

NamUs Benefits

- Protects sensitive case information through restricted access.
- Streamlines case management by serving as a single source for all case information and digital images.
- Allows comprehensive case reports and missing person posters to be printed directly from the system.
- Saves time by automatically searching, comparing and matching missing and unidentified persons cases on a 24/7 basis, ensuring the investigation never stops.
- Harnesses the power of the public, increasing the number of people looking at missing and unidentified person cases.
- Produces stronger leads because of the wealth of information that family and friends can enter about missing persons.
- Simplifies data entry and communication with user-friendly navigation.
- Provides free forensic assistance, including anthropologists, odontologists, fingerprint experts and DNA analysts.
- Partners with the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP) and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to strengthen case management between systems and improve data.
- Facilitates NCIC data exchanges to assist criminal justice agencies and streamline case entry.

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

NamUs, www.namus.gov, fills the nation's need for a unified, online, free database system for unidentified remains and missing persons records. **NamUs.gov** is the one place where everyone interested in solving missing persons and unidentified decedent cases — law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners, victims advocates and families — can share information to help solve these heartbreaking cases.



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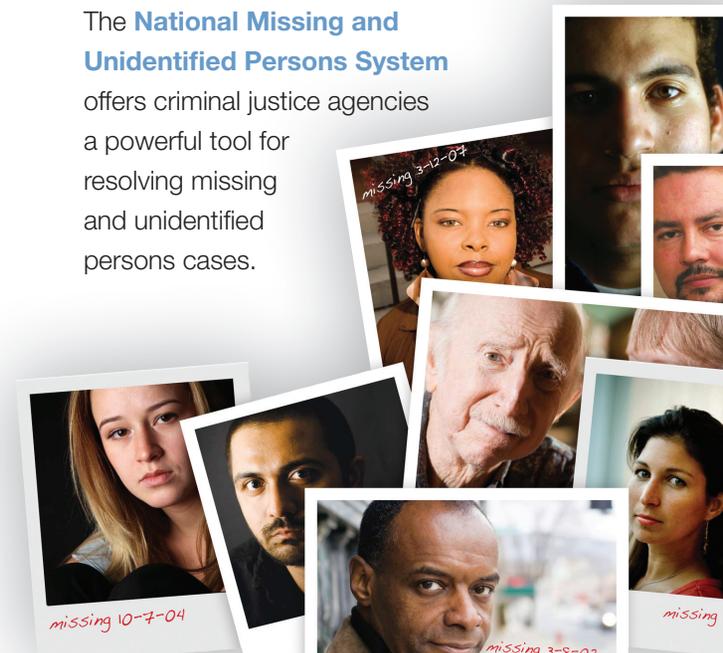
A Powerful Tool for Law Enforcement Officers,
Medical Examiners and Coroners

**Free. Secure.
Nationwide.**

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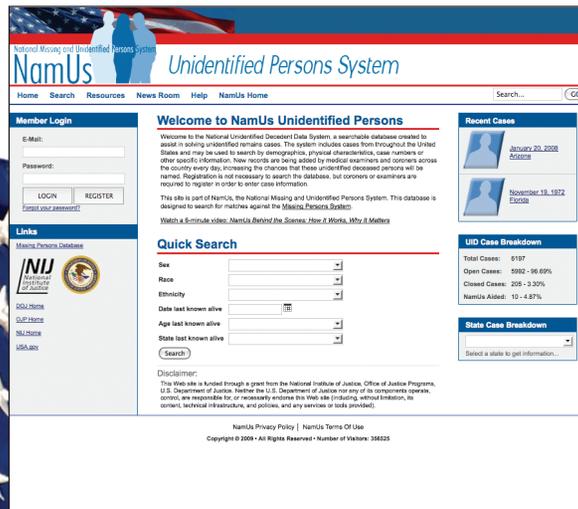
The **National Missing and Unidentified Persons System**

offers criminal justice agencies a powerful tool for resolving missing and unidentified persons cases.



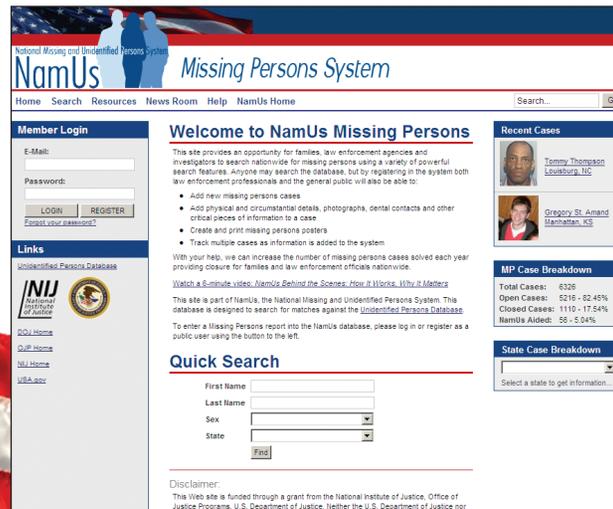
Unidentified Persons

- Records are entered and closed **only** by medical examiners, coroners or their authorized registered users.
- Searches can be performed using a wide variety of **identifiers**, including physical features, dental records, DNA, scars, tattoos, jewelry, clothing and prosthetics.
- The **NamUs** unidentified persons database is searchable by anyone, however, **sensitive case data** is restricted and can be viewed only by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officers, personnel from missing person clearinghouses and allied forensic specialists.
- Unidentified records are **automatically searched** against missing person records and potential matches are presented to investigators for further review.



Missing Persons

- **NamUs** improves the **quality and quantity** of missing persons data and simplifies reporting and management of missing persons cases.
- Records are entered by law enforcement and the general public. They are validated prior to publication and non-sensitive data is **accessible** to anyone searching the system.
- Available **resources** include links to state missing persons clearinghouses, state and federal law enforcement offices, Attorneys General offices, FBI offices and information about legislation related to missing persons in a particular state.
- The system incorporates **geo-mapping** technology to make it easy to locate law enforcement and medical examiner/coroner agencies in an area or along a particular travel route.



Training

NamUs offers a variety of resources and the system is simple to learn.

Training can be accomplished in several ways:

- **NamUs** Regional System Administrators are available to provide individualized assistance with learning the system or entering cases.
- Online user guides are available at www.findthemissing.org/documents/NamUsUserGuide.pdf (Missing Person Database) and www.identifyus.org/help/NamUsUPUserGuide.pdf (Unidentified Person Database).
- Look for **NamUs** workshops or information at professional conferences.
- **NamUs** can provide free training by request to any agency or region.

The **NamUs** team is dedicated to assisting criminal justice agencies and improving the ability to search, match and solve these cases.

DNA Resources

As part of the **NamUs** system, the Center for Human Identification at the UNT Health Science Center (www.hsc.unt.edu) coordinates with criminal justice agencies, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to identify, collect and perform DNA analyses on unidentified remains and family reference samples.

Search.

Match.

Solve.