



# American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators, Inc.

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David Hagy, Ph.D.  
Acting Principal Deputy Director  
National Institute of Justice  
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Dear Dr. Hagy,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the National Institute of Justice for its leadership and forward thinking in the creation of NamUs.gov. Having a NATIONAL SYSTEM linking unidentified decedents and missing persons will save thousands of investigative hours. Death investigators for many years have struggled to get local police agencies interested in assisting death investigators to input data in the current NCIC system. The added benefit is to the many families that are trying to locate their loved ones and this technology will give those families direct input of data on their missing family member.

The application of internet technology to solve this national problem is long overdue and welcomed by the over 1,200 investigators certified by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI). We applaud your efforts and leadership.

Sincerely,

Roberta Geiselhart, R.N., President  
American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators