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



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The Missing Person Problem

- On any given day in the United States, there are between 80,000 to 90,000 active missing person cases entered into NCIC.
- Almost half of these cases have a date of last contact over one year ago – "cold cases".

The Unidentified Person Problem

- For many years, the true extent of the unidentified decedent problem was unknown.
- In June 2007, the Bureau of Justice Statistics issued a report indicating that medical examiners, coroners and law enforcement agencies across the country held the remains of 13,486 unidentified decedents as of 2004.

¹ Medical Examiner and Coroners' Offices, 2004: Hickman, Hughes, Strom and Rupero-Miller.





The Unidentified Person Problem

Taking into account that many agencies had no record retention policies, and that remains of many decedents had been buried or cremated, experts estimated the actual number of unidentified decedent cases across the country to be closer to 40,000.



How NamUs Began...

- 2003: President's DNA Initiative
- 2005: "Identifying the Missing Summit"
- 2007: NamUs Unidentified Person (UP) Database created
- 2008: NamUs Missing Person (MP) Database created
- 2009 Present: NamUs continues to evolve into a robust and interactive missing/unidentified person information clearinghouse and resource center, to include analytical services, additional forensic services, technical assistance, and investigative support.

NamUs Builds Bridges Between Families, Agencies, and Resources



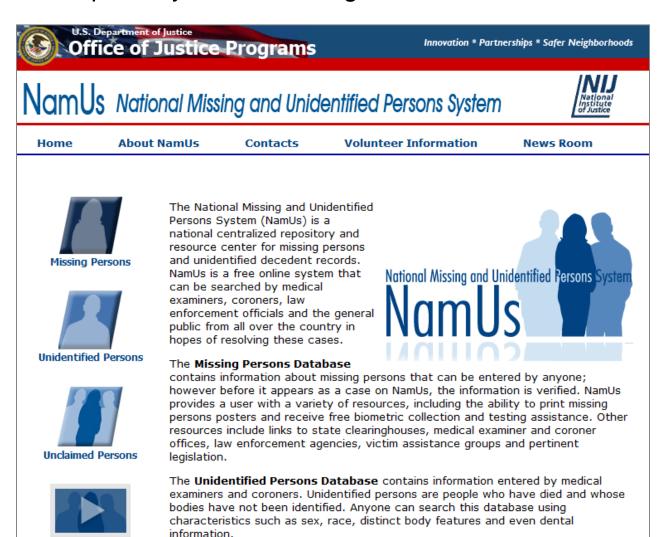


NamUs: Making a Difference



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One Central Repository for All Missing and Unidentified Case Information





Missing Persons Database

Español | English

Home Search Resources News Room Help NamUs Home

Search...

GO!

Member Login

E-Mail

Password

LOGIN REGISTER

Forgot your password?

Links

Unidentified Persons Database

UnClaimed Persons Database





DOJ Home

OJP Home

NIJ Home

USA.gov

Contact Us

Welcome to NamUs Missing Persons

This site provides an opportunity for families, law enforcement agencies and investigators to search nationwide for missing persons using a variety of powerful search features. Anyone may search the database, but by registering in the system both law enforcement professionals and the general public will also be able to:

- Add new missing persons cases
- Add physical and circumstantial details, photographs, dental contacts and other critical pieces of information to a case
- · Create and print missing persons posters
- . Track multiple cases as information is added to the system

With your help, we can increase the number of missing persons cases solved each year providing closure for families and law enforcement officials nationwide.

Watch a 6-minute video: NamUs Behind the Scenes: How It Works, Why It Matters

This site is part of NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System. This database is designed to search for matches against the <u>Unidentified Persons Database</u>.

To enter a Missing Persons report into the NamUs database, please log in or register as a public user using the button to the left.

Quick Search

First name	
Last name	
Sex	▼

Recent Cases Olivia Kean Auburn, MI Victor Elford Vancouver, WA

MP Case Breakdown

Total Cases: 18103

Open Cases: 10549 - 58.27% Closed Cases: 7554 - 41.72% NamUs Aided: 821 - 10.86%

State Case Breakdown

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Select a state to get information...

New NamUs Missing Persons User Registration

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Middle Name			Secret Question	Public User Criminal Justice Administrator	
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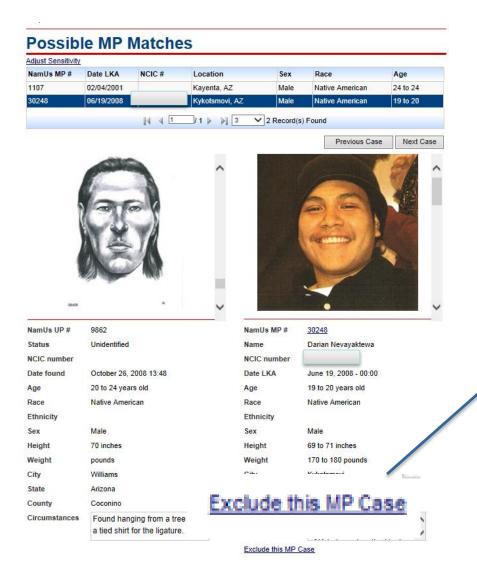


NamUs Automatic Searching





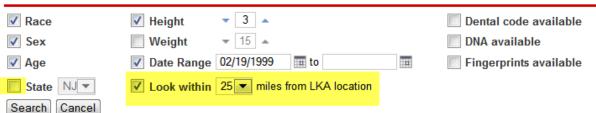
NamUs Automatic Searching



MP#	30248
First Name	Darian
Last Name	Nevayaktewa
Year of Birth	1989
State LKA	Arizona
LE Agency	
LE Case Number	
Reason	Circumstances
Description	Dental DNA Fingerprints Other
Add to Exclusion	ons Cancel



Possible UP Matches



				Race	Age
6108 02/20	/1999	Bronx, NY	Male	White	25 to 35
6024 02/25	5/2000	Queens, NY	Male	White	25 to 30
6027 03/16	5/2000	Queens, NY	Male	White	30 to 35





February 19, 1999 03:00

25 to 26 years old

24505

White

NCIC number

Date last seen

Age last seen

Race

NamUs UP # Age

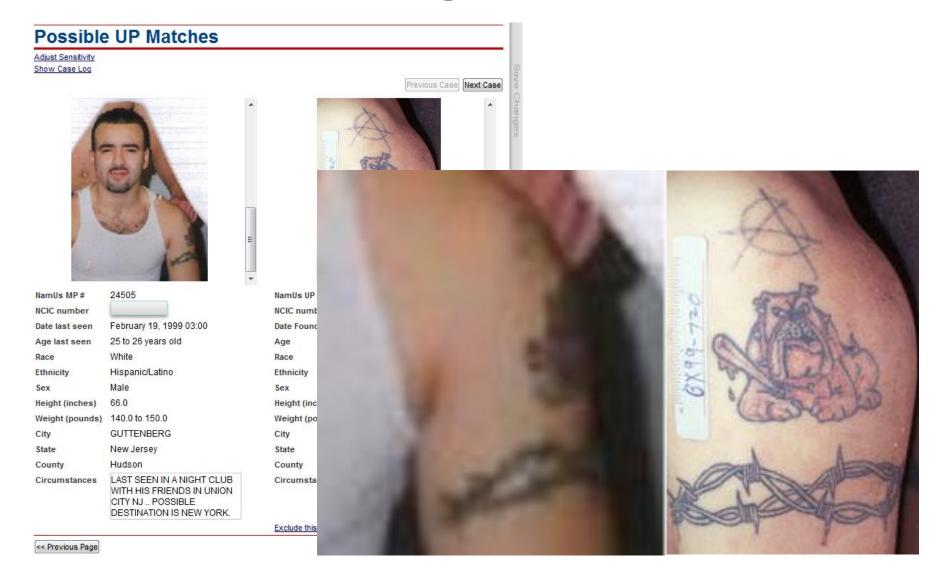
Race

<u>6108</u> NCIC number February 20, 1999 - 07:37 **Date Found** 25 to 35 years old

White



Locating Matches



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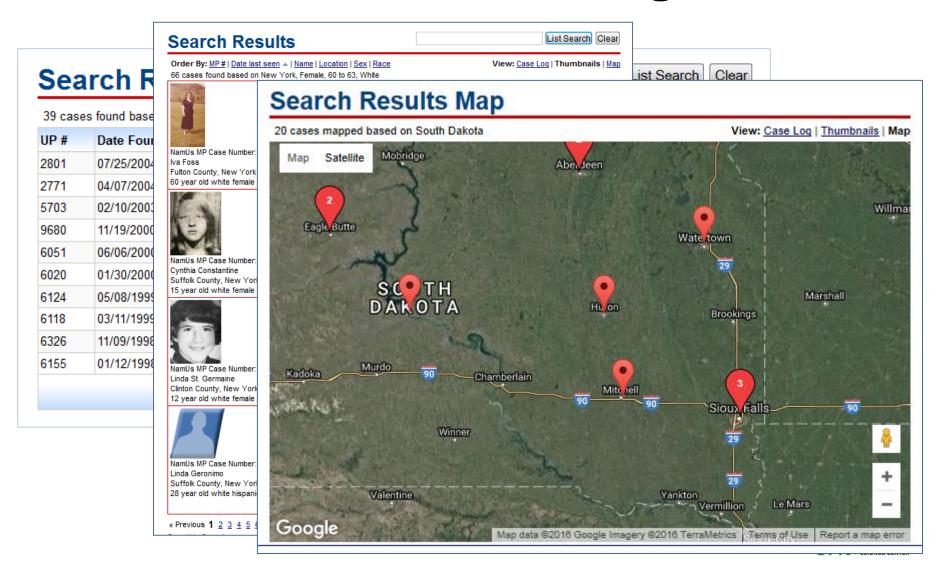




NamUs Searching

Links	Advanced Search	Deformities	
Missing Persons Database	*Case Information	Scars and marks	
NIJ (S)	Demographics (Searching for Sex, Race, Height)		
National Institute of Justice	Estimated Age Age Range	▼ Tattoos butterfly	
DOJ Home	✓ Race White	Piercings	
OJP Home	Ethnicity ▼ Sex Female ▼		
NIJ Home USA gov	■ Weight	Prosthetics	
<u>554.904</u>	Weight Type	Foreign objects	
	✓ Height 60 to 64 Height Type	Skeletal information	
	BI - All parts recovered		
	BI - Head not recovered BI - Torso not recovered	✓ Organ absent appendix	
	BI - One or more limbs not recovered	☐ Prior surgery	
	BI - One or both hands not recovered Body Condition	Medications	
	Notes on Body Parts Recovered	medications	
	Probable year of death		
	Circumstances Physical / Medical (Searching for Hair Color)	Clothing and Accessories (searching for Jewelry)	
	Distintive Body Features Available	☐ Eyewear	
	Body Hair	Clothing	
		Footwear	
		✓ Jewelry cross	
		Accessories	
		+ Transportation Methods	
		County Found	
		Cause of death	
		✓ Manner of death Suicide ▼	
		Circumstances Pending Natural	
		Non-Public Viewable Circumstances Accident	
		Identification likely only with DNA	
		comparison. Homicide Undetermined	
		+ Physical / Medical	
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NamUs Searching



Examining Racial Differences in NamUs Profile Completeness: Preliminary Results

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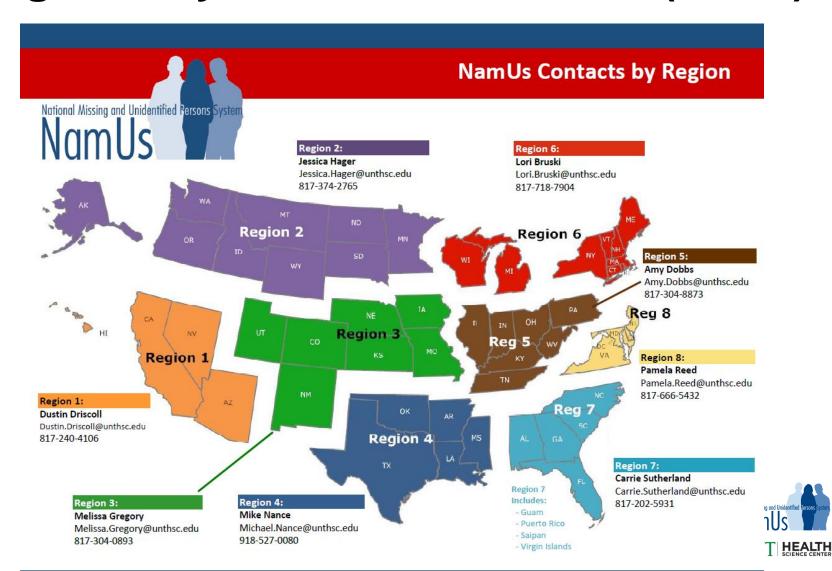
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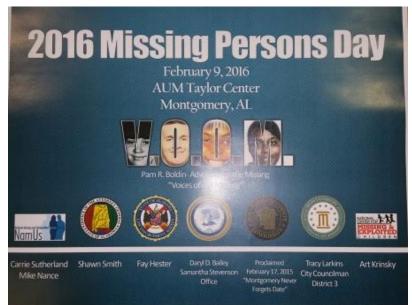
Regional System Administrators (RSAs)



Outreach and Training

- Missing Persons Days
- Law Enforcement Training
- Medical Examiner/Coroner Training







Free Forensic Services

- Fingerprint Examination
- Forensic Odontology
- Nuclear and Mitochondrial DNA Analyses
- Forensic Anthropology

All NamUs forensic subject matter experts perform comparisons and issue association reports to facilitate positive identifications.

Fingerprint Services

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



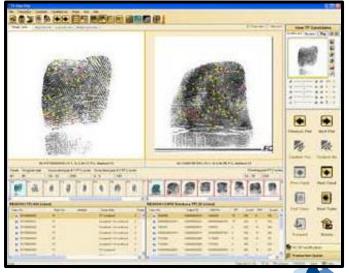
1992 Missing Person Case Resolved with Cold Fingerprint Hit





Cogent AFIS (CAFIS)

- The Cogent Automated Fingerprint and Palmprint Identification System (CAFIS) allows us to:
 - Digitize and enhance fingerprint images
 - Define fingerprint characteristics for searching
 - Search missing and unidentified person fingerprints against one another





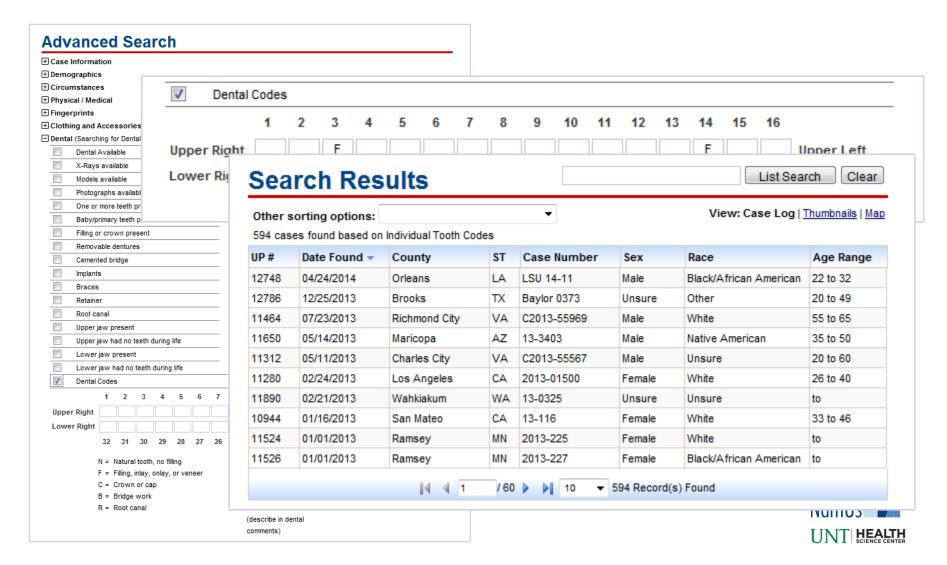
Forensic Odontology

- Locating/acquiring dental records
- Coding dentals for NCIC and NamUs entry
- Performing dental comparisons between missing and unidentified persons

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Dental information / charting is av	ailable and will be entered late	er (Explain below)
Oental information / charting is be	elow	
▼ X-Rays available	Models available	Photographs available
Baby/primary teeth present	☐ Implants	Upper jaw has no teeth
Filling or crown present	■ Braces	Lower jaw has no teeth
Removable dentures	Retainer	
Bridge work	Root canal	
1 2 3 4 5	N N N N N N	11 12 13 14 15 16 N A N N N A Upper Left N N A N N A Lower Left 22 21 20 19 18 17
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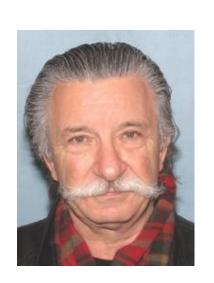


Searching Dental Codes



Odontology Search Resolves Case

- Missing person was last seen in OH in September 2011 – case entered into NamUs October 2011 and dental information coded into the database.
- In March 2012, an unidentified body was found in WV.
- Noticing unique dental features as he was coding the unidentified's dentition, the NamUs odontologist searched and located matching dentition in the missing person record, making a positive identification.



Forensic Anthropology





Forensic Services: DNA

With funding by the National Institute of Justice, the UNT Center for Human Identification provides STR, Y-STR and mitochondrial analyses for missing and unidentified person cases at no cost to families or investigating agencies.

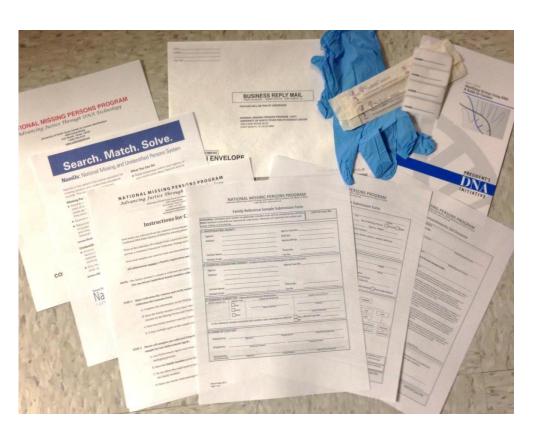
All eligible profiles are uploaded to the National DNA Index System.



Family Reference Collection Kits

- Chain of custody form
- Consent form
- Donor Relationship
- Fax-Back form
- Latex gloves
- Buccal swab collectors
- Return envelope

These materials ensure proper documentation, collection, and chain of custody on each collected sample

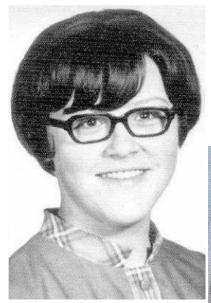




Pamela Jackson and Cheryl Miller

17-year-old Pamela and Cheryl were last seen in Vermillion, SD in May 1971, driving a 1960 Studebaker.

In September 2013, drought conditions caused water levels to drop in Brule Creek, near Elk Point, SD.







Pamela Jackson and Cheryl Miller

The drought revealed the undercarriage of a vehicle subsequently identified as the same Studebaker driven by Cheryl Miller on the date of hers and Pamela's disappearance.



This circumstantial evidence,

combined with mitochondrial DNA analyses at the UNT Center for Human Identification, allowed South Dakota investigators to positively identify Cheryl and Pamela, bringing answers to their families after more than 40 years.

NamUs Analytical Services

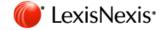
- Searches for missing persons
- Locating next of kin for death notifications
- Locating additional family members for DNA collections

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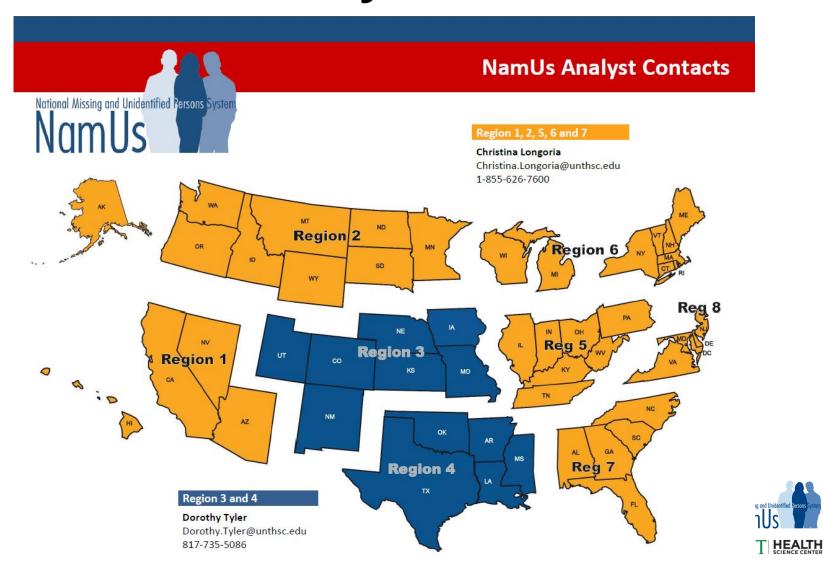








NamUs Analytical Services



Analytical Searches Locate 1962 Missing Person Case

- Woman reported missing to NamUs by one of her three children
- She was 24 years old when she was last seen alive in November 1962
- Analytical searches located a possible match approximately 400 miles from her last known location
- NamUs RSA coordinated with law enforcement to conduct a welfare check at the address
- Missing woman confirmed to be alive less than 48 hours after report to NamUs

NamUs Overcomes Common Impediments to Resolving Cases

- Family has not yet filed a missing person report
- Law enforcement declines to take a report
- Closure of case due to lack of validation, emancipation of juvenile, etc.



Lack of Missing Person Report

- On May 22, 1980, an unidentified deceased female was located in Hall County, Georgia.
- She was thought to be a Native American female between the ages of 18 and 24.



 Most unique, the female had an artificial right eye and numerous healed injuries to her skull.

Lack of Missing Person Report

- In July 2010, a family member of Juanita Adams reported that she believed the decedent to be Juanita.
- Juanita left the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota around 1977 or 1978, at the age of 19.



- She left for California but later told family she decided to go to Tennessee, and was never seen again.
- Most unique was that Juanita had an artificial right eye and multiple healed injuries from a prior automobile accident.

Lack of Missing Person Report

DNA testing was expedited at the UNT Center for Human Identification, allowing investigators to make a rapid positive identification of Juanita Adams following the family tip.



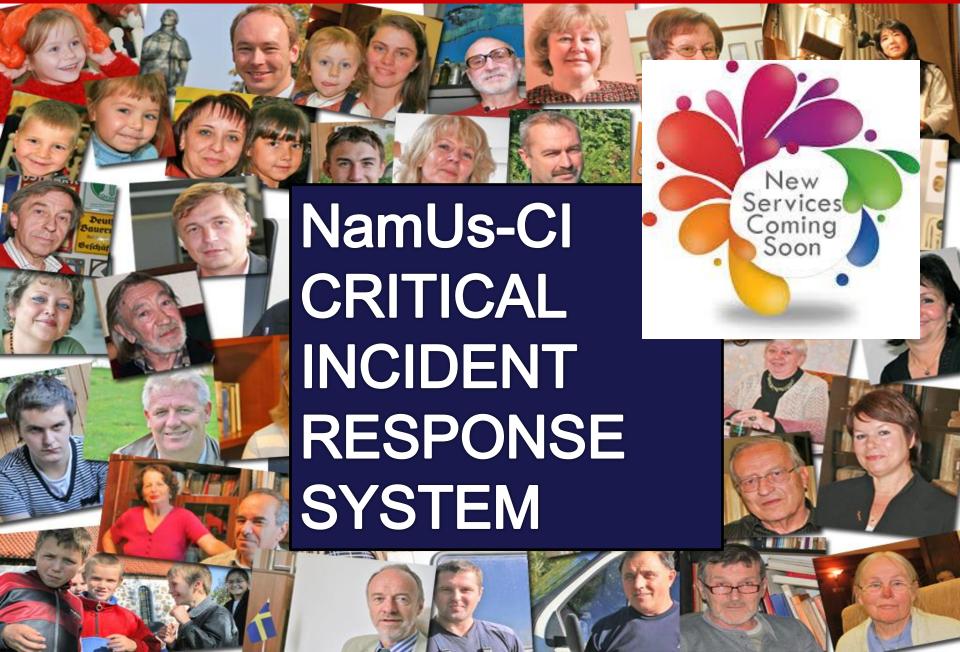


Coming in 2017

- NamUs 2.0
 - Easier to register and use
 - More robust searching
 - Enhanced case management tools
 - Increased information sharing and communication
 - Overall enhanced user experience







HAVE YOU SEEN MY PERSON...VICTIM ACCOUNTING



Register for NamUs

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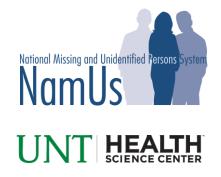


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