# The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)







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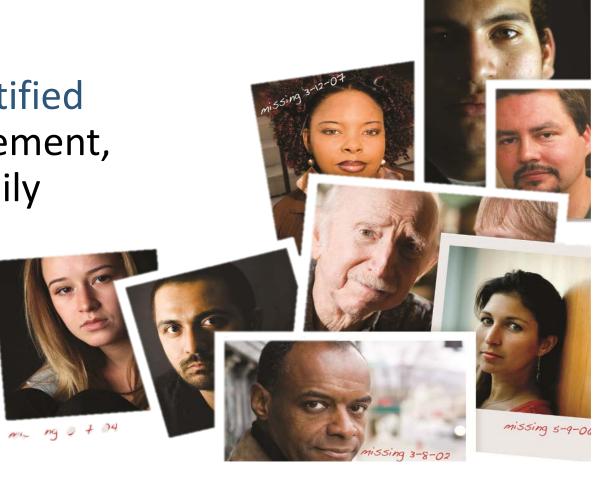
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The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System offers law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, family members and victim advocates a powerful tool for resolving missing and unidentified persons cases.



### THE NAMUS MISSION

By bringing people, information, forensic science and technology together, NamUs helps resolve missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases throughout the United States.

### **OUR CORE SERVICES**

**Nationwide information clearinghouse** offering free, secure, easy-to-use, online technology to help expedite case associations and resolutions.

**Free-of-charge forensic services** including forensic odontology and fingerprint examination, as well as forensic anthropology and DNA analyses through the UNT Center for Human Identification laboratories.

**Investigative support** from seasoned staff who provide case consultations and support criminal justice efforts to drive missing and unidentified person case resolutions.

**Victim Services** providing information and support to individuals and families impacted by the loss or disappearance of a loved one.

**Training and outreach** from NamUs subject matter experts, including assistance with planning and facilitating Missing Person Day events across the country.

### THE MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PROBLEM IN THE U.S.

### MISSING PERSONS

On any given day in the United States, there are between 80,000 to 90,000 active missing person cases – almost half of those individuals have been missing one year or more



There are over 12,000 active unidentified decedent cases in the United States

### **NAMUS MILESTONES**

2005	Identifying the Missing Summit held to identify challenges and needs related to missing and unidentified person investigations
2007	Unidentified Persons (UP) database launched
2008	Missing Persons (MP) database launched
2009	UP and MP databases connected for automatic case comparisons
2011	Daily management of NamUs transitions to UNT Health Science Center
2012	NamUs Analytical Division and Fingerprint/AFIS Unit created
2016	NamUs 2.0 software development project began
2018	NamUs 2.0 released
2019	NamUs Victim Services Division launched

### THE SUCCESS OF NAMUS

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17,636 Open Gases

20,322 Resolved Cases

2,534
NamUs Aided Resolutions

#### **UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS**

13,208 Open Cases

4,177
Resolved Cases

1,863
NamUs Aided Resolutions

#### **UNCLAIMED PERSONS**

3,077 Open Gases

229
Resolved Cases

78
NamUs Aided Resolutions

53% of the missing persons have been located or identified 24% of the unidentified decedent cases have been identified and resolved

### NAMUS LEGISLATION

- Some states have laws that focus on locating missing persons and identifying human remains
- Model legislation has also been proposed to require:
  - LEAs accept every missing person report and share case information with state regional authorities
  - DNA samples be taken within 30 days of a MP report and sent for DNA analysis
  - Cases involving high-risk MPs be assessed immediately
  - DNA analysis be performed on all unidentified human remains
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    - Michigan
    - Tennessee

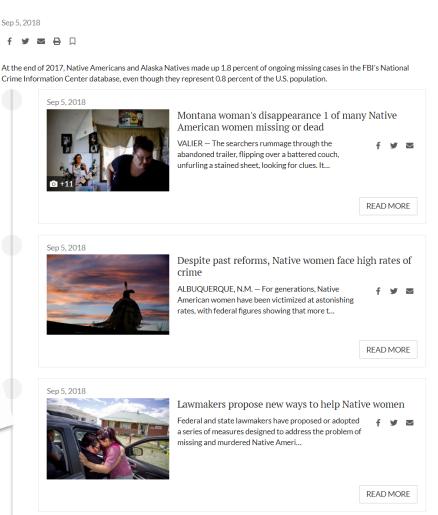
- Oklahoma
- Illinois
- Arkansas

- West Virginia
- New Mexico
- North Carolina

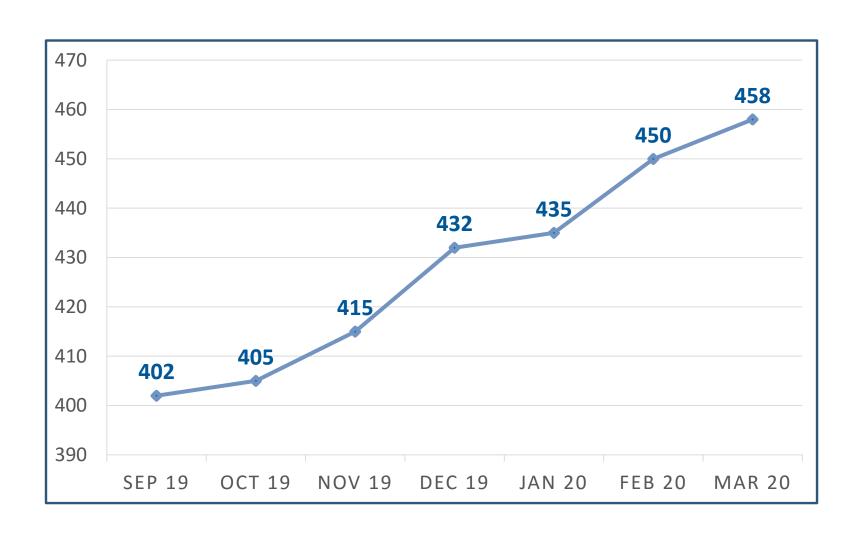
Missing and Murdered: No One Knows How Many Native Women Have Disappeared



# **#NotInvisible: Missing and murdered Native American women**

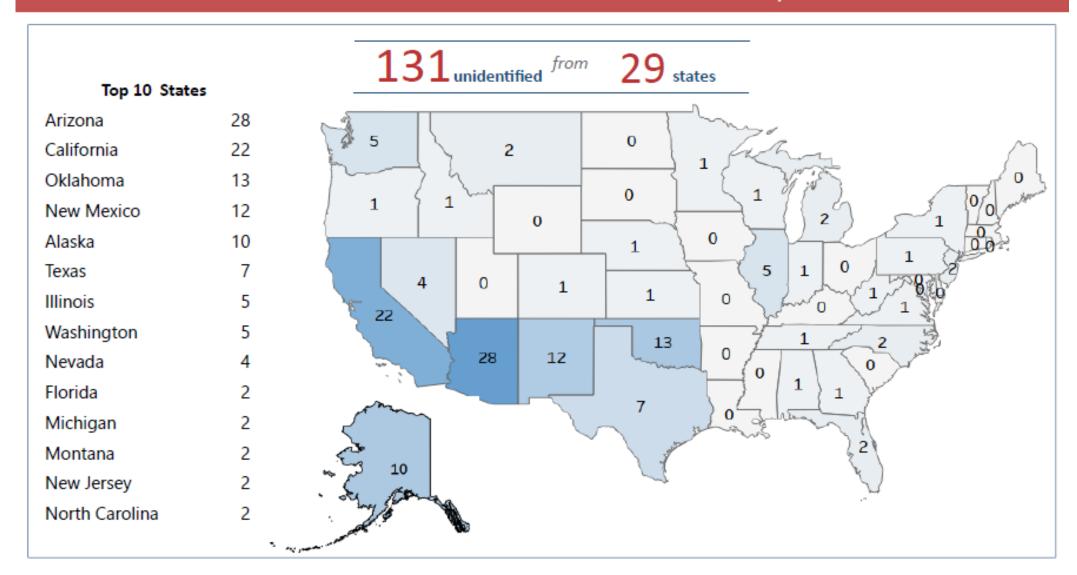


# TREND IN AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE MISSING PERSON CASES PUBLISHED IN NAMUS BY QUARTER



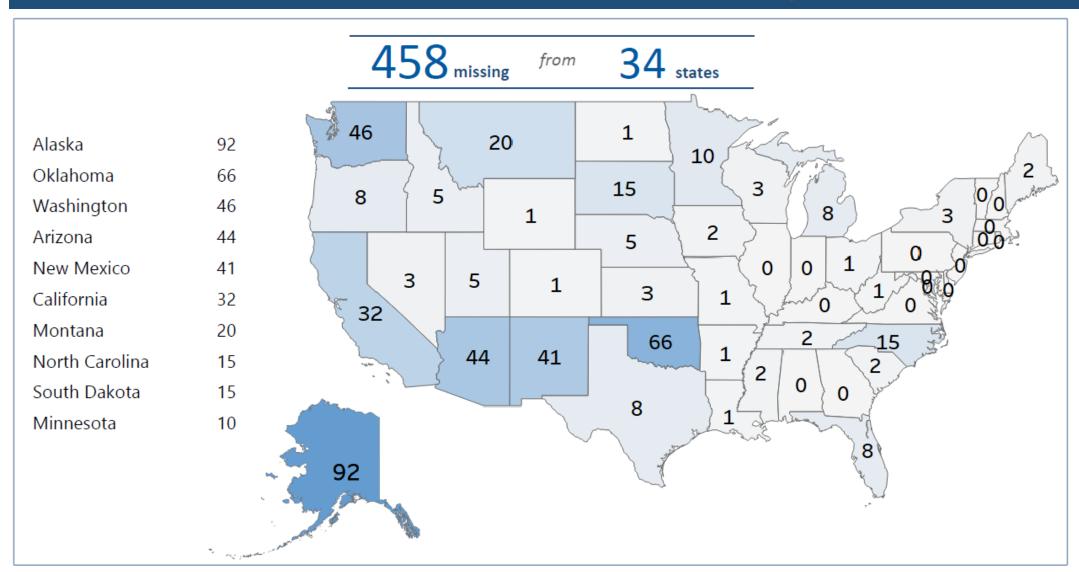
### American Indian/Alaska Native Unidentified Persons Cases

Unresolved Cases Published in NamUs as of March 1, 2020

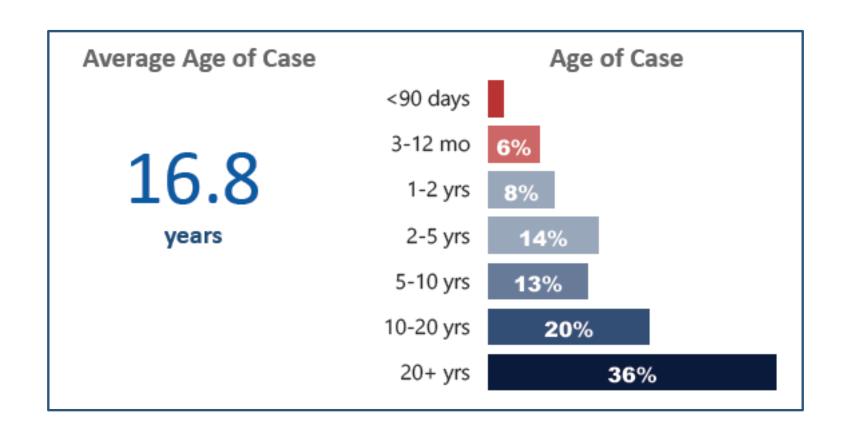


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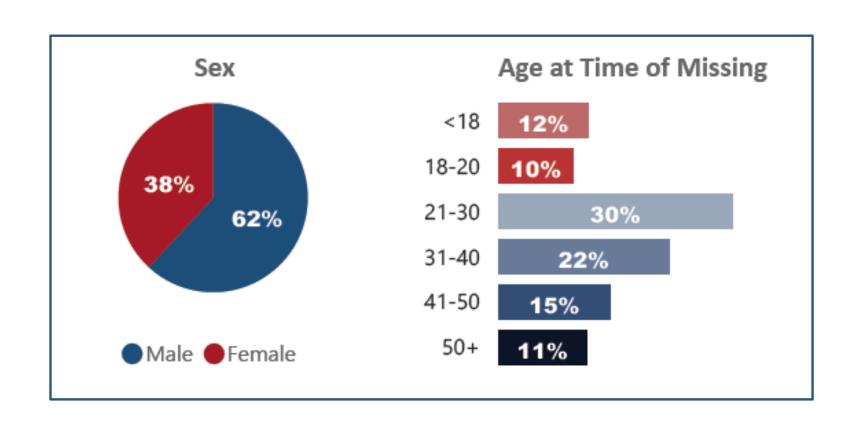
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# AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE MISSING PERSON DEMOGRAPHICS



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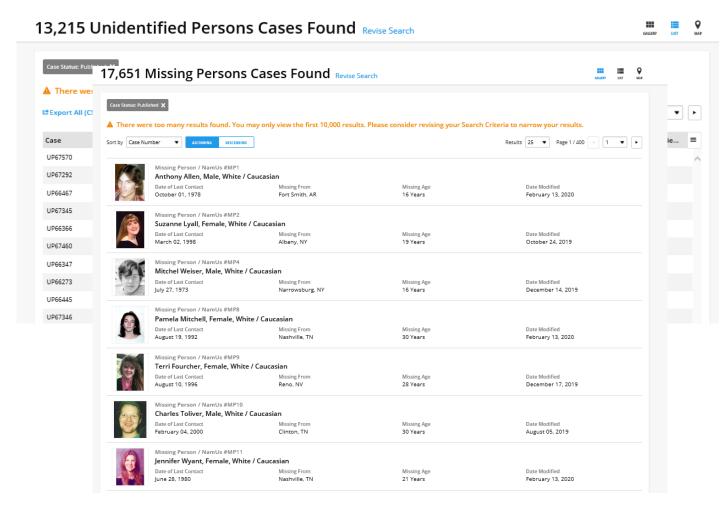
The NamUs database application contains a secure, easy-to-use, centralized online database that serves as a national clearinghouse of information related to missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases



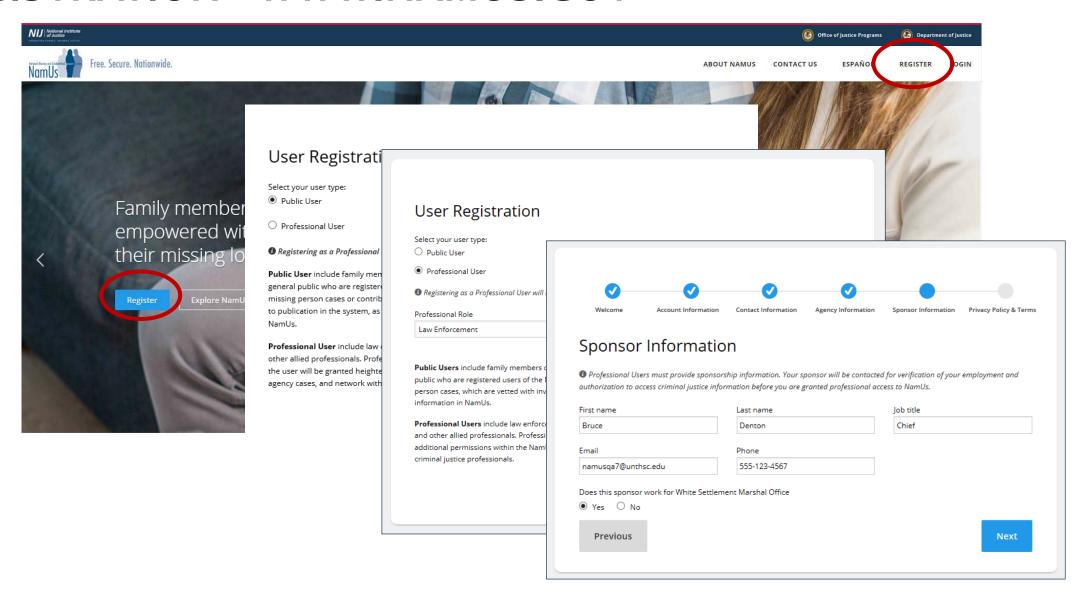
### **NAMUS TECHNOLOGY**

# One central repository for all missing, unidentified and unclaimed person case information

- Streamlined user registration
- Enhanced search tools
- Enhanced case matching
- Single user dashboard with quick access to all case types and tools
- Enhanced case mapping



### **REGISTRATION – WWW.NAMUS.GOV**



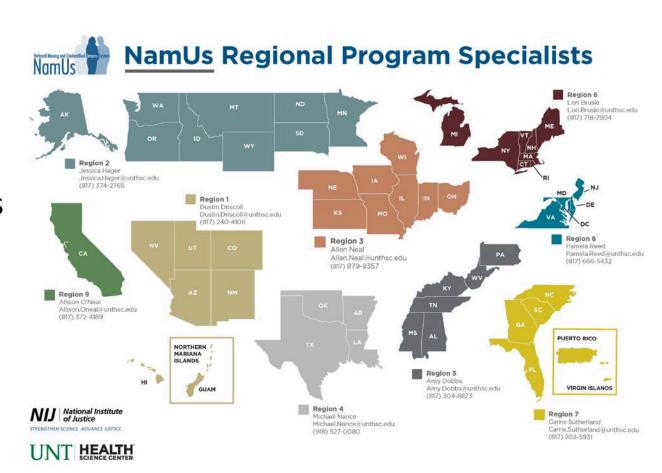
### VERIFYING CASES FOR PUBLICATION IN NAMUS

- Anyone can enter a missing person case, including family members and general public
- All case reports are verified with the appropriate local, state, federal or tribal law enforcement agencies
- Once verified, cases are published for public viewing and searching
- Public has limited view of case information, where registered criminal justice users see all case data

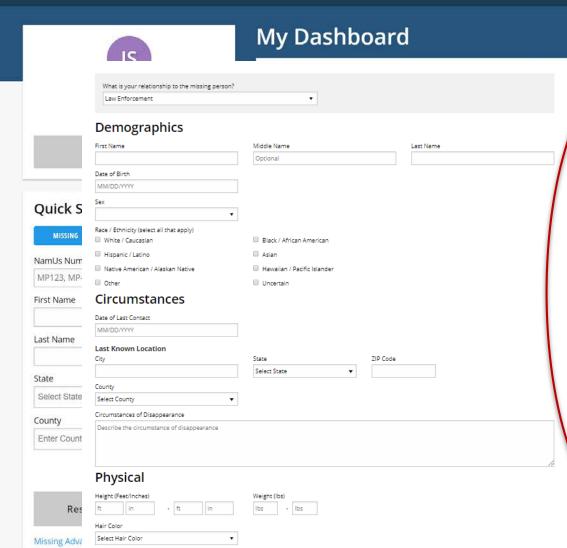
### REGIONAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST

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



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+ Missing Case

racy Act Statement

. 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. Submit

After creating your draft, the following fields will be required to submit your

- 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 entry for accuracy and completeness. All cases will be verified with the appropriate investigating agencies prior to publication in Nan

will be contacted by your N mUs RPS ional information is n





Status Published



Missing Person / NamUs #MP41415

#### Kristopher Paul Gregory, Male, American Indian / Alaska Native

Date of Last Contact December 7, 2017 Missing From Sleetmute, Alaska Missing Age 27 Years

Current Age 30 Years

Matches 😲

Stop Tracking Case

CASE

NOTES

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS COMPARISONS CONTACTS **Case Information** CASE INFORMATION Indicates information not viewable by the public Case Numbers Demographics Case Numbers / Edit Circumstances NCMEC Number NCIC Number 😳 ViCAP Number 🙂 Physical Description Medical Data Clothing and Accessories BIOMETRICS Demographics DNA 🖊 Edit Fingerprints Missing Age Current Age Dental 27 Years 30 Years ADDITIONAL CASE INFO First Name Middle Name Last Name Personal Electronics Kristopher Paul Gregory Transportation Nickname/Alias Maiden Name 😲 Date of Birth 😲 Place of Birth 😲 Sex Blood Type 😲 Male Height Weight 5' 8" (68 Inches) 175 lbs Race / Ethnicity Tribe Enrollment / Affiliation 🙂 American Indian / Alaska Native Military Affiliation 😲

### SAVANNAH'S ACT

- 1.) to clarify the responsibilities of Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies with respect to responding to cases of missing and murdered Indians;
- 2.) to increase coordination and communication among Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, including medical examiner and coroner offices;
- 3.) to empower Tribal governments with the resources and information necessary to effectively respond to cases of missing and murdered Indians; and
- 4.) to increase the collection of data related to missing and murdered Indian men and women and the sharing of information among Federal, State, and Tribal officials responsible for responding to and investigating cases of missing and murdered Indians.

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#### AN ACT

To direct the Attorney Onnesi to review, evene, and develop hav enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address mining and numbered Tediano, and for other purposes. Be it encented by the Senate and House of Expresentatives of the Critical States of America in Compress assembled.

#### SECTION L SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as "Savanna's Act"

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(1) On some reservations, Indian women are murdered at more than 10 times the national average.

(2) American Indians and Alaska Natives are 2.5 times at likely to experience violent crimes—and at least 2 times more likely to experience rape or sexual annual crimes—compared to all other races according to the National Congress of American Indians.

(3) More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women, or \$4.3 percent, have experienced violence in their lifetime according to the National Institute of

4) More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native men, or \$1.6 percent, have experienced violence in their lifetime according to the National Institute of Justice.

(5) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide is the finit leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women between 10 and 24 years of are and the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years of are.

(6) Investigation into cases of missing and murdered Indian women is made difficult for Tribal law enforcement agencies due to a lack of resources, such as-

A) necessary training, equipment, or funding

(B) a lack of interagency cooperation; and

(C) a lack of appropriate laws in place.

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(7) The complicated jurisdictional scheme that exists in Indian country—

 $(A)\ has\ a\ significant\ negative\ inspect\ on\ the\ ability\ to\ provide\ public\ safety\ to\ Indian\ communities;$ 

B) has been increasingly exploded by criminals; so

(C) requires a high degree of commitment and cooperation among Tribal, Federal, and State law enforcement officials.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(3) to clarify the responsibilities of Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies with respect to responding to cases of missing and murdered Indians;

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#### In this Act.

(1) DATARASES —The term "databases" means—

(A) the National Crime Information Center database:

(B) the Consbined DNA Index System,

(C) the Next Generation Identification System; and

(D) any other database relevant to responding to cases of mining and murdered Indians, including that under the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program and the National Mining and Unidentified Persons System.

(2) INDIAN.—The term "Indian" means a member of an Indian Tribe.

(3) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term "Indian country" has the meaning given the term in section 1151 of title 18, United States Code

(4) INDIAN LAND,—The term "Indian land" means—

(A) Indian lands, as defined in section 3 of the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000 (25 U.S.C. 4302); and

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(B) land owned by a Regional Corporation or Village Corporation, as such terms are defined in section 3 of the Alinka Native Claims Settlement Act (43.U.S.C.

(5) INDEAN TRIBE.—The term "Indian Tribe" has the meaning given the term "Indian tribe" in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Control of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Control of the Indian Self-Determination and Indian Self-Determination Control of the Indian Self-Determin

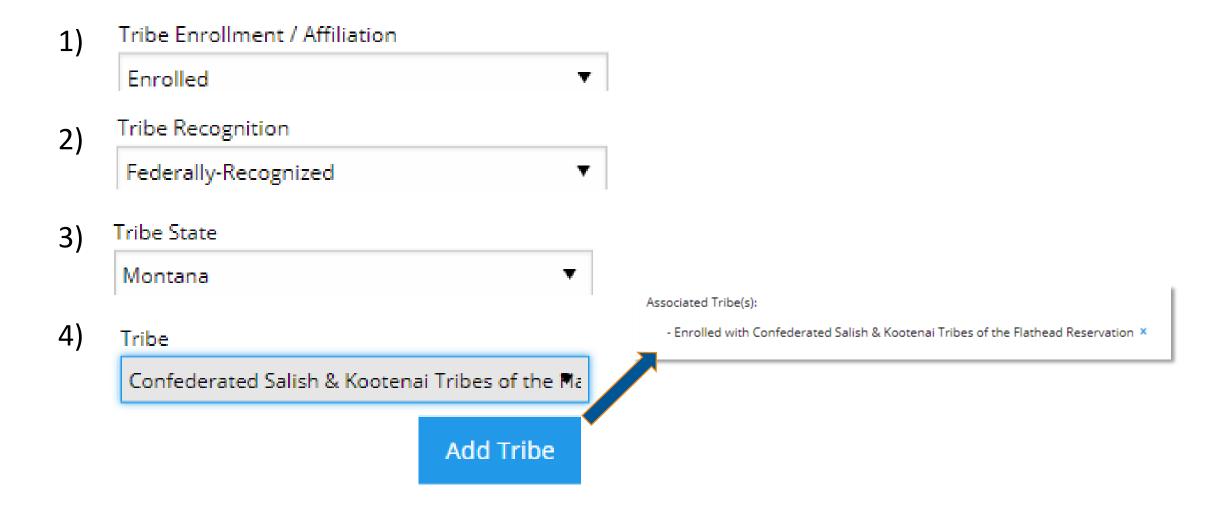
(6) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The term "law enforcement agency" means a Tribal, Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency

#### SEC. 4. IMPROVING TRIBAL ACCESS TO DATABASE

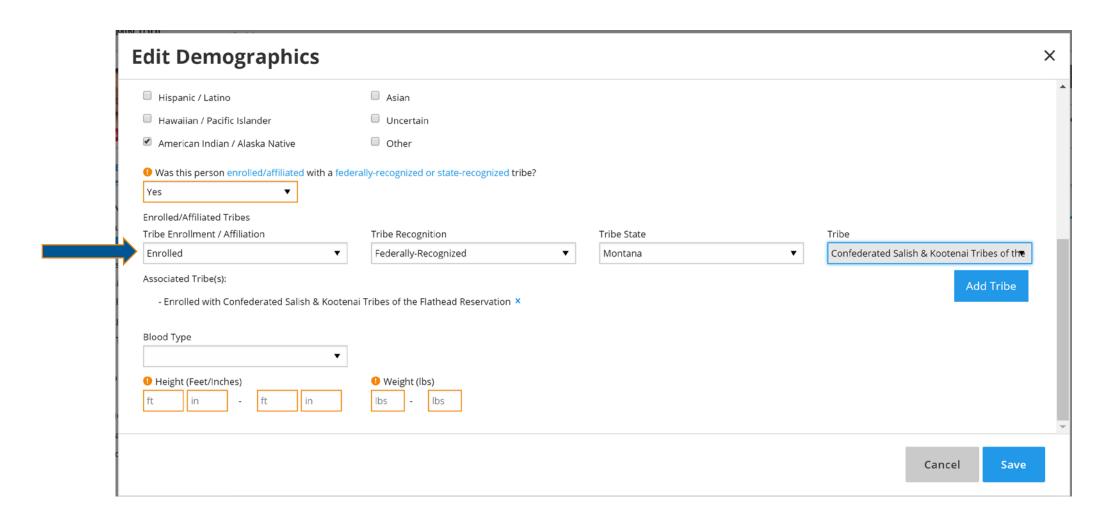
(a) TRIBAL ENROLLMENT INTORMATION:—The Attenue General shall provide training to law enforcement agencies regarding how to record the Trobal encollment information or affiliation, as appropriate, of a virtuo in Federal databases.

(b) Consultation -

### **NEW DATA FIELDS IN NAMUS: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT / AFFILIATION**



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### NEW DATA FIELDS IN NAMUS: MISSING FROM / RESIDES ON TRIBAL LAND

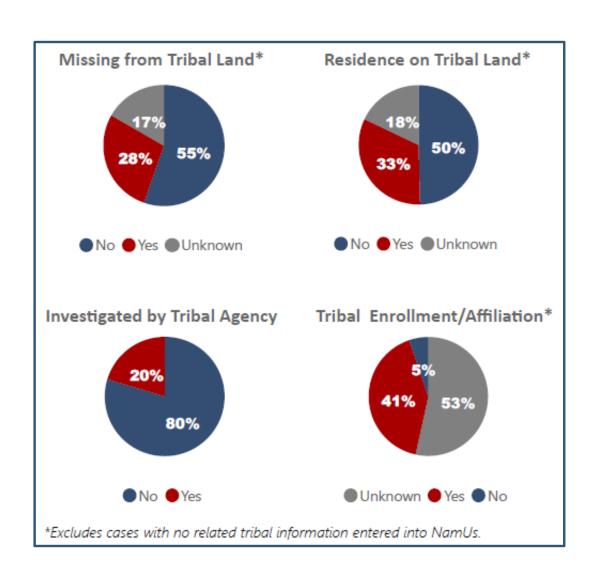
### Missing Persons



### Unidentified Persons



### AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL DATA





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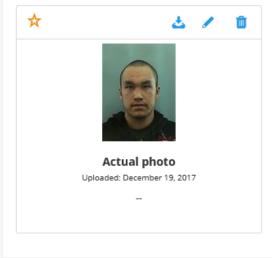
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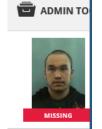
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### **NAMUS POSTERS**



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### **MISSING**

Kristopher Paul Gregory

Last Seen Thursday, December 7, 2017 Sleetmute, Alaska



Male

Race / Ethnlotty:

American Indian / Alaska Native

Missing Age: 27 Years

Hair Color:

Black

Eye Color: Brown

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 175 lbs

#### CONTACT

Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511 NamUs #41415 www.namus.gov



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### **DESAPARECIDAS**

**Kristopher Paul Gregory** 

Ultima vez visto Jueves, 7 De Diciembre De 2017 Sleetmute, Alaska



Sexo:

Masculino

Raza / Etnia:

Indio Americano / Nativo de Alaska

27 Años

Color de Pelo:

Negro

Color de los Ojos Marrón

Altura: **5' 8"** 

5' 8'

Peso: 175 libras



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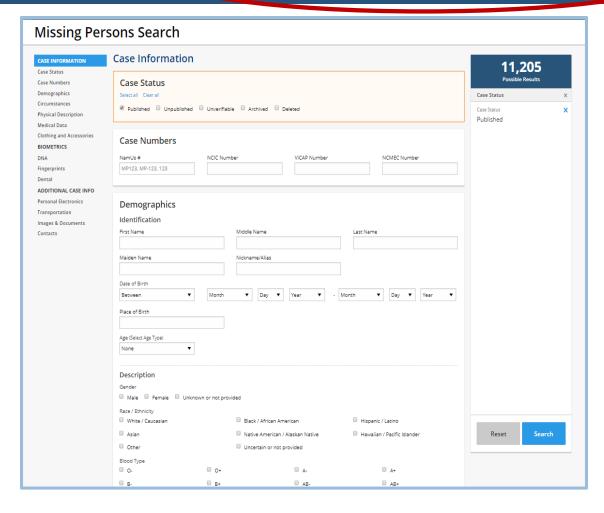




### **ADVANCED SEARCHING IN NAMUS**

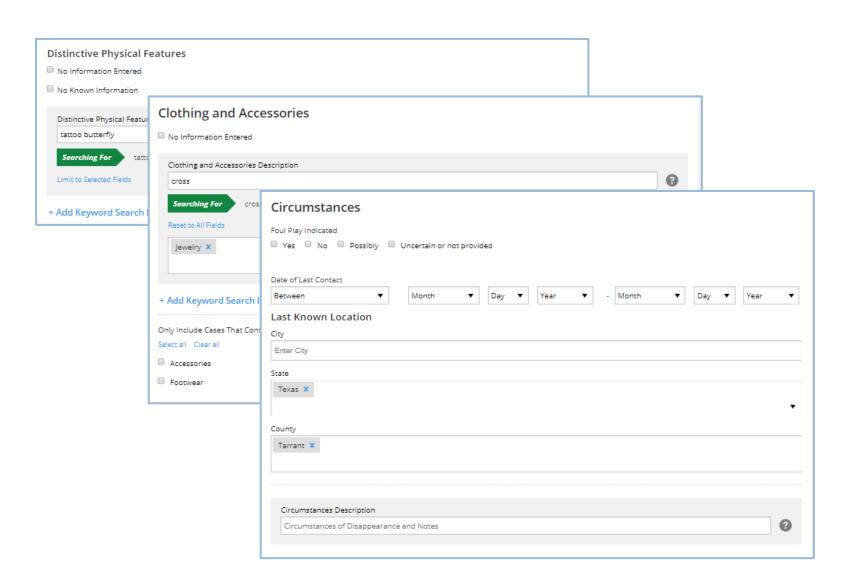


Advanced searching can be performed to query any field in the NamUs database to develop case lists and locate potential matches to a missing or unidentified person.

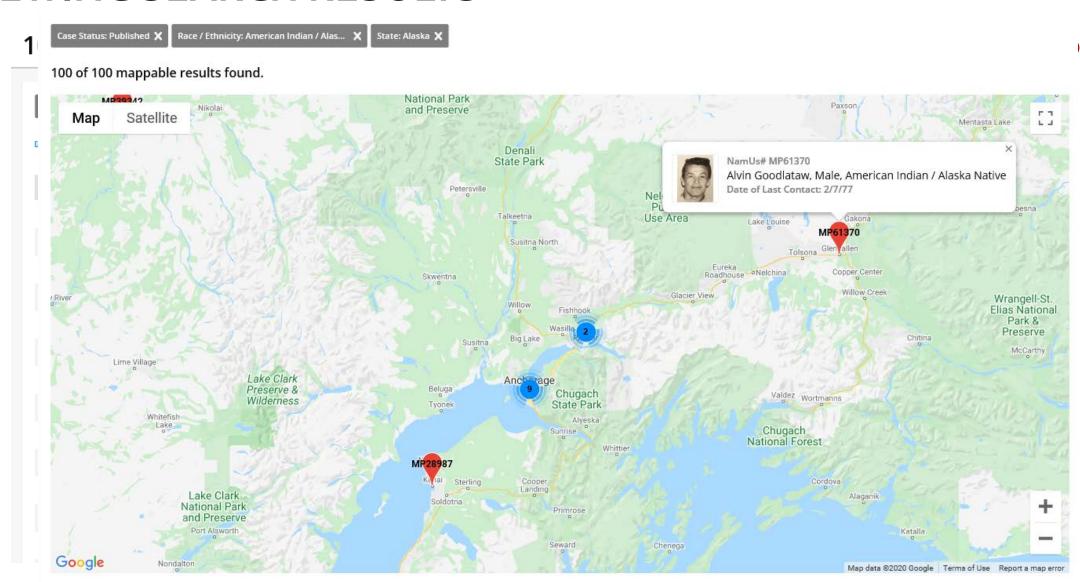


### **ADVANCED SEARCHING IN NAMUS**

Searches can be done to locate cases in specific areas, or to match unique physical descriptors such as scars, marks, tattoos, clothing, jewelry, etc.



### **VIEWING SEARCH RESULTS**



### FORENSIC SERVICES

NamUs provides free forensic services for missing person cases, to include forensic odontology, fingerprint examination, and DNA analyses through the UNT Center for Human Identification



Forensic Odontology



Fingerprints



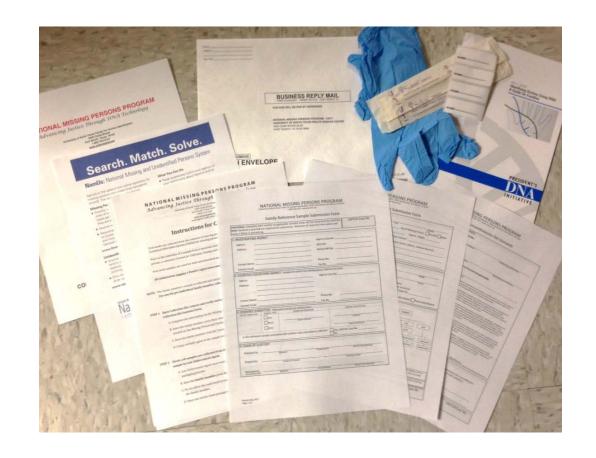
**DNA Analysis** 

### FAMILY REFERENCE DNA SAMPLES

- Family members can provide voluntarily DNA samples to be profiled and uploaded to CODIS
- Profiles can <u>only</u> be searched against the profiles of unidentified persons or remains in CODIS
- Two or more close biological relatives of the missing person should provide DNA samples for searching in CODIS
- The family member can request in writing that their DNA profile be removed from CODIS

### FAMILY REFERENCE DNA COLLECTION KITS

- Used for collection of voluntary DNA samples from family members of missing persons (Family Reference Samples)
- Samples must be collected by a criminal justice agency (law enforcement, medical examiner's office or coroner)
- Free collection kits provide all materials to ensure proper documentation, collection and chain of custody on each sample collected



### **ANALYTICAL SERVICES**

The NamUs Analytical Division utilizes nongovernmental criminal justice databases and advanced search techniques to assist criminal justice agencies



### **ANALYTICAL SERVICES**

- Indication of life for persons reported missing to NamUs
- Contact information for family members for DNA sample collections
- Information regarding next of kin for death notifications
- Advanced searches in the NamUs database to locate potential matches
- Information to assist in vetting tips and leads













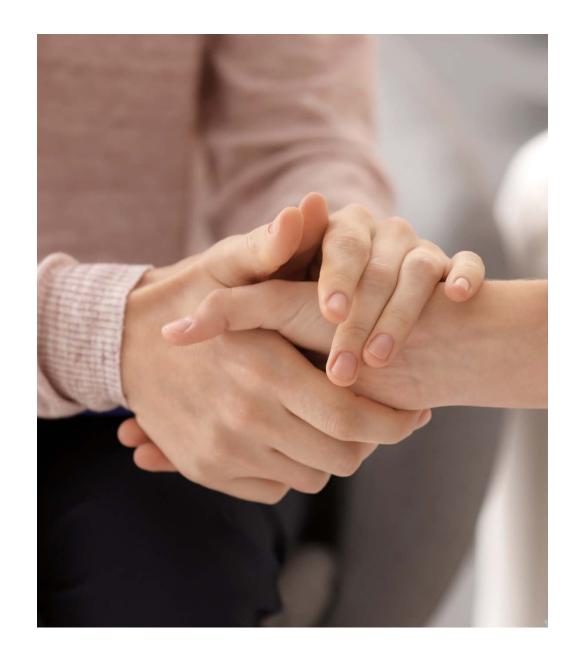
### **VICTIM SERVICES UNIT**

Connecting families of missing persons to victim resources



### **VICTIM SERVICES UNIT**

- Need and risk assessments
- Referrals to needed services
- Peer support networks
- Reunification
- Outreach and education materials



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### NamUs Support for Missing Indigenous Person Cases

#### DOWNLOAD MONTHLY AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE NAMUS CASE UPDATES BELOW

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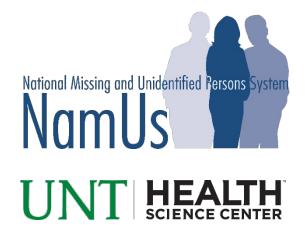
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Click the links below to view each section of the NamUs 2.0 User Guide for more information, including registering for the system, entering and searching cases, and using other features within NamUs 2.0.

Entering a Missing Person Case

**Advanced Searching** 





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