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The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is more than just a database; its resources and services are force multipliers that assist law enforcement agencies and medical examiner/coroner offices in the resolution of missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases.

The NamUs Analytical and Case Support Division provides expanded investigative resources on cases reported to NamUs. Utilizing multiple criminal justice and nongovernmental databases and advanced search techniques, the NamUs analytical team mines relevant information, locates individuals, and vets leads that can be of critical assistance to ongoing investigations.





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Analytical reports
created for criminal
justice agencies
in 2019

NamUs analytical services
are available only to criminal
justice professionals for
missing, unidentified or
unclaimed person cases in
the NamUs system.



Investigative Support Provided

NamUs analysts assist criminal justice agencies using advanced search tools and techniques to locate:

- **Indication of life or death for persons reported missing to NamUs**

More than 75 percent of the missing persons cases reported to NamUs have been resolved with the person located alive. NamUs analysts perform detailed searches and analysis of potential activity after the date a person went missing. Activity such as the establishment of new utility accounts or legal actions can provide valuable leads to resolve cases.

- **Information to facilitate familial DNA sample collections**

DNA samples for missing persons are not always readily available, especially in long-term cases. By locating family members of the missing, DNA samples can be collected, profiled, and proactively compared with unidentified persons, expediting case resolutions.

- **Information regarding next of kin (NOK) for death notifications**

This resource becomes necessary not only when remains of missing persons are identified, which can sometimes occur years after family members have lost touch with law enforcement, but also to locate next of kin for unclaimed remains reported to NamUs by medical examiners' or coroners' offices across the country. In some cases, the NamUs Victim Services Division may also assist with returning the deceased to his or her family.
- **Information to assist in vetting tips and leads for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases**

Investigators' time and resources are often stretched to the limit. At the request of investigating agencies, NamUs analysts can assist with researching and assessing the many tips and leads received on cases reported to NamUs, giving agencies more time to focus on other investigative efforts.
- **Potential matches to existing missing and unidentified person cases**

One of the great strengths of the NamUs database is that it provides real-time potential matches between missing and unidentified person cases. It also allows users to perform advanced searching of physical descriptors and distinctive features such as scars, marks, and tattoos. NamUs analysts can perform regular searches on cases, ensuring that as new cases are reported or additional details are entered into NamUs, they are actively compared against existing missing and unidentified cases in the system.
- **Searches for suspects, persons of interest, and associates**

NamUs analytical resources are also used to locate the last known location or indications of life for suspects, persons of interest, or associates of missing persons whose whereabouts are unknown to law enforcement.



How do I submit a request for NamUs analytical services?

1. Requests are accepted from law enforcement agencies and medical examiner/coroners' offices with a missing, unidentified, or unclaimed person case in the NamUs system. If your case has not yet been entered, visit **www.NamUs.gov** to make an entry and obtain a NamUs case number.
 2. Once entered, contact your Regional Program Specialist (RPS) to submit a request for analytical services. Your RPS can be located under "Contacts" in your NamUs case file.
 3. As a law enforcement, medical examiner, or coroner professional, if you have a request related to a case that may not qualify for NamUs entry, please contact your RPS for further discussion.
 4. Once your request is processed and completed, a full analytical report with supporting documentation will be provided to you via secure email.
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Questions?

Contact the NamUs Analytical and Case Support Division

Toll-Free at **1-855-626-7600**

Email at **NamUsAnalysts@unthsc.edu**

About NamUs

The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a program of the National Institute of Justice, managed through a cooperative agreement with the UNT Health Science Center (UNTHSC). Operated within the UNT Center for Human Identification at UNTHSC, NamUs brings people, information, forensic science and technology together to resolve missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases throughout the United States. For more information, visit **www.NamUs.gov**.



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