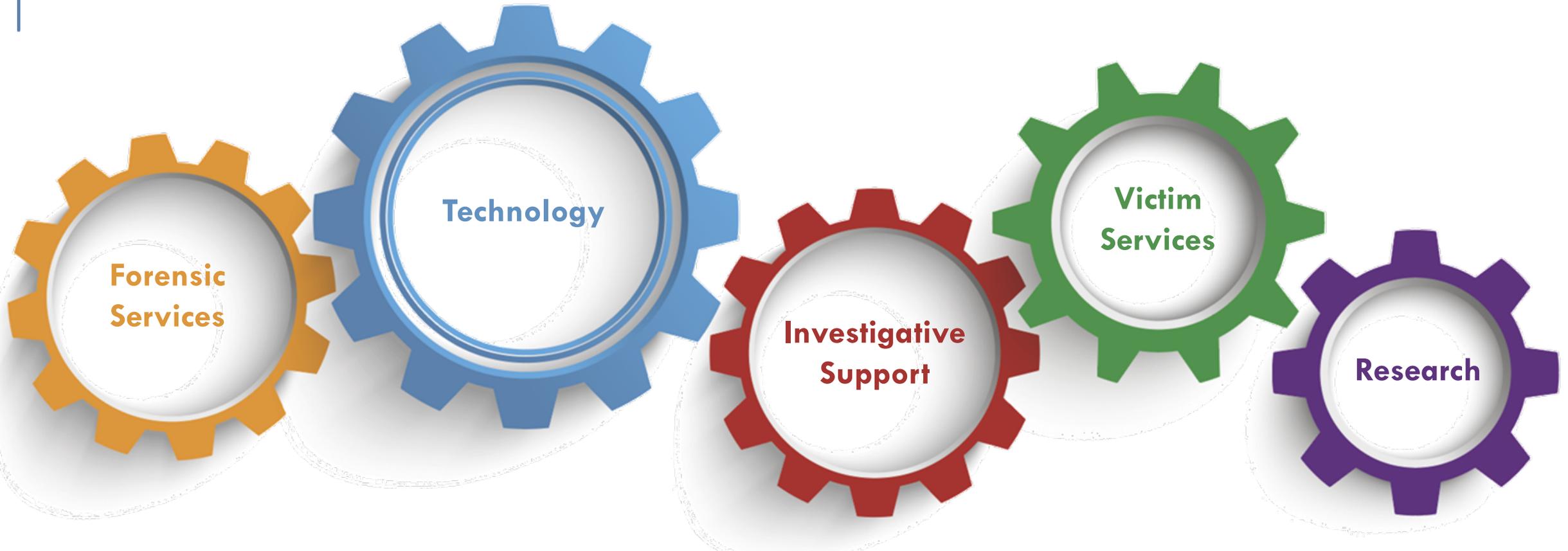
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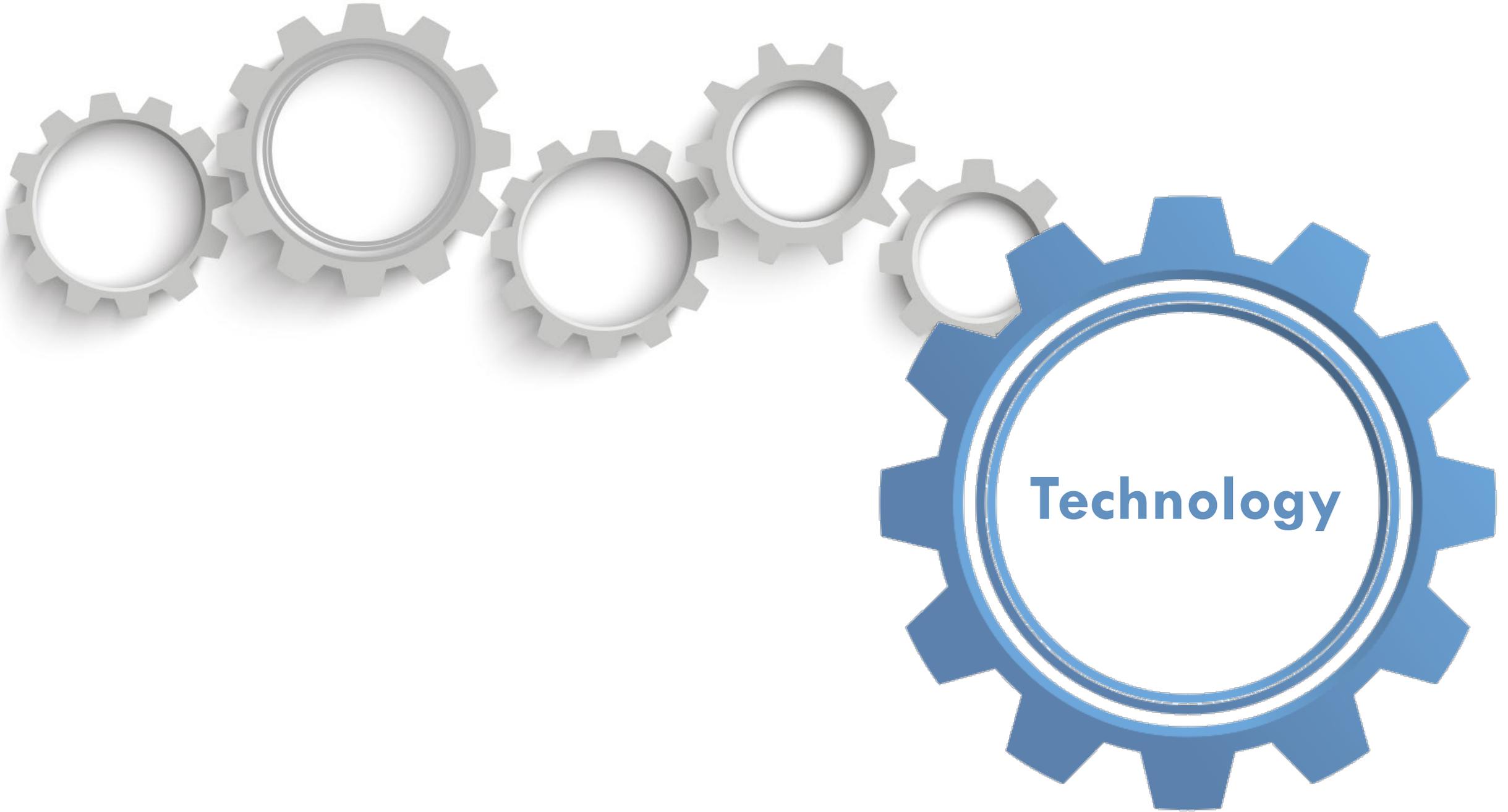
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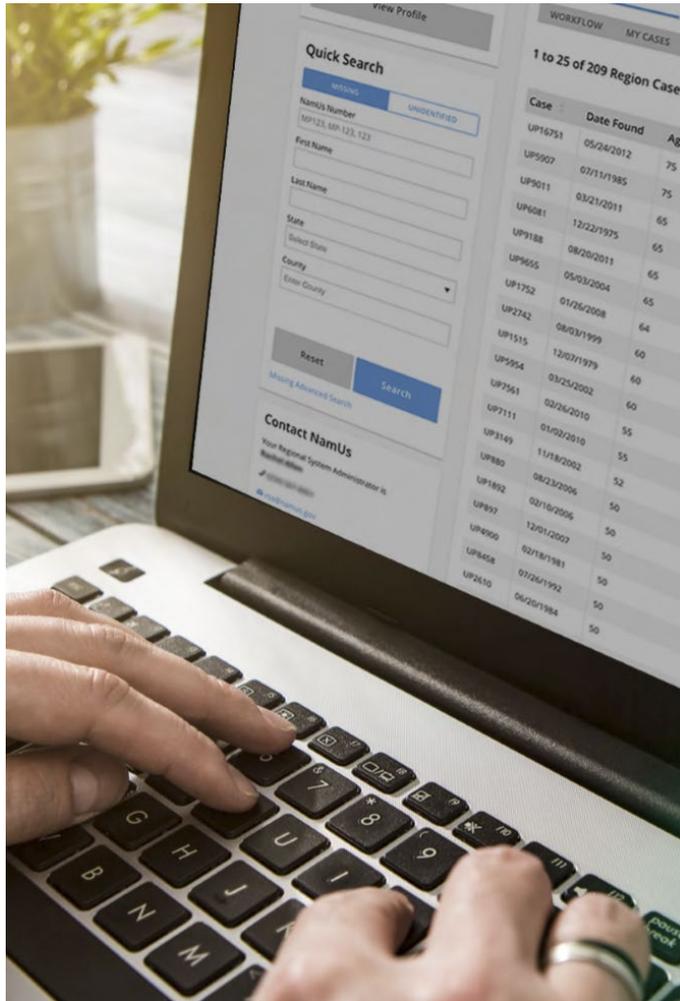


The NamUs program combines technology, forensic services, investigative support, and research to support resolution of missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases. NamUs offers services to victims impacted by the death or disappearance of a loved one. **All NamUs services are free of charge.**

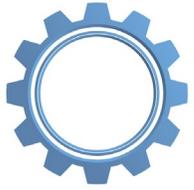




# NAMUS TECHNOLOGY



- 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 to appropriate, vetted professional users, which include medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officers, and allied forensic professionals



# WHO USES NAMUS?



Sworn and civilian law enforcement personnel



Medical examiners, coroners, and allied forensic professionals

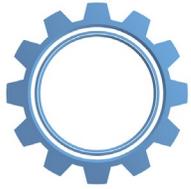


Family members of the missing and victim advocates

Who Uses NamUs

8,600+

Professional users enter, search, compare, and authorize publication of case information in NamUs.



# PROFESSIONAL USER REGISTRATION: NAMUS.GOV

**NamUs** MY DASHBOARD MISSING PERSONS UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS UNCLAIMED PERSONS

Welcome Account Information Contact Information Agency Information Sponsor Information Privacy Policy and Terms

**Account Info**

Login email  
Detective@LE.gov

Account verification will be sent to this email address.

Password  
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Your password must have a minimum of 8 characters, including at least one numeric, one special character, and one uppercase letter.

Security question  
Favorite food

How did you learn about NamUs?  
NamUs Presentation/Training

**Contact Information**

First Name  
Case  
Job title  
Detective  
Work Address  
300 Indiana Avenue  
City  
Washington  
Primary Phone  
123-456-7891  
Secondary Phone  
123-456-7897

**Agency Information**

What agency do you work for?  
State  
District of Columbia  
Agency  
National Institute of Standards and Technology

**Sponsor Information**

Professional and authorized user?  
First Name  
Pamela Reed  
Email  
pamela.reed@le.gov  
Does this sponsor have a website?  
Yes

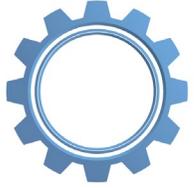
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The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a central repository for information related to missing, unidentified, and unclaimed persons throughout the United States. NamUs is a free online system that can be searched by criminal justice agencies and members of the general public in hopes of resolving their cases.

**I. Privacy Policy**

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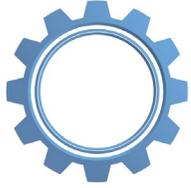
**A. Information Collected and Stored Automatically**



# CENTRAL DASHBOARD FOR ALL ACCOUNT AND CASE TOOLS

The screenshot shows the 'My Dashboard' interface for a user named Jane Smith. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Header:** Includes the NamUs logo and navigation links for 'MY DASHBOARD', 'MISSING PERSONS', 'UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS', and 'UNCLAIMED PERSONS'.
- User Profile:** Displays the user's name 'Jane Smith', role 'Public', and a 'My Profile' button.
- Quick Search:** A search form with tabs for 'MISSING', 'UNIDENTIFIED', and 'UNCLAIMED'. Fields include 'NamUs Number' (with example 'MP123, MP-123, 123'), 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'State' (dropdown), and 'County' (text input). 'Reset' and 'Search' buttons are at the bottom.
- My Dashboard Summary:** Shows '0 Entered' cases and '0 Tracked Cases'. A '+ Missing Case' button is highlighted with an orange arrow.
- Case List:** A table with columns 'MY CASES', 'RECENT', and 'REGION'. The 'MY CASES' column shows '0 Entered'.
- Message:** A large 'No Cases' message is displayed in the center of the dashboard area.



# + 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

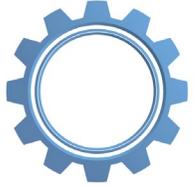
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#### Create and submit a Missing Persons case

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- 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.

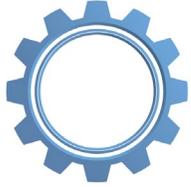
Short entry form to quickly create a new case draft for Missing Person



# MISSING PERSONS CASE ENTRY

Detailed instructions for entering a missing person case can be found at under “Resources” at the NamUs.gov website

The screenshot shows the NamUs.gov website interface. The browser address bar displays 'namus.gov/Resource/UserGuide'. The top navigation bar includes the NamUs logo with the tagline 'Free. Secure. Nationwide.', and the Department of Justice and National Institute of Justice logos. A menu bar contains links for 'ABOUT NAMUS', 'RESOURCES', 'EVENTS', 'CONTACT US', 'ESPAÑOL', 'REGISTER', and 'LOGIN'. The main content area features a large image of a person holding a tablet with the text 'NamUs User Guide' overlaid. Below this, a white box highlights two resource links: 'Entering a Missing Person Case' and 'Advanced Searching'. A red arrow points to the 'Entering a Missing Person Case' link.



# 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

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**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](#)

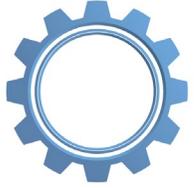
NCIC Number <span>🔒</span>	VICAP Number <span>🔒</span>	NCMEC Number
M123456789	--	--

**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	
--	--	

- 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

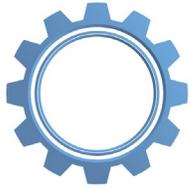
[+ Add Distinctive Physical Feature](#)



## 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

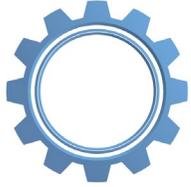
Organ absent

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

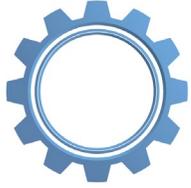
City

State

ZIP Code

Phone

Email



# UPLOAD IMAGES & DOCUMENTS

Missing Person / NamUs #MP50002  
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

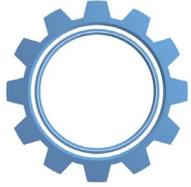
REMINDER TOOLS

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



# TECHNOLOGY: NAMUS 2.0



MISSING

Missing Person / NamUs #MP35773  
**Larissa Lonehill, Female, American Indian / Alaska Native**

Date of Last Contact  
October 1, 2016

Missing From  
Rapid City, South Dakota

Missing Age  
21 Years

Current Age  
25 Years

← ☰ →

CASE

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS

CONTACTS

**CASE INFORMATION**

Demographics

Circumstances

Physical Description

Clothing and Accessories

**ADDITIONAL CASE INFO**

Transportation

## Case Information

### Demographics

Missing Age 21 Years	Current Age 25 Years	
First Name Larissa	Middle Name --	Last Name Lonehill
Nickname/Alias Lisa		
Sex Female		
Height 5' 3" - 5' 4" (63 - 64 Inches)	Weight 120 - 130 lbs	
Race / Ethnicity American Indian / Alaska Native	Tribe Enrollment / Affiliation --	

### Circumstances

Date of Last Contact October 1, 2016	NamUs Case Created October 22, 2016
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**Last Known Location** [Map](#)

Location Rapid City, South Dakota	County Pennington County
Missing From Tribal Land	Primary Residence on Tribal Land

  
 National Missing and Unidentified Persons System  
**NamUs**  
  
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# NEW DATA FIELDS IN NAMUS: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT/AFFILIATION

## Edit Demographics

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

**!** Was this person enrolled/affiliated with a federally-recognized or state-recognized tribe?  
Yes

Enrolled/Affiliated Tribes

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

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

Blood Type: [Empty]

**!** Height (Feet/Inches): [ft] [in] - [ft] [in]      **!** Weight (lbs): [lbs] - [lbs]

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

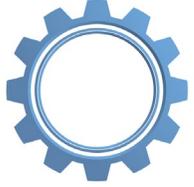
**City** **State** **ZIP Code**  
Lame Deer Montana

**County**  
Rosebud County

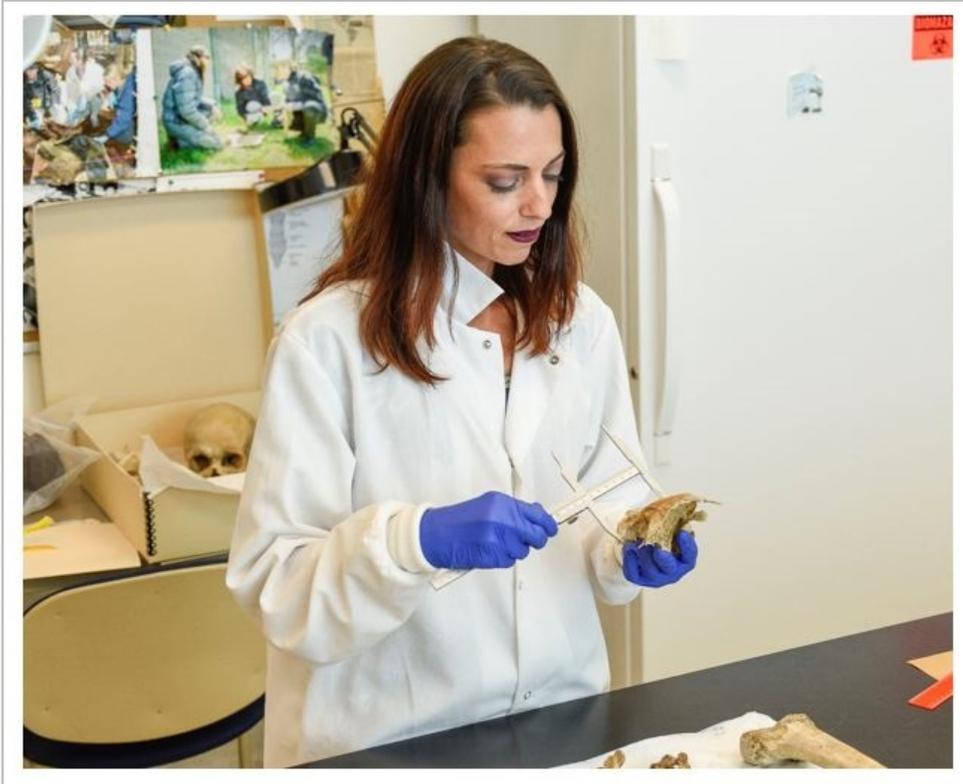
**Is this location on tribal land under United States' jurisdiction?** **Was this person's primary residence on tribal land?**  
Yes Yes

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

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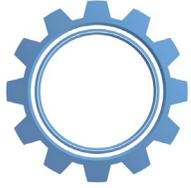


# + UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CASE ENTRY



*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

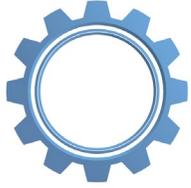


# UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CASE DATA

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



# + 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**

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### CASE INFORMATION

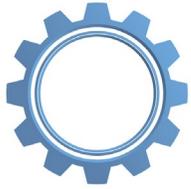
#### Case Information

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		
--		

- 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

[Limit to Selected Fields](#)

[+ Add Keyword Search Item](#)

Only Include Cases That Contain a Description for the Following:

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

Accessories  Clothing  Jewelry  Footwear

### Circumstances

Foul Play Indicated

Yes  No  Possibly  Uncertain or not provided

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

Enter County

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

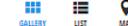
## 47 Unidentified Persons Cases Found [Revise Search](#)



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

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

Case Status: Published X Estimated Age Group: Adult - Pre 50 X Sex: Female X Race / Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino X



[Export All \(CSV\)](#)

Case	ME/C Case	DBF	Age From
UP4992	0311-09	03/27/2009	40 Years
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
UP16589	M.E.17-070	01/29/2017	20 Years

Case Status: Published X Estimated Age Group: Adult - Pre 50 X Sex: Female X Race / Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino X

Sort by: County

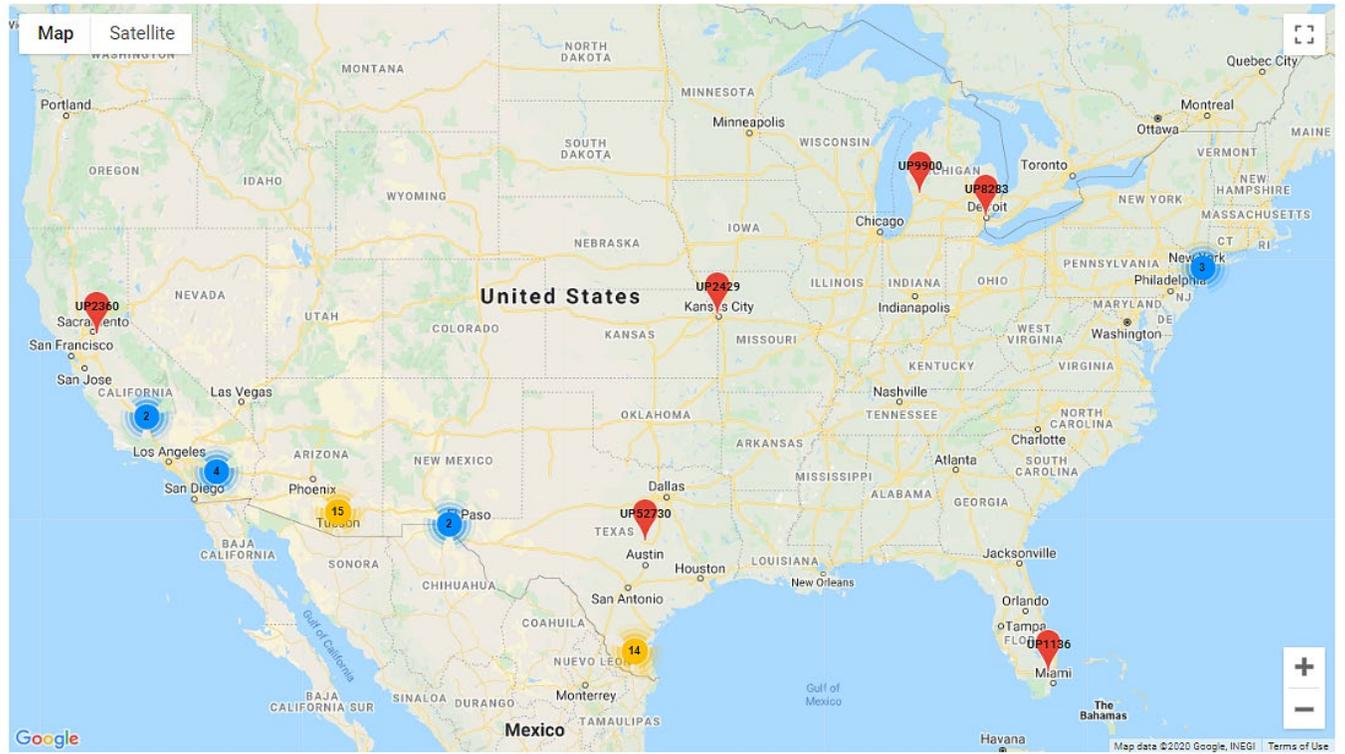
- Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP4992  
**Female, Multiple**  
Date Body Found: March 27, 2009  
Location Found: Aguadilla, PR
- Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP52730  
**Female, Multiple**  
Date Body Found: August 18, 2018  
Location Found: Killeen, TX
- Unidentified Person / NamUs #UP990  
**Female, 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  
**Female, Hispanic / Latino**  
Date Body Found: May 23, 2010  
Location Found: --, TX
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Date Body Found: July 17, 2009  
Location Found: Falfurrias, TX

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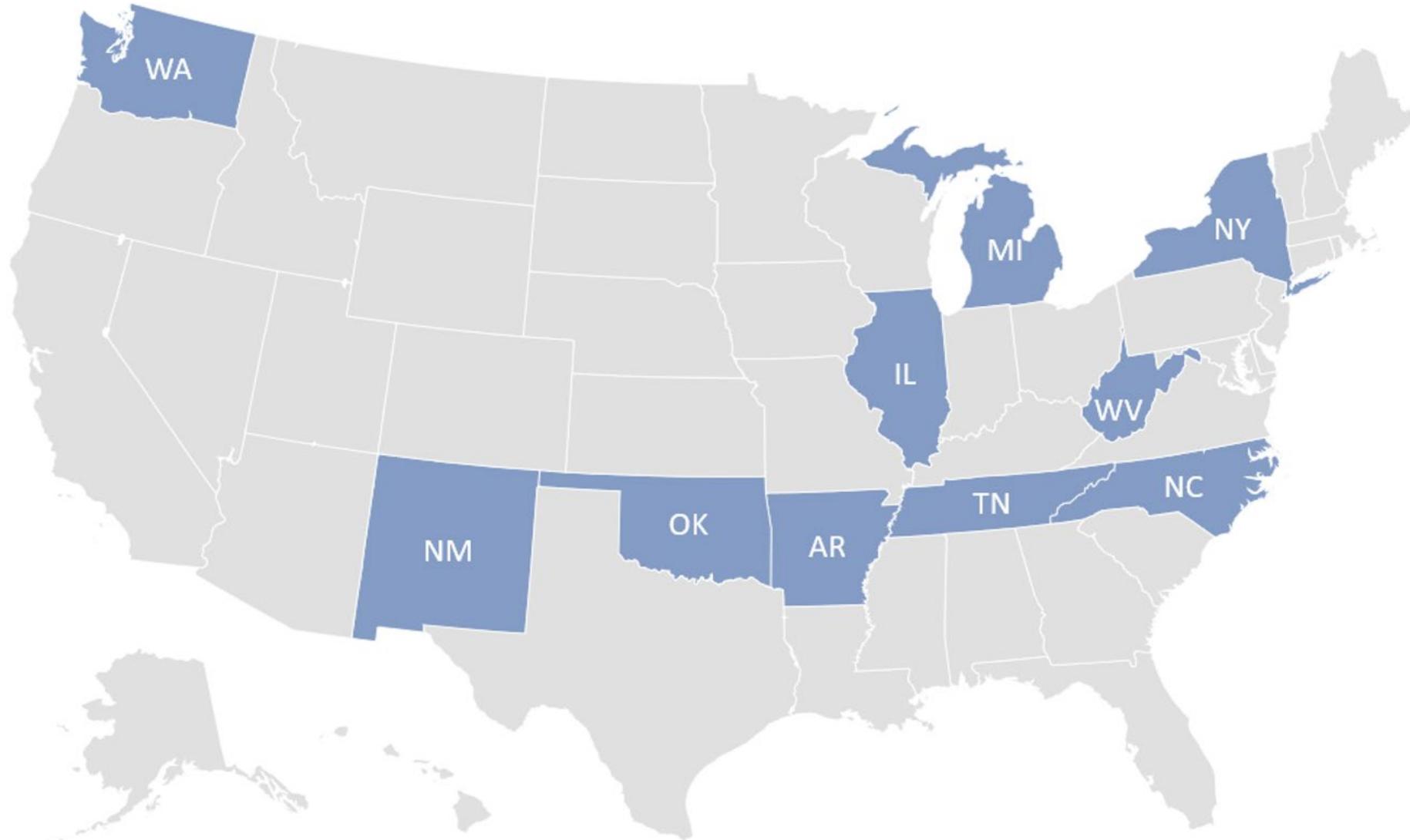
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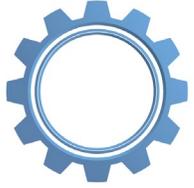


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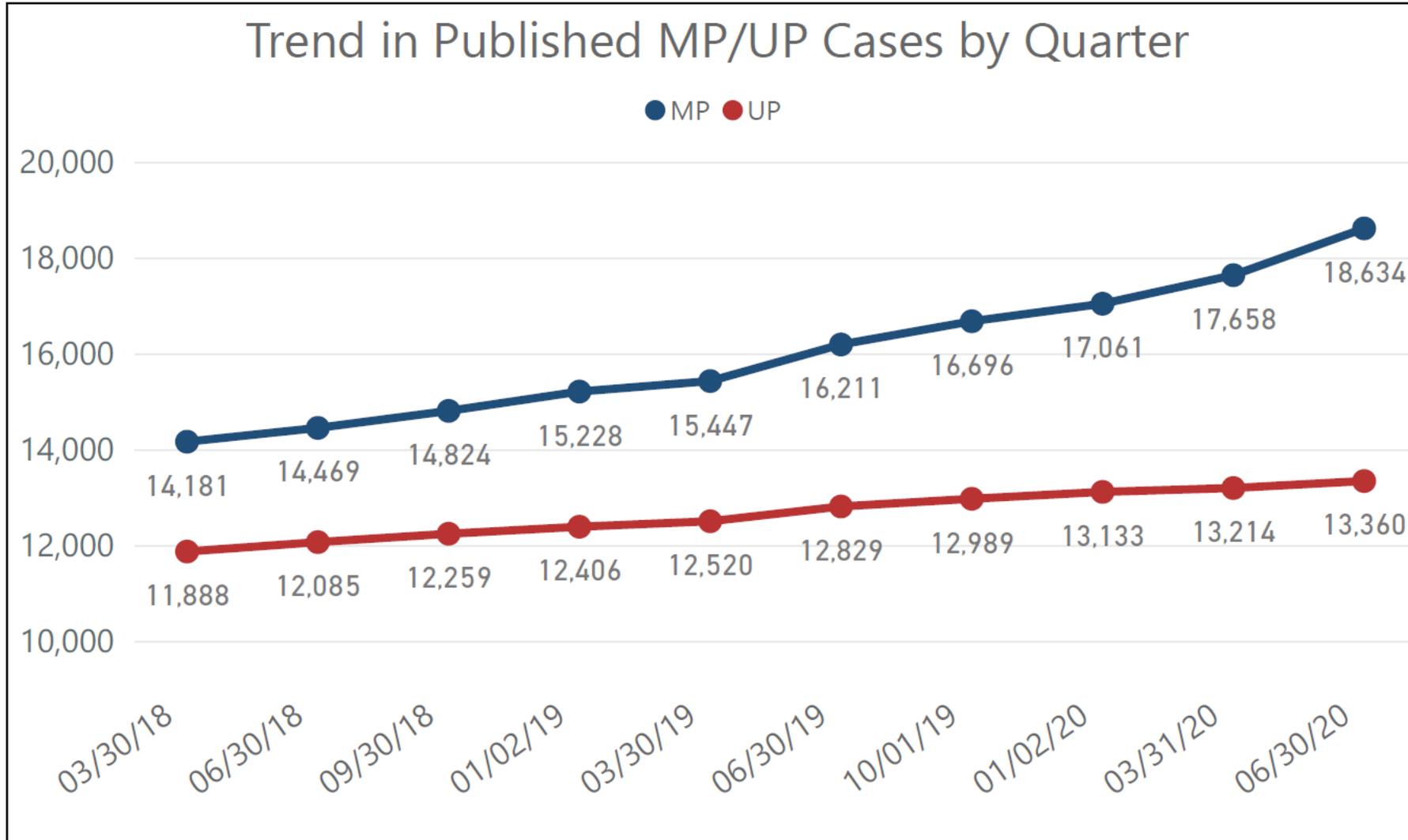


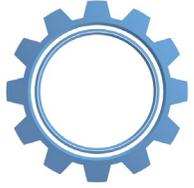
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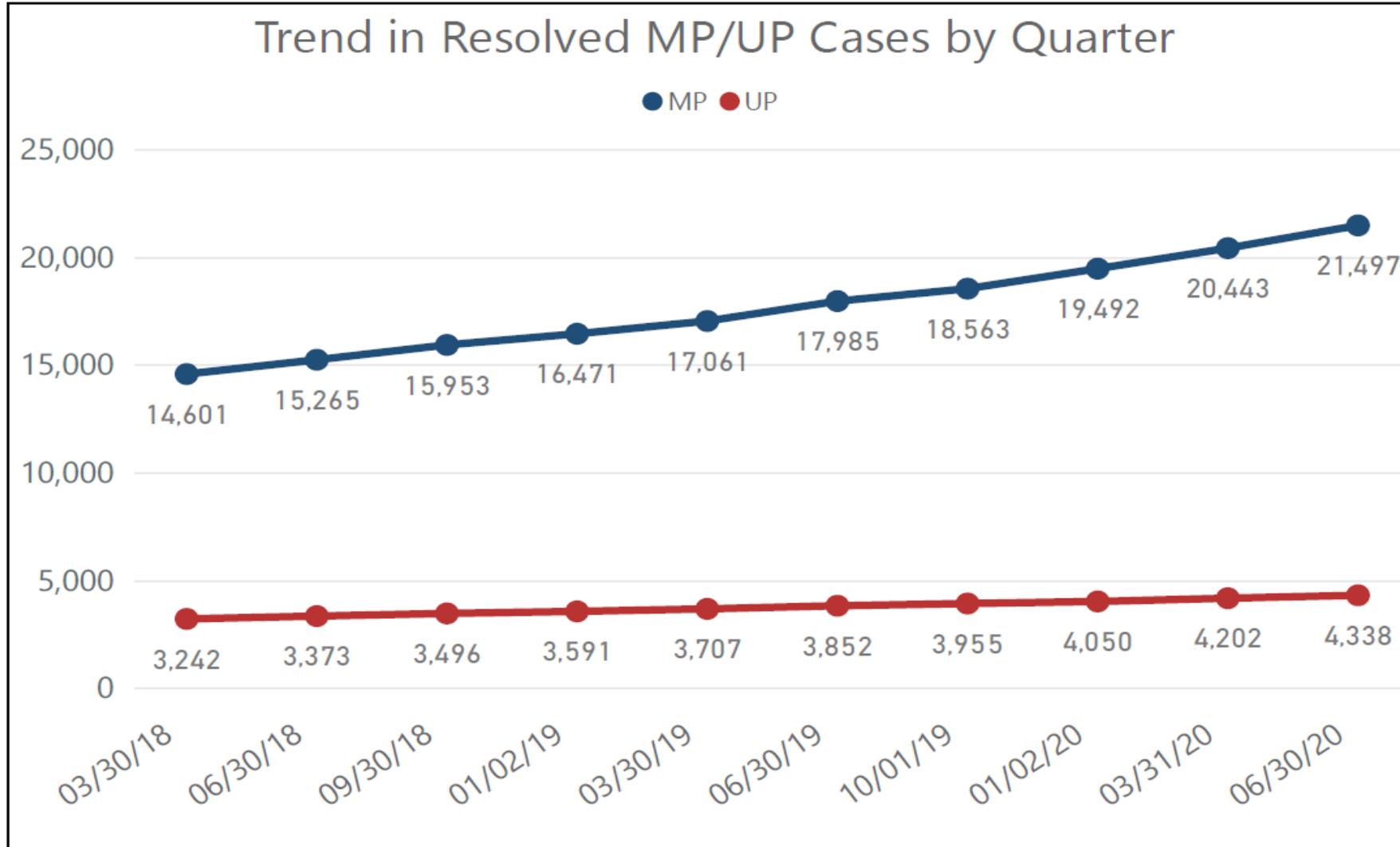


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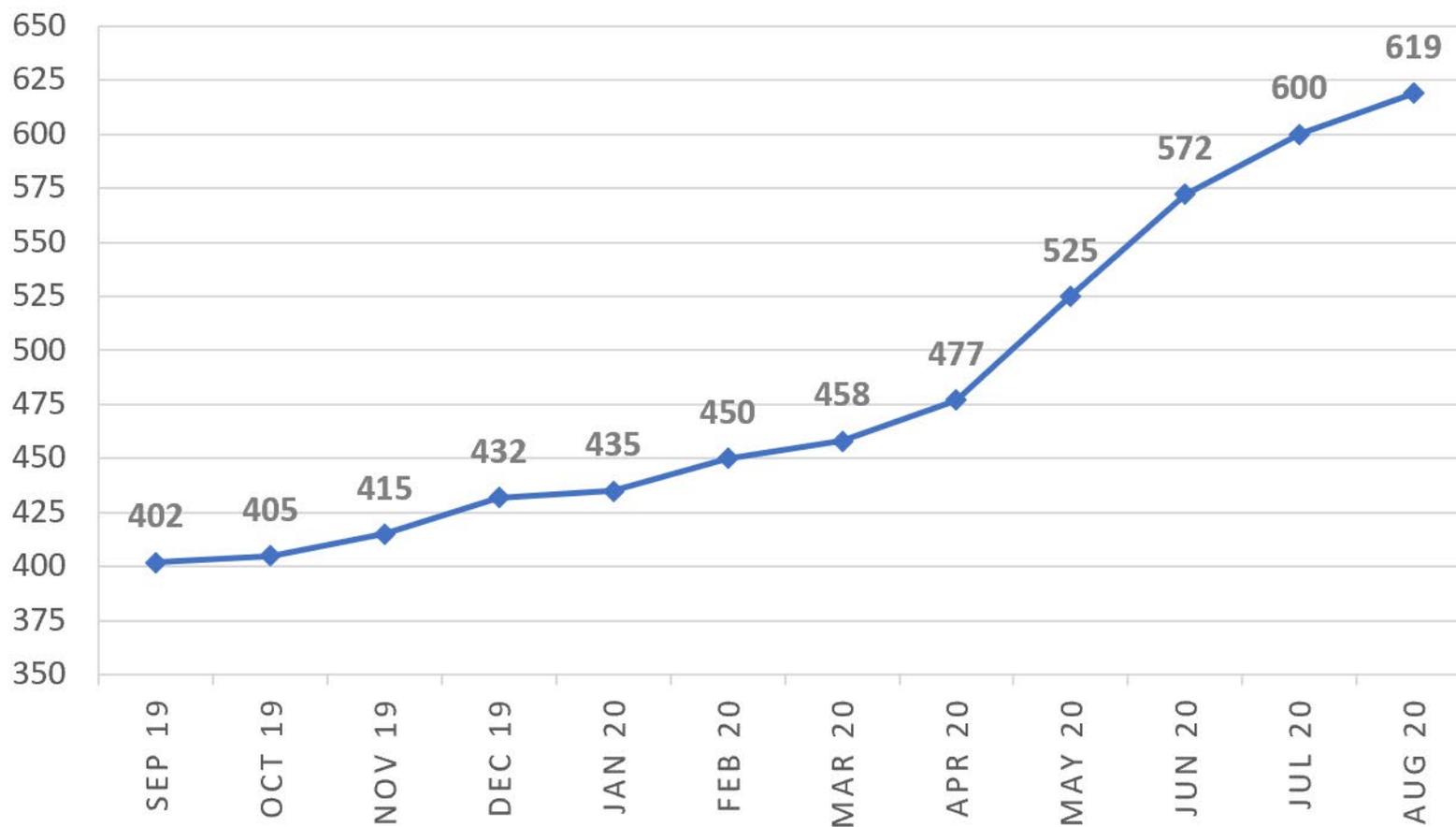


# CASE RESOLUTIONS





# TREND IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE MISSING PERSON CASES PUBLISHED IN NAMUS, BY MONTH





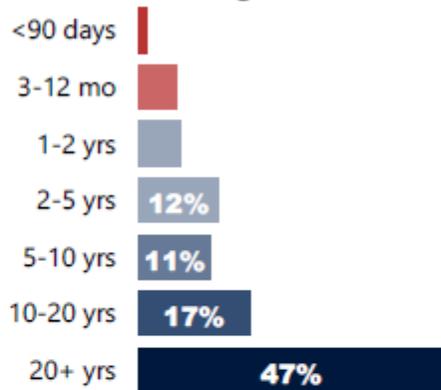
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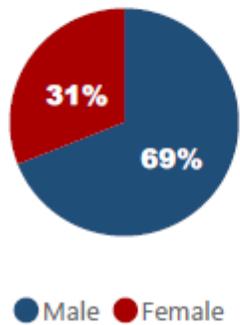
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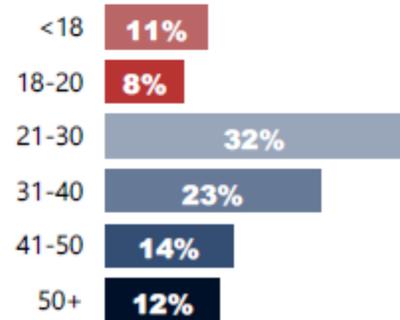
Age of Case



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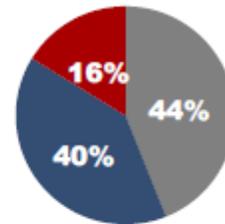


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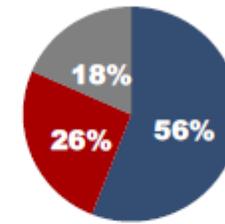
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Missing from Tribal Land\*



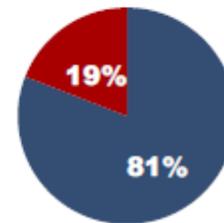
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Residence on Tribal Land\*



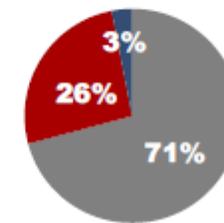
No Yes Unknown

Investigating Agency



Non-Tribal Tribal Law Enforcement

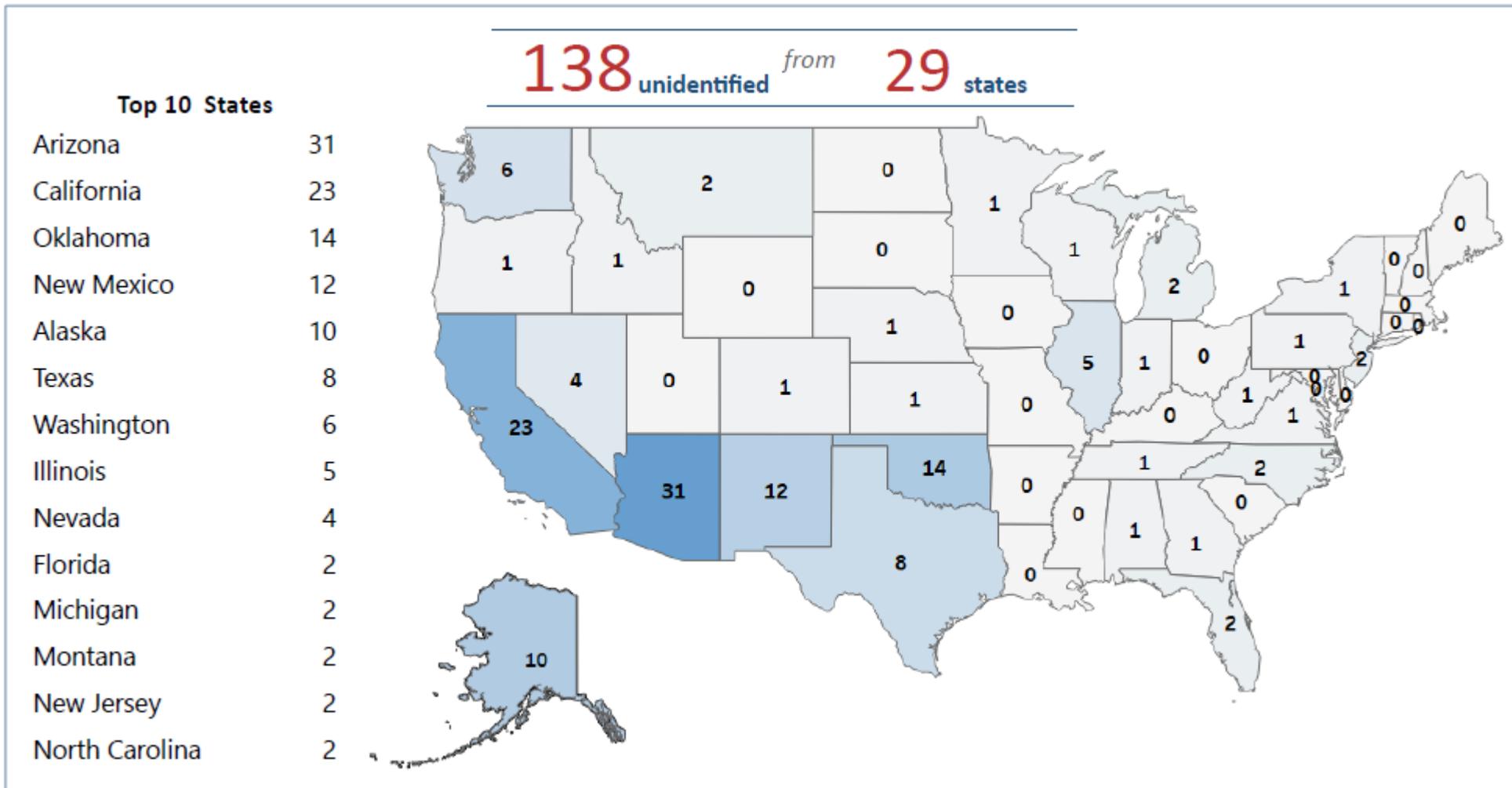
Tribal Enrollment/Affiliation\*



Unknown Yes No

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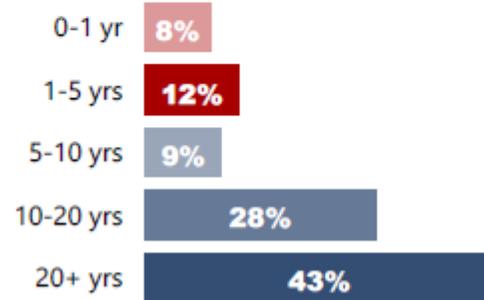
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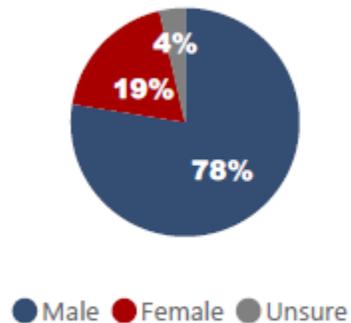
### Average Age of Case

**19.6**  
years

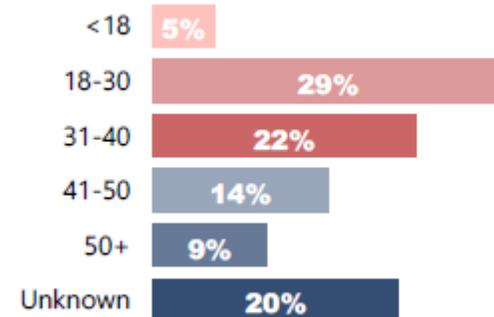
### Age of Case



### Sex

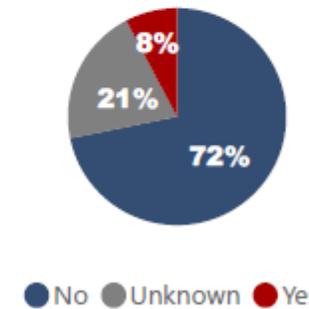


### Avg. Est. Age of Body When Found

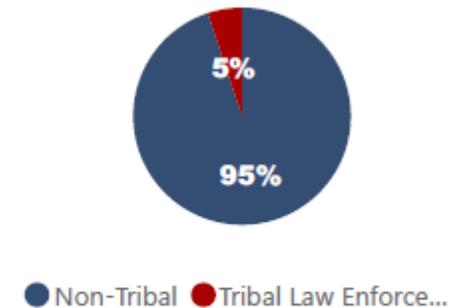


## Tribal Data

### Found on Tribal Land\*

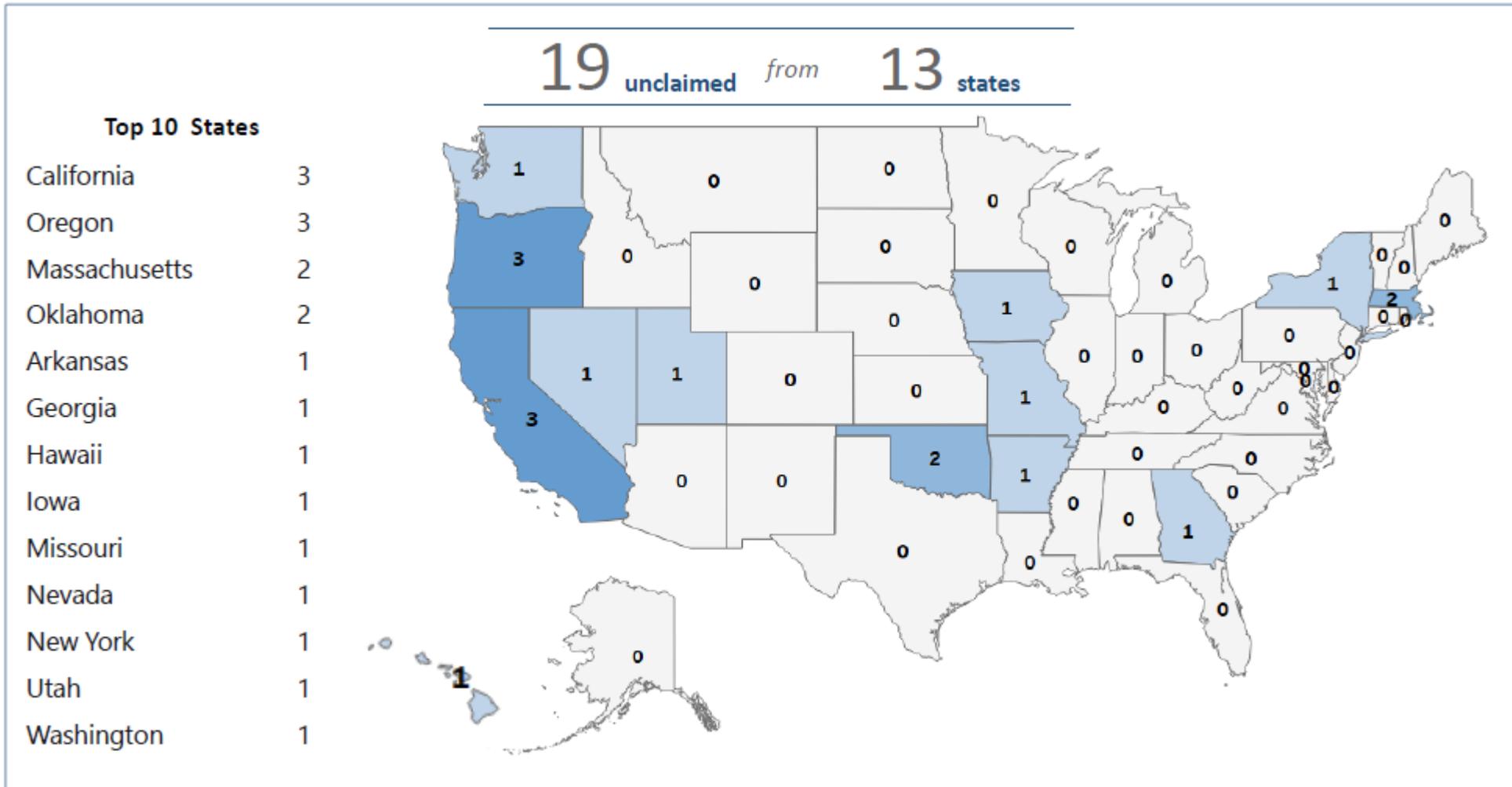


### Investigating Agency\*



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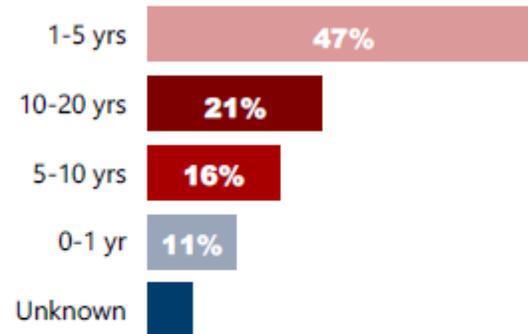
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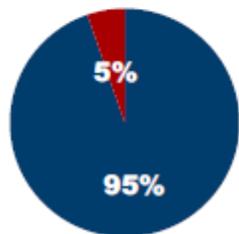
Average Age of Case

**5.8**  
years

Age of Case



Sex



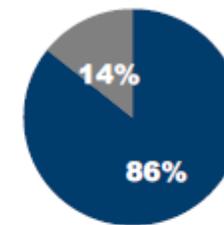
● Male ● Female

Case Count by Ethnicity

American Indian / Alaska Native	13
American Indian / Alaska Native, Hispanic / Latino	2
American Indian / Alaska Native, White / Caucasian	4

## Tribal Data

Found on Tribal Land\*



● No ● Unknown

Investigating Agency



● Non-Tribal

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# NAMUS SUPPORT OF MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON CASES







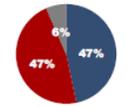
## Unresolved Missing Person Cases with Tribal Enrollment/Affiliation Males and Females

Published in NamUs as of July 1, 2020

This report contains information only on individuals who have been reported missing to NamUs, and whose cases include indication of enrollment or affiliation with state- or federally-recognized tribes; it does not include all American Indian and Alaska Native missing persons. Tribal enrollment and affiliation information is reported to NamUs by local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement, or it may be self-reported by family members of missing persons. Data fields to capture tribal enrollment and affiliation information were added to NamUs in December 2018 with no requirement for investigating agencies to add this information retroactively; therefore, tribal data may not yet be entered into NamUs for some missing persons.

86  
missing
from
15  
tribes

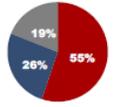
Missing from Tribal Land



● No ● Yes ● Unknown

These data reflect cases in which individuals went missing from tribal land, whether or not they resided on tribal land.

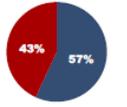
Residence on Tribal Land



● Yes ● No ● Unknown

These data reflect cases in which individuals had a primary residence on tribal land at the time of their disappearance. These individuals may -- or may not -- have gone missing from tribal land, or they may have gone missing from tribal land other than their own communities.

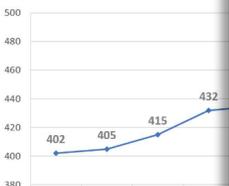
Investigating Agency



● Non-Tribal ● Tribal Law Enforcement

Most cases are investigated by non-tribal law enforcement agencies due to disappearances on non-tribal lands or disappearances that occur in Public Law 83-280 states.

**TREND IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE PERSON CASES PUBLISHED IN NAMUS**

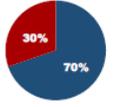


Year	Number of Cases
2018	402
2019	405
2020	415
2021	432

**Age on Date of Disappearance**

<18	7%
18-20	6%
21-30	36%
31-40	24%
41-50	10%
50+	16%

**Sex**



● Male ● Female

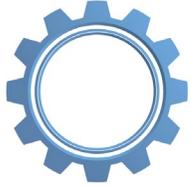
**Age of Case**

<90 days	6%
3-12 mo	15%
1-2 yrs	12%
2-5 yrs	16%
5-10 yrs	13%
10-20 yrs	12%
20+ yrs	27%

**11.6**  
Average Age (yrs)

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- 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.NamUsInfo.org/mip](http://www.NamUsInfo.org/mip)



# NAMUS TECHNOLOGY FOR CRITICAL INCIDENTS

## NamUs *for* Critical Incidents

Powered by The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

**WORK IS UNDERWAY NOW**

**A SINGLE TECHNOLOGY  
TOOL THAT WILL.....**

**CONNECT** law enforcement, medico-legal and emergency management professionals, as well as victims and families during a critical incident.

**PROVIDE** real-time information about the incident.

**HELP** manage, account for, and identify victims of critical incidents.

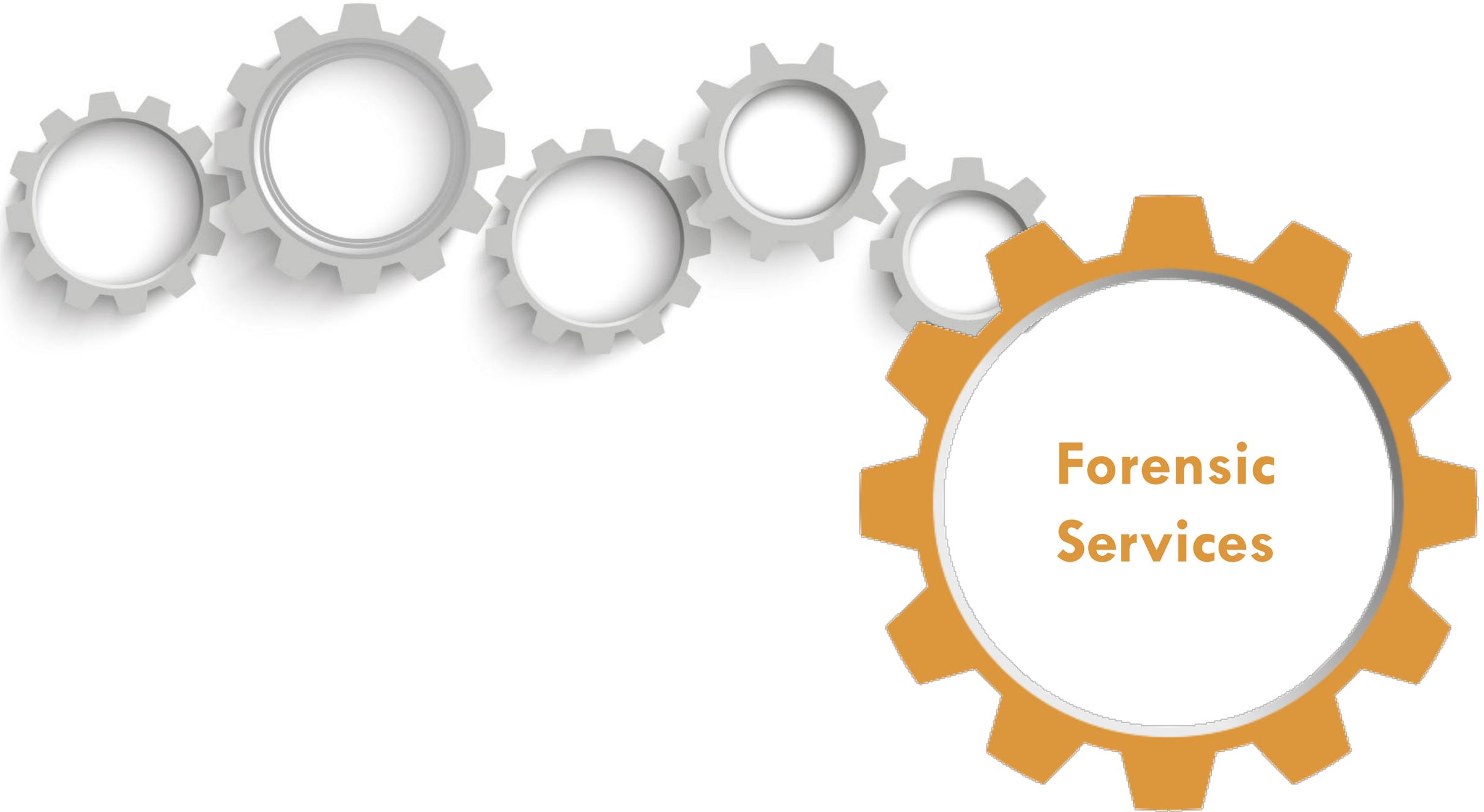
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**Free. Secure. Prepared.**

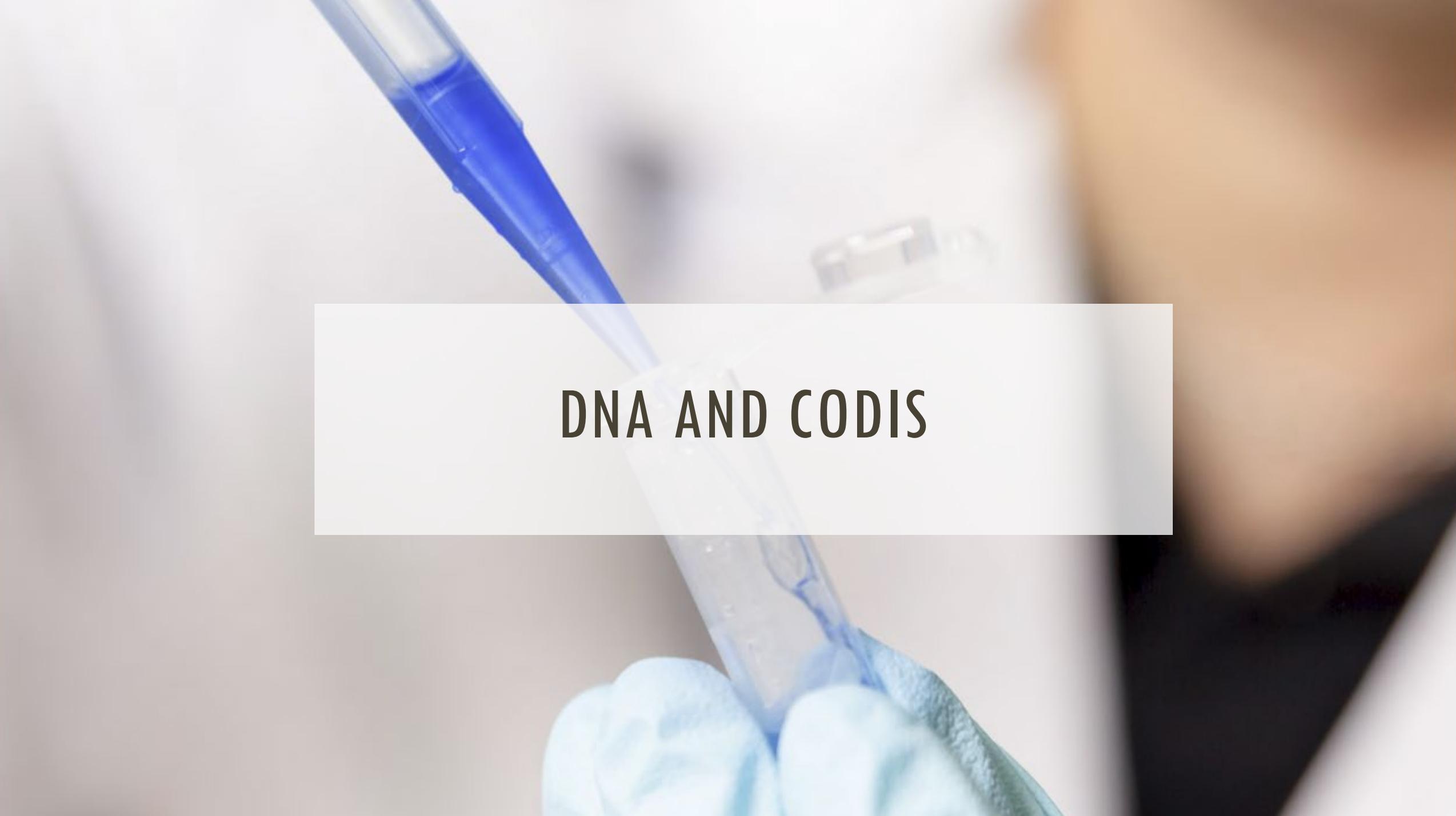


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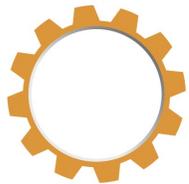
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SCIENCE CENTER



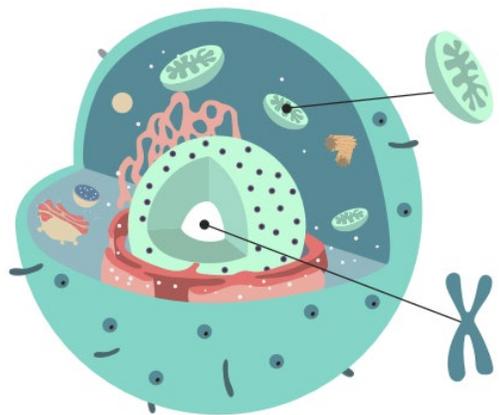
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# DNA AND CODIS

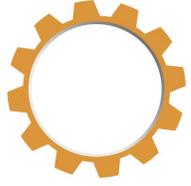


# DNA PROFILES USED IN MISSING/UNIDENTIFIED CASES



**Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)** is found in the cell's mitochondria and is genetic material inherited from maternal lineage. mtDNA is an important forensic tool, for first-order and more distant relative identifications, or when nuclear DNA profiles cannot be obtained from unidentified remains.

**Nuclear DNA** is found in the nucleus and can be used to develop **STR and Y-STR profiles** for the identification of human remains. STR profiles are developed from genetic material contributed by both parents, while Y-STR profiles are developed from genetic material inherited only from the paternal lineage.

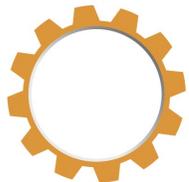


# FREE DNA ANALYSIS

Through NamUs, the National Institute of Justice funds, in part, the UNT Center for Human Identification to perform nuclear and mitochondrial DNA analysis for missing and unidentified person cases across the country.

All eligible profiles are uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) for comparison.





# 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:	
Address:			
Contact Name:		Phone No:	
Contact Email:		Fax No:	

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

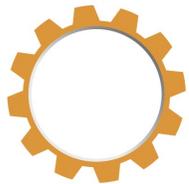
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Is this reference sample associated with another case submitted to UNTCHI? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, UNTCHI Case No: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**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 UNTCHI 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 **NamUsInfo.org/dna** prior to collection
- Family members must sign a consent form prior to processing





# THE COMBINED DNA INDEX SYSTEM (CODIS)

National DNA Index System

**NDIS**

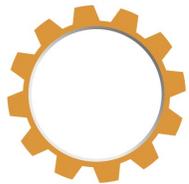
State DNA Index System

**SDIS**

Local DNA Index System

**LDIS**

CODIS is the acronym used to describe both the FBI's program of support for criminal justice DNA databases, as well as the software used to run the databases themselves.



# LEVELS OF CODIS

All eligible profiles developed by the UNT Center for Human Identification are submitted to the National DNA Index System for searching profiles from other CODIS laboratories across the country.



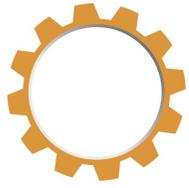
**National DNA Index System (NDIS)**



Texas Department of Public Safety State DNA Index System (Texas)



UNT Center for Human Identification Local DNA Index System (LDIS)



# 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



Unidentified Human (Remains) Index

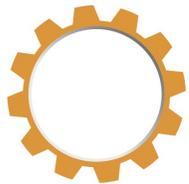


Convicted Offender Index



Forensic Index

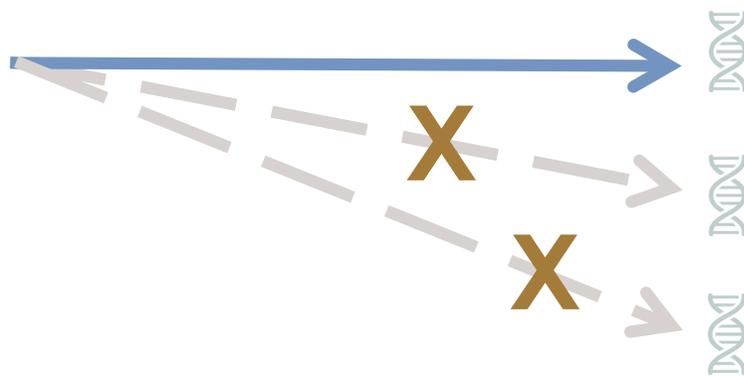
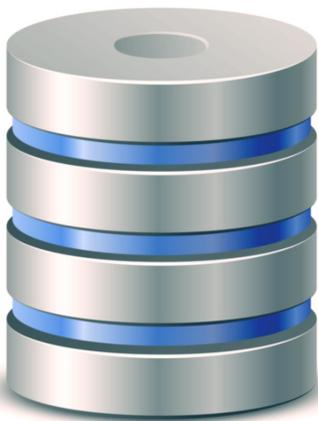




# CODIS SEARCHING



Relatives of  
Missing Persons  
Index



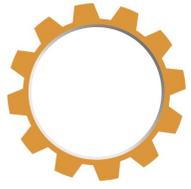
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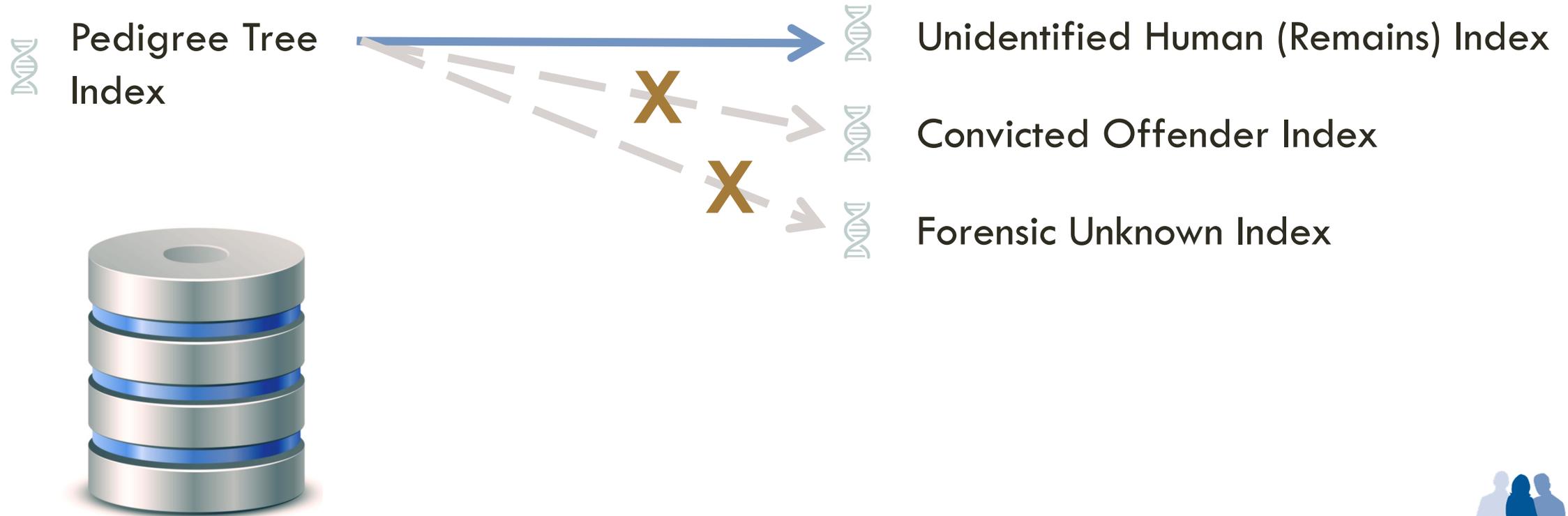
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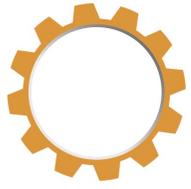


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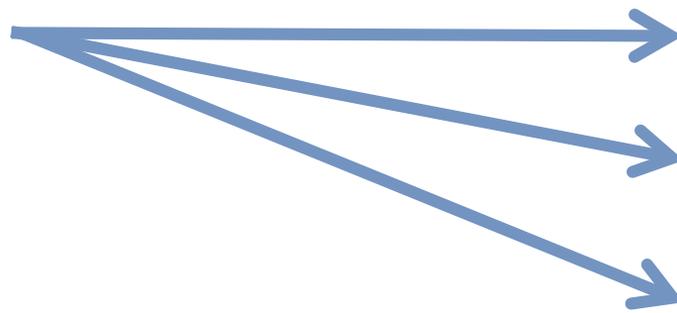
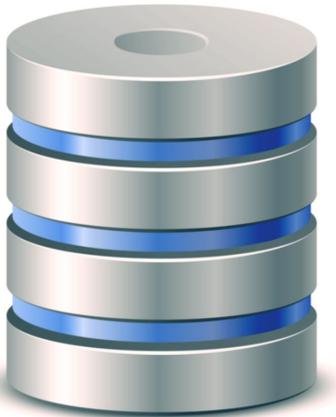




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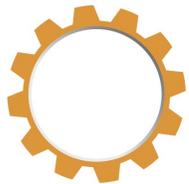
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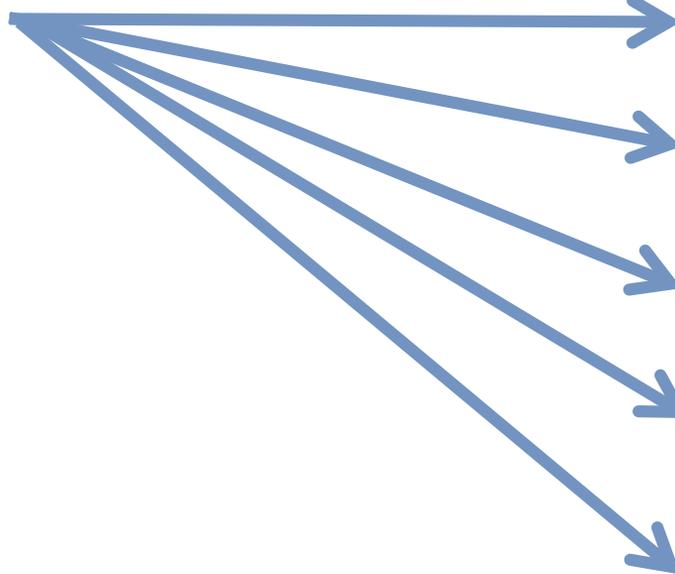
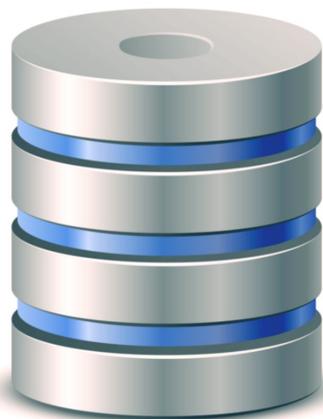
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Unidentified Human Index



Missing Person Index



Relatives of Missing Persons Index



Pedigree Tree Index

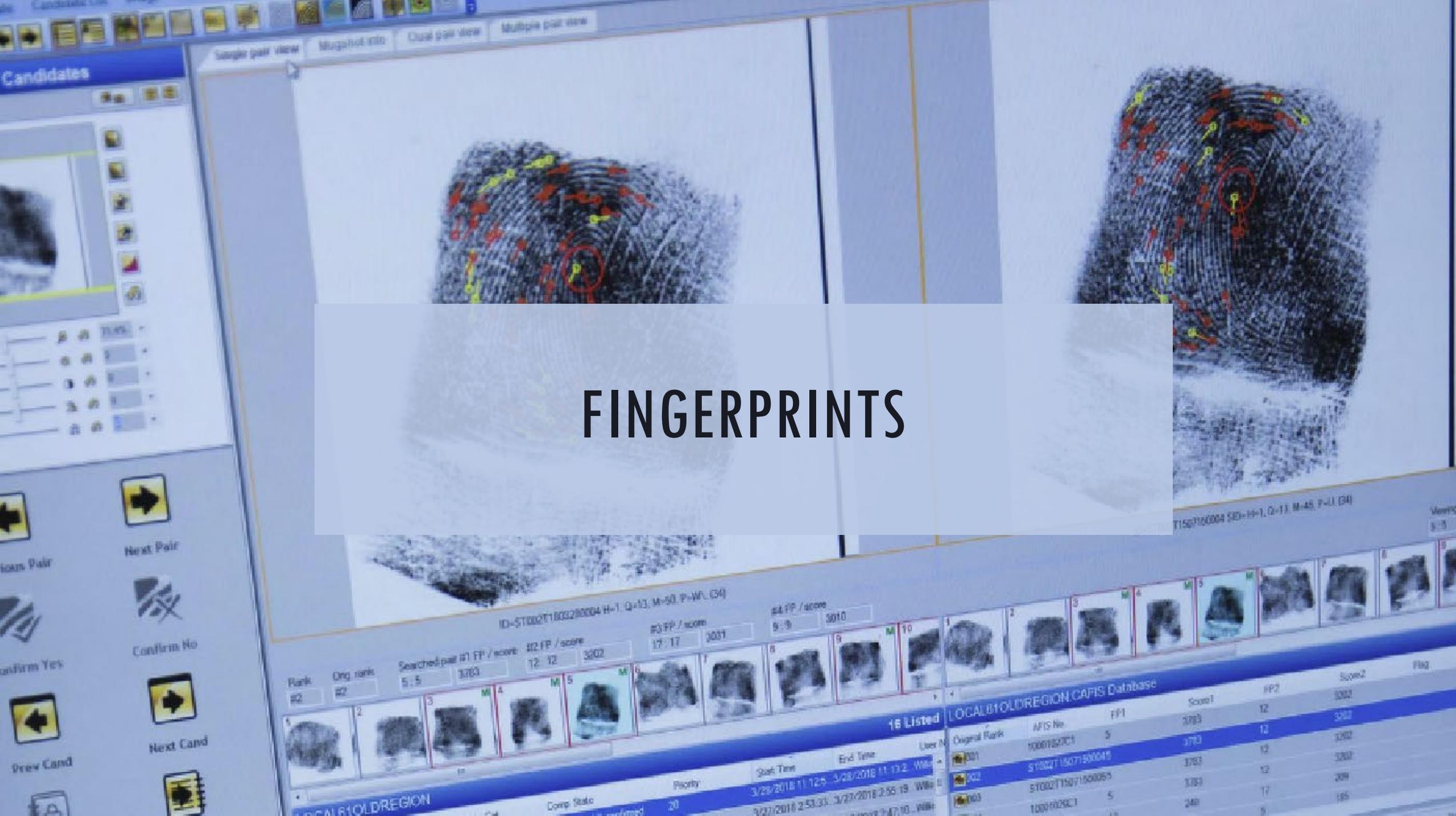


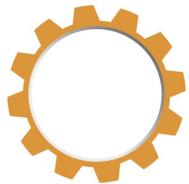
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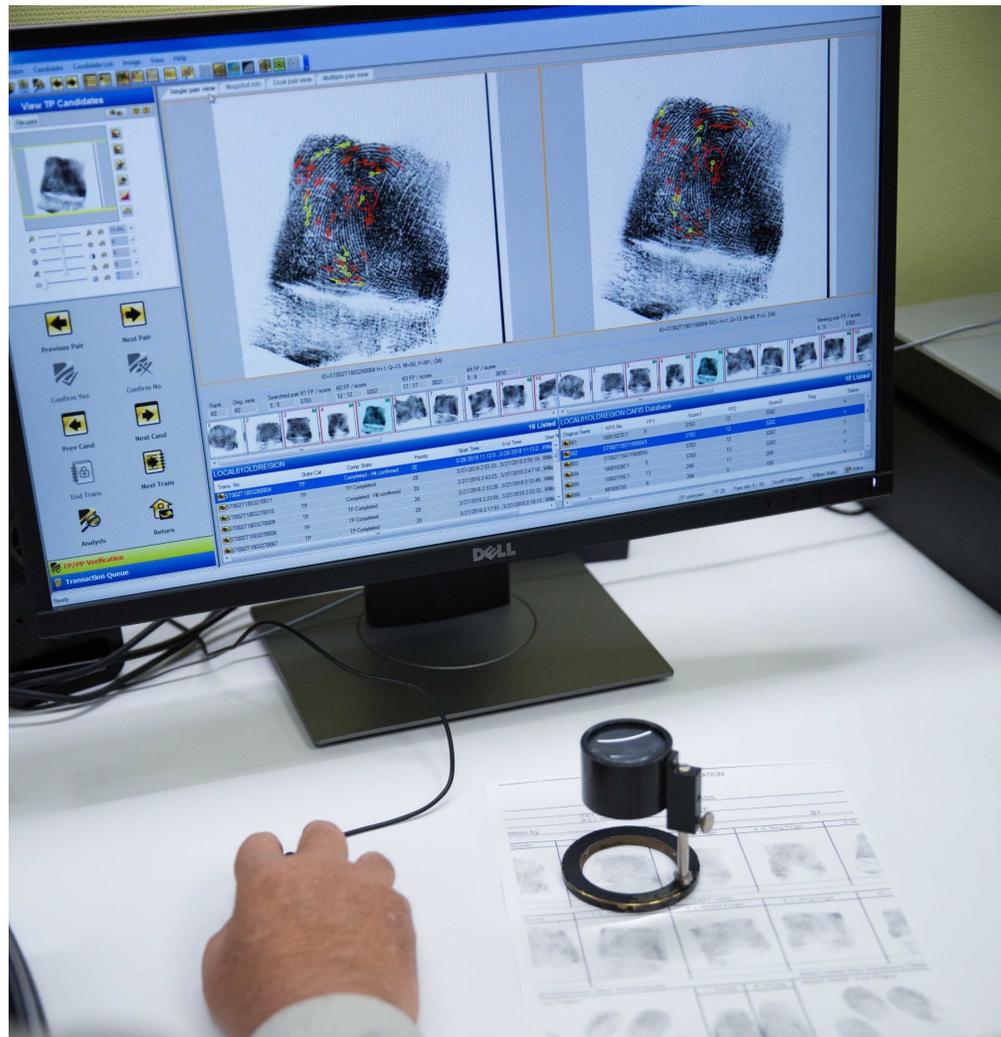
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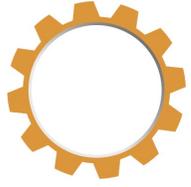




# FINGERPRINT SERVICES



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



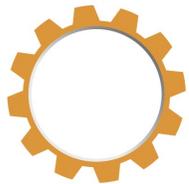
# NAMUS / FBI FINGERPRINT COLLABORATION

- Since February 2017, over **3,800** fingerprint images for unidentified persons have been submitted to the FBI's Latent Print Support Unit for searching through the FBI and Homeland Security federal fingerprint databases
- **272** hits have been located to date, with the oldest case resolved through a fingerprint association dating back to 1971





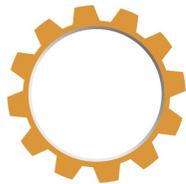
# ODONTOLOGY



# 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



# NAMUS FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY SERVICES

**Dental** [Edit](#)

**Charting**  
NCIC Chart

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
V	X	OD	X	V	OFL	V	V	V	V	V	OD	OD	MOD	O	V
O	OF	OF	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	MOL	V	OD	X	OF	O
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

X = Tooth Has Been Removed or Did Not Develop  
M = Mesial Surface Restored  
D = Distal Surface Restored  
L = Lingual Surface Restored  
R = Root Canal

V = Tooth is Unrestored or No Information (Default Code)  
O = Occlusal/Incisal Surface Restored  
F = Facial or Buccal Surface Restored  
C = Lab Processed or Prefabricated Restoration  
/ = Tooth Present with Endodontic Treatment but Clinical Crown Missing (i.e., Fractured, Caries)

**NamUs Chart**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
N	A	F	A	N	FO	N	N	N	N	N	F	F	F	F	N
F	F	FO	NO	N	N	N	N	N	N	F	N	F	A	F	F
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

N = Natural Tooth, No Filling  
C = Crown or Cap  
R = Root Canal  
I = Impacted

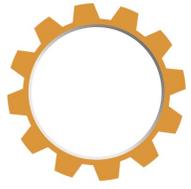
F = Filling, Inlay, Onlay, or Veneer  
B = Bridge Work  
A = Anteromortem Loss (Healed Socket)  
O = Other Features (Describe in Dental Comments)

**Dental Information**  
Available Radiology and Imaging  
 X-RAYS

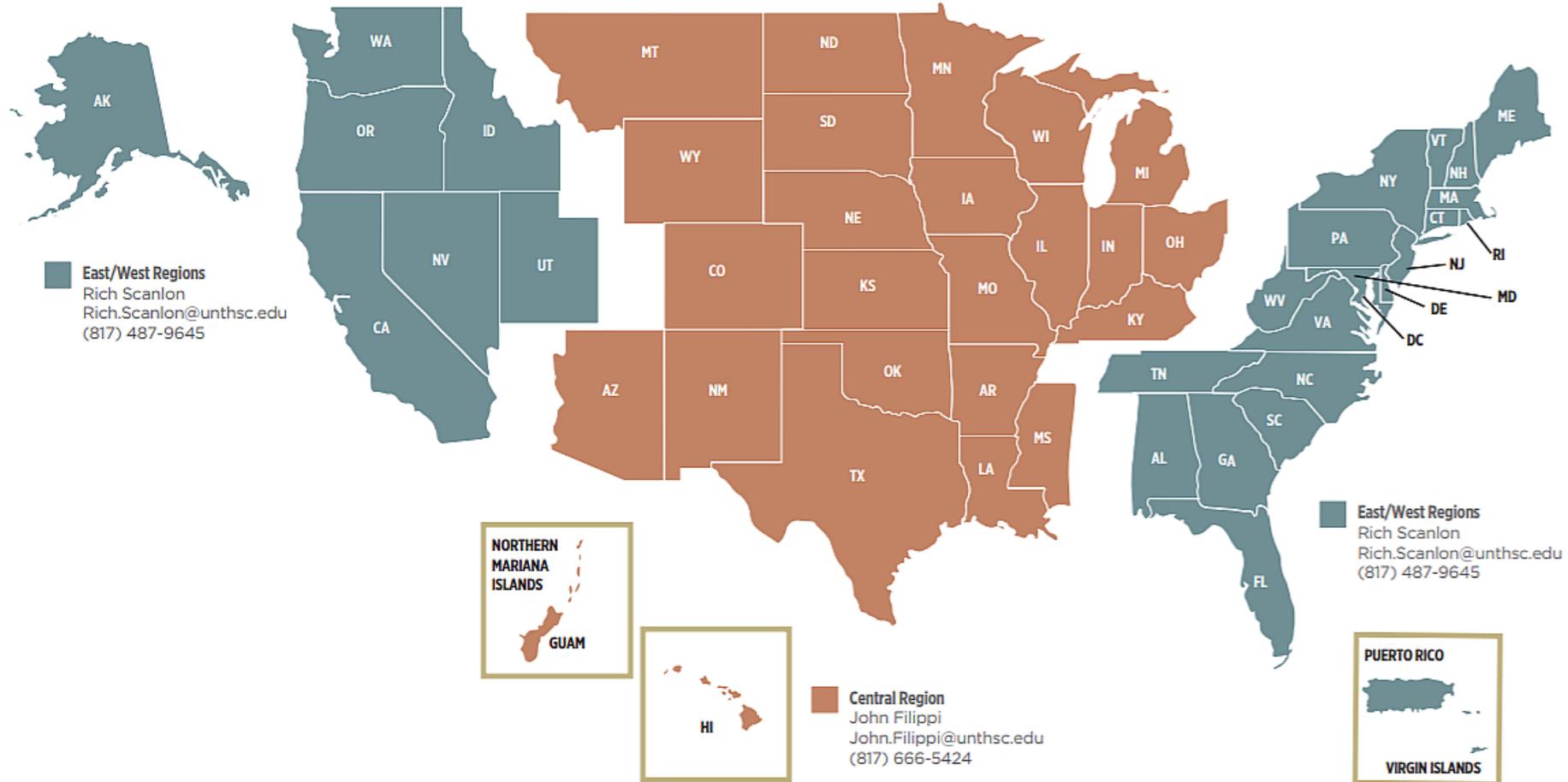
**Dental Descriptors**  
 FILLING OR CROWN PRESENT

Comments

- Locating/acquiring dental records
- Obtaining dental records from national Military Record Repository
- Coding dentals for NCIC and NamUs entry
- Performing dental comparisons between missing and unidentified persons

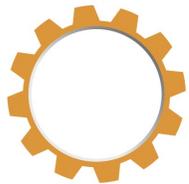


# NAMUS FORENSIC ODONTOLOGISTS





# FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY

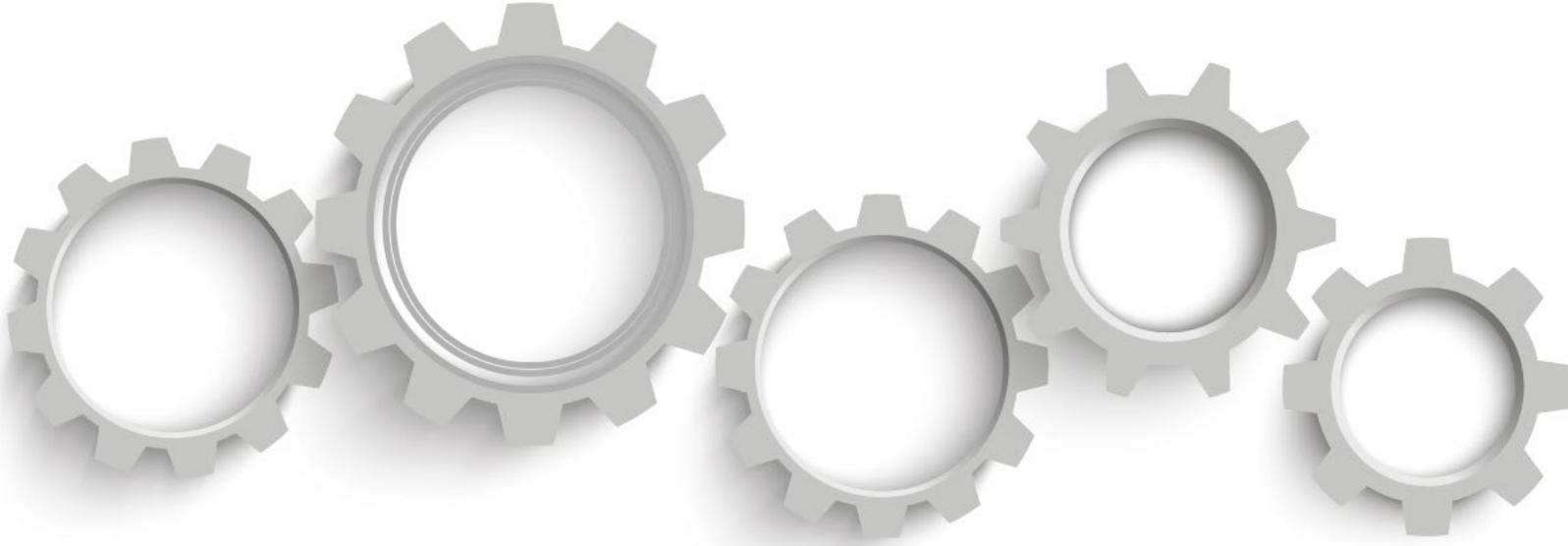


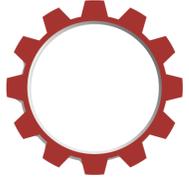
# UNTCHI FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY UNIT

NIJ, through the NamUs program, provides funding and support for UNTCHI's Forensic Anthropology Unit to provide the following analyses of skeletal remains to investigating agencies:

- Distinguishing historical/archaeological remains from modern remains
- Development of biological profiles – such as sex, ancestry, stature, and age – to aid searches for possible matches
- Identifications of skeletal remains based on comparisons of medical and radiographic information
- Trauma analysis to contribute to cause and manner of death determinations







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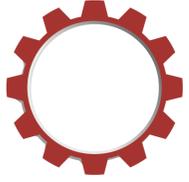
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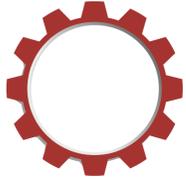


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Support families and criminal justice agencies across the country by:

- 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





# TRAINING AND OUTREACH

SUNDAY,  
APRIL 22, 2018  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**UNT Health Science Center**  
Medical Education and Training (MET) Building  
1000 Montgomery Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76107



**An Event for Families  
of the Missing**

For more information, visit  
[www.untfsu.com/northtexas](http://www.untfsu.com/northtexas)  
or call toll free  
**1-855-626-7600**



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This event, and all services of NamUs, are provided at no cost through funding by the National Institute of Justice (award number 2016-MU-BX-K007).

## Is Someone You Know **MISSING?**



The New Jersey State Police invite you to an event in an effort to help us **ID The Missing & Bring Them Home**. The event is free and open to the public. Family, friends, communities, and organizations working to locate New Jersey's Missing are welcome.

— **Strength, Support, Encouragement & Hope** —

Come out to meet other New Jersey families and friends who are coping with the disappearance of a loved one. **Families should preregister to ensure that their loved ones are commemorated in the candlelight vigil & slideshow.**

**May 2, 2020**

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Brookdale Community College  
Warner Student Center - Navesink Room**

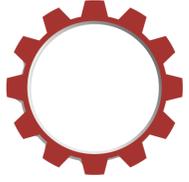
Parking Lot 7, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738

**Bring:** *(as many of the below as you can)*

- **2 Biological Relatives** (*male & female*) of your Missing Loved One
- **Police Reports**
- **X-rays** — Dental & Body
- **Doctor & Dentist Information**
- **Photographs**
- **Any Other Identifying Documents**

*For more information and to register, contact:*

**[missingp@gw.njsp.org](mailto:missingp@gw.njsp.org)**



# 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



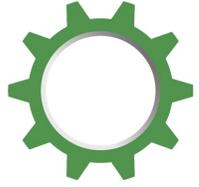
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# VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION



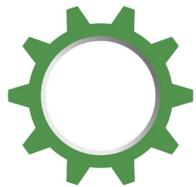
- Need and Risk Assessments
- Referrals to needed services
- Follow-up with clients



# VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION: REFERRALS



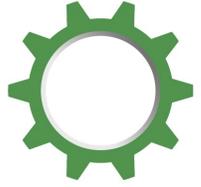
- Support Groups
- Mental Health Care
  - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - Cognitive Processing Therapy



# VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION: PEER SUPPORT NETWORK



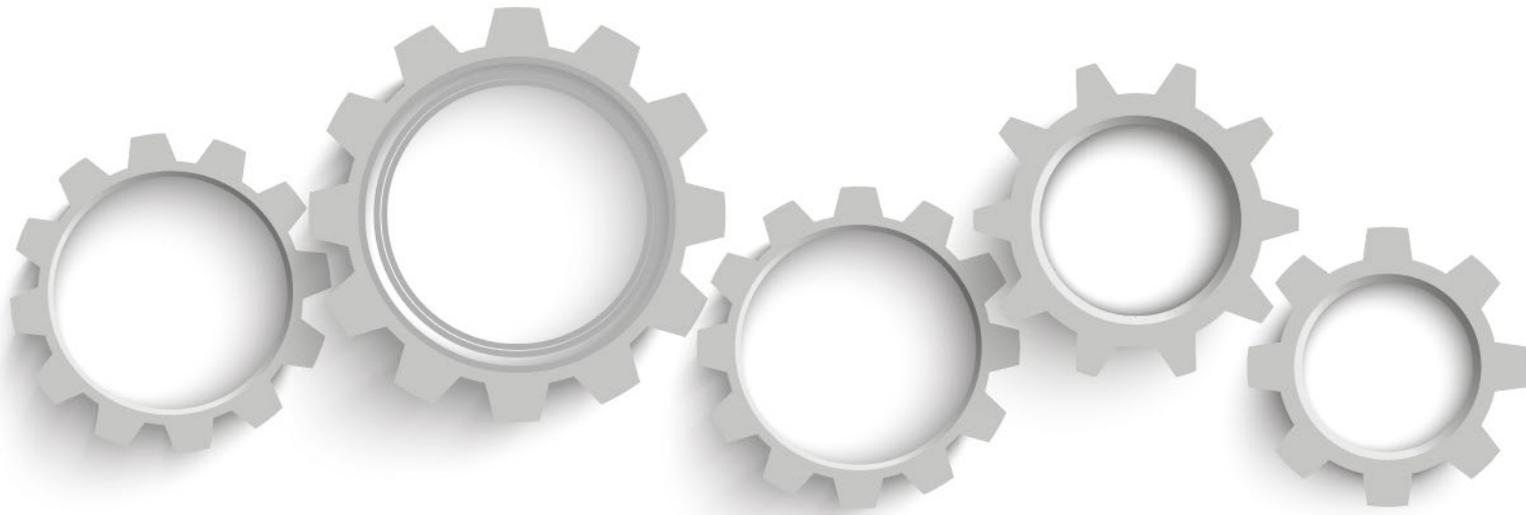
- Peer supporters are people who use their experience of recovery to support others in recovery
- Combined with skills learned in training, their experience and knowledge puts peers in a unique position to offer support

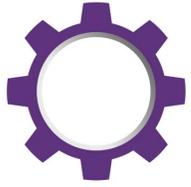


# VICTIM SERVICES UNIT: REUNIFICATION



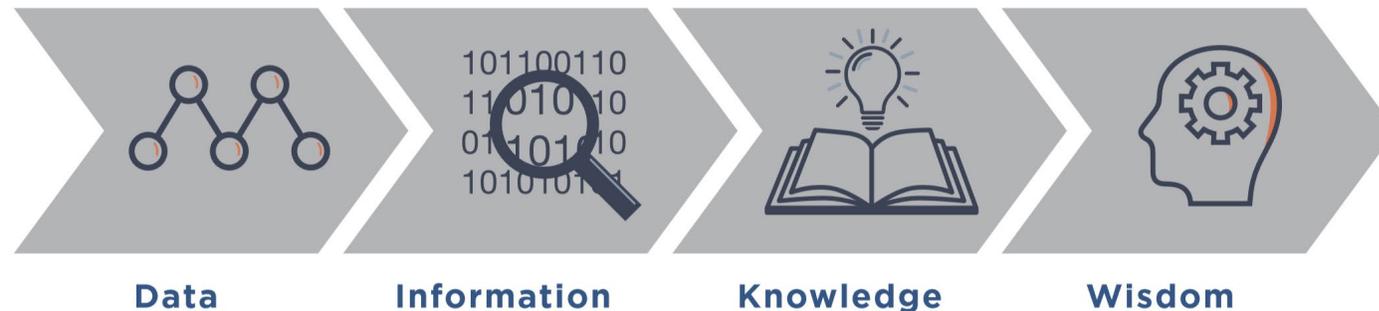
- The Reunification Program will help lost loved ones return home
- The reunification process may include exhumation and reinterment

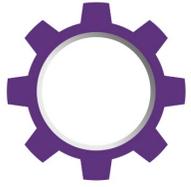




# NAMUS DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

- Established in September 2019 to conduct behavioral and social science and research in collaboration with other NamUs divisions
- Purpose: To determine how NamUs data can be used to better understand missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person issues, and produce knowledge that can aid in case resolutions





# EXAMINATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES, CHARACTERISTICS, AND OUTCOMES (ECCO) STUDY



## Overarching Goal

To enhance understanding of violent missing person (MP) and unidentified person (UP) cases that will improve NamUs data collection and services for victims and their families.



REGISTER FOR NAMUS AT:

[www.NamUs.gov](http://www.NamUs.gov)

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Or to report a case to NamUs by  
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