

NamUs Overview and Missing Person Case Entry Demonstration



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Webinar Goals

This webinar will prepare you to:

- Explain how NamUs supports missing person case resolutions with **free** technology, forensic services, and investigative support
- Register and activate your new NamUs account
- Search for missing persons prior to entry, to avoid duplicate entries
- Make new missing person entries into NamUs
- Report additional information on a person already entered into NamUs



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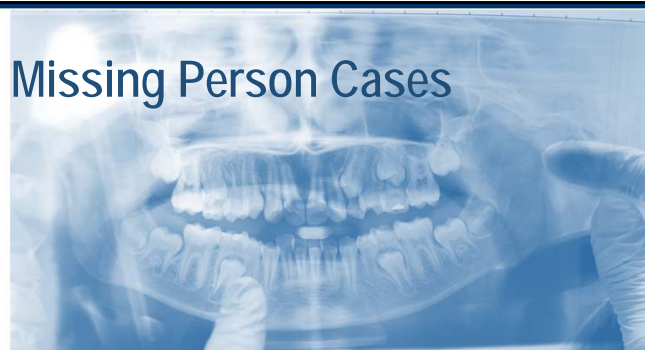
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Forensic Services Offered for Missing Person Cases

- Forensic Odontology
- Fingerprint Examination
- DNA analysis



Technology: NamUs.gov

The NamUs database creates a central repository for all missing and unidentified person case information.

The screenshot shows the NamUs.gov interface. At the top, there's a header with 'Case Status: Published' and 'Race / Ethnicity: American Indian / Alas...'. Below that, a 'Sort by' dropdown is set to 'Last Name', and there are 'ASCENDING' and 'DESCENDING' buttons. The main content is a list of missing persons, each with a small profile picture, name, gender, and ethnicity, along with their date of last contact, where they were last seen, their missing age, and the date the case was last modified.

Name	Gender	Ethnicity	Date of Last Contact	Missing From	Missing Age	Date Modified
Kirby Abelta	Male	American Indian / Alaska Native	October 10, 1999	Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM	43 Years	April 17, 2019
Vincent Adamczak	Male	American Indian / Alaska Native	August 13, 1995	Wellston, MI	41 Years	April 24, 2019
Albert Agathluk	Male	American Indian / Alaska Native	November 16, 2006	Emmonak, AK	36 Years	May 09, 2018
Mark Aguilar	Male	American Indian / Alaska Native	October 01, 2016	Santa Fe, NM	51 Years	March 06, 2019
Evelyn Aguilar	Female	Hispanic / Latino	July 25, 2016	Wilmington, CA	16 Years	November 14, 2017
Kalyn Aiken	Female	American Indian / Alaska Native				

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



A NATIONWIDE DATA CRISIS: MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN & GIRLS

#NotInvisible: Missing and murdered Native American women

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At the end of 2017, Native Americans and Alaska Natives made up 1.8 percent of ongoing missing cases in the FBI's National Crime Information Center database, even though they represent 0.8 percent of the U.S. population.

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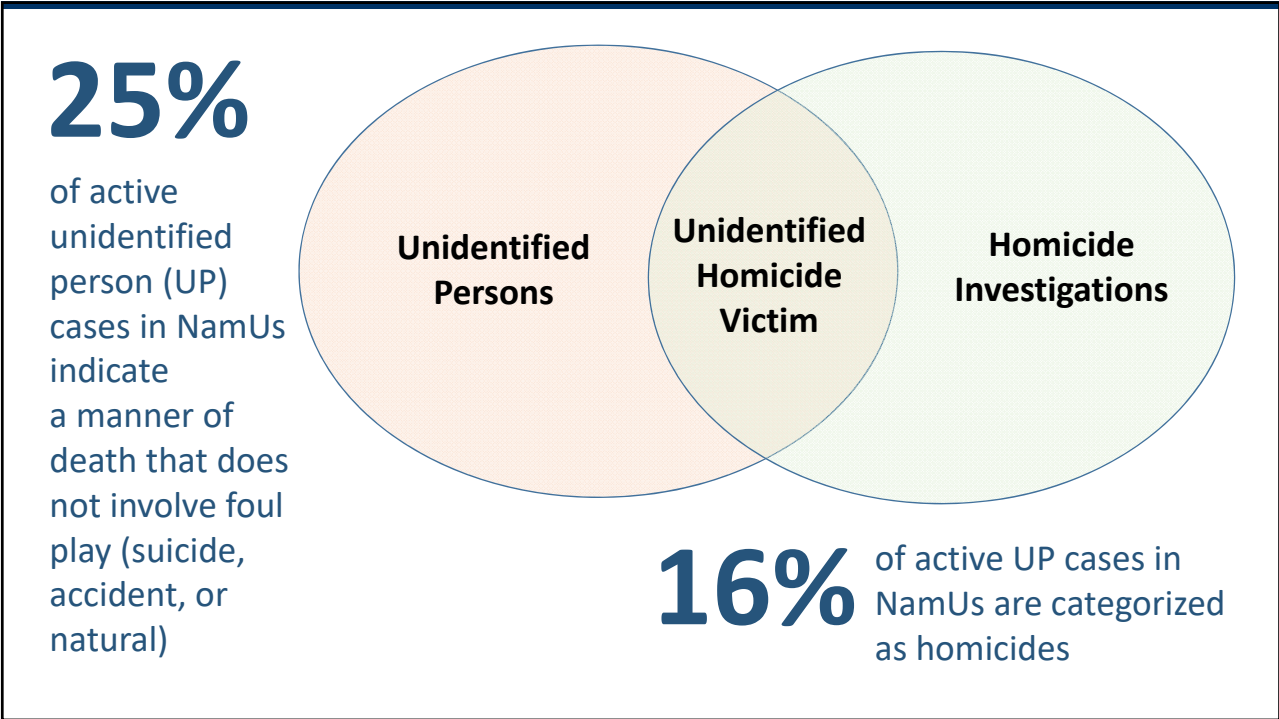
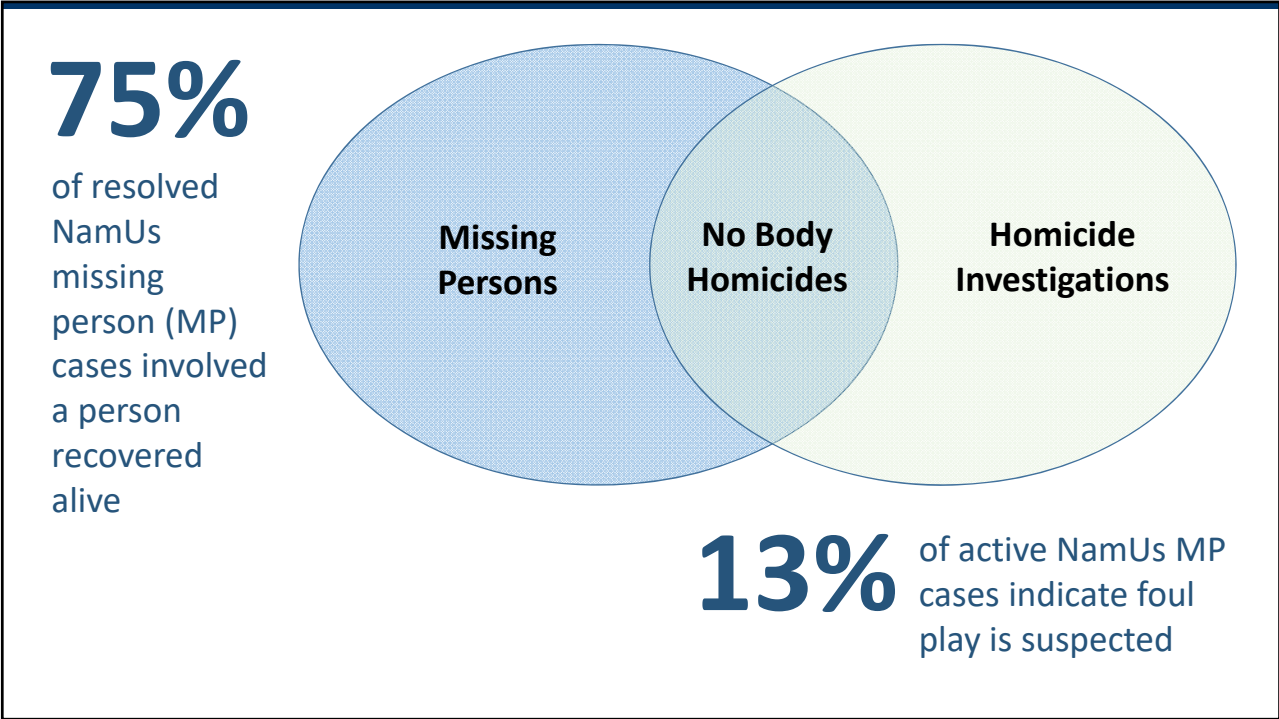
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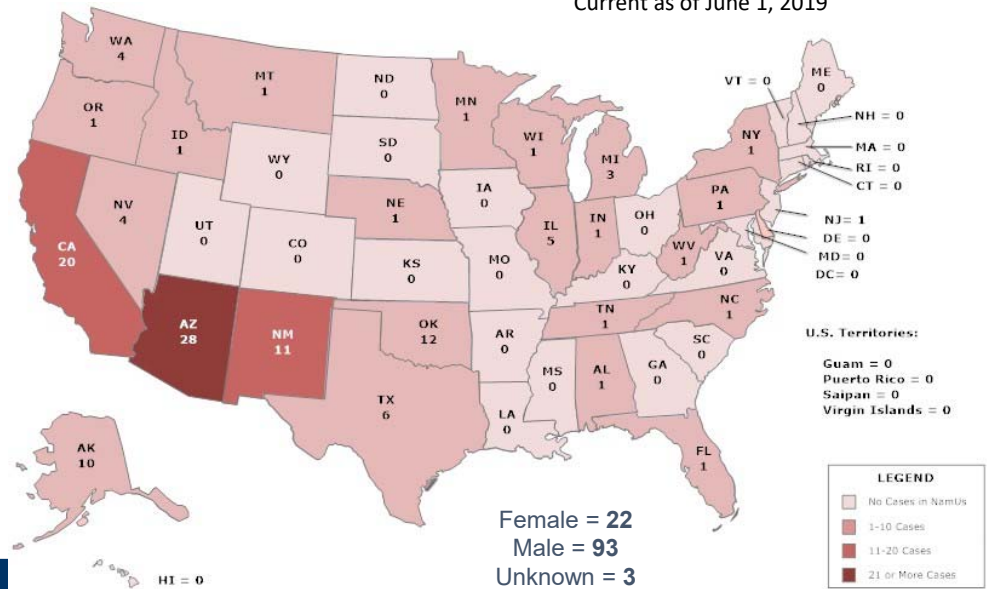
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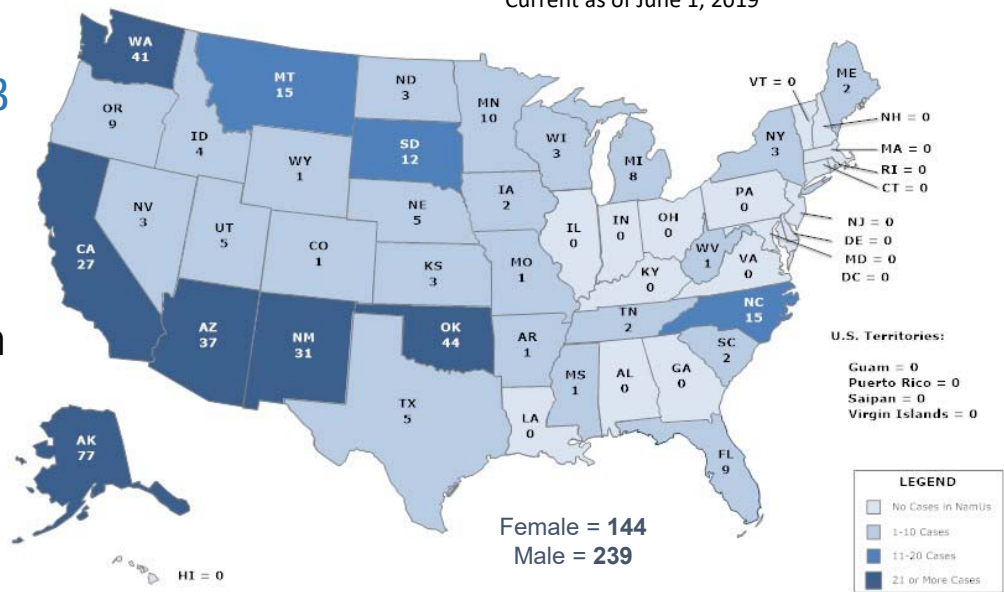
There are currently **118** Native Americans found in **25** states entered into NamUs as unidentified decedents



American Indian/Alaska Native Missing Person Statistics

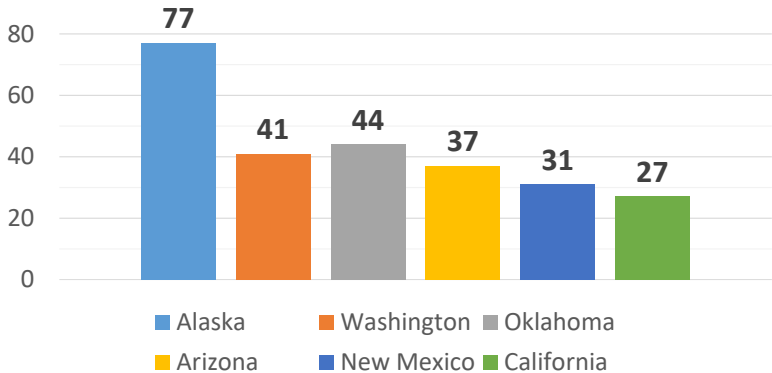
Current as of June 1, 2019

There are currently **383** American Indian/Alaska Natives missing from **32** states entered into NamUs



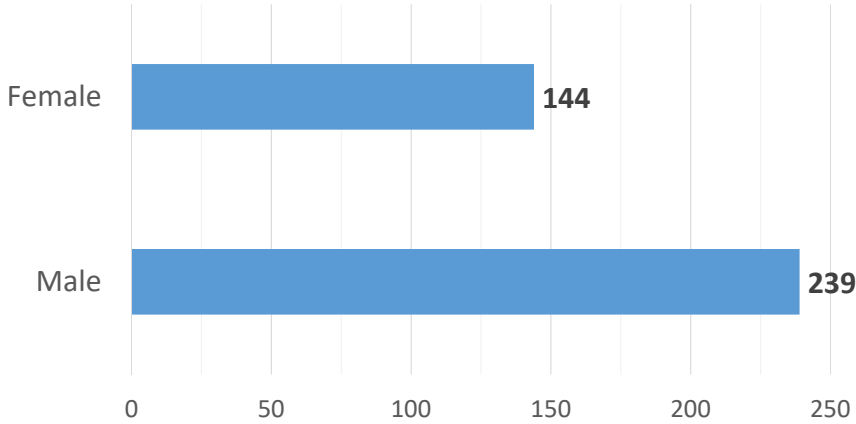
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States with the Highest Number of Published AI/AN Cases, with Case Counts



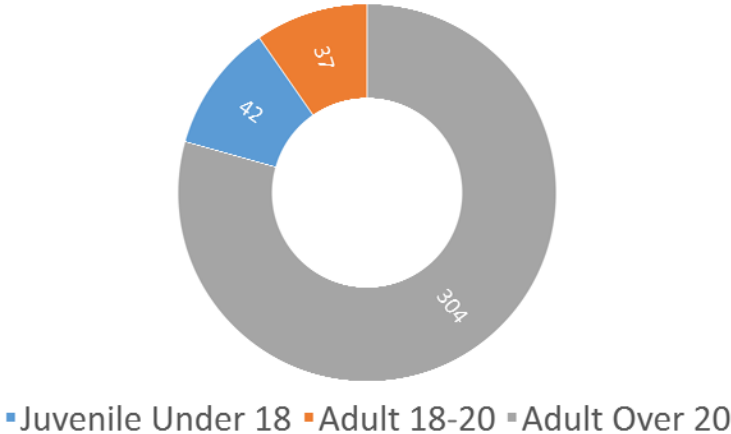
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Cases by Sex of Missing Person



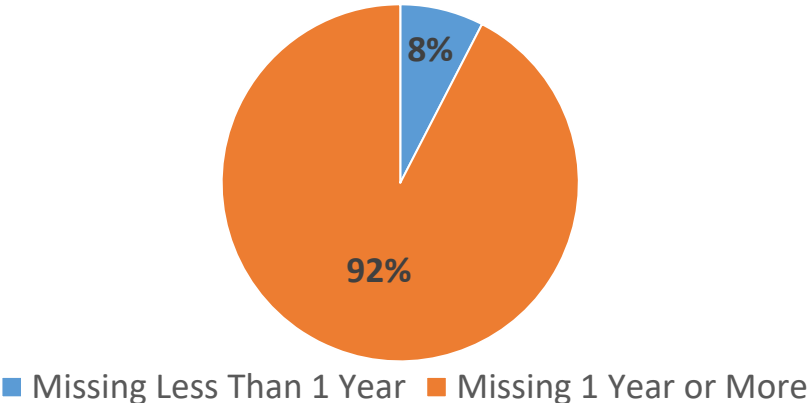
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Cases by Age Group of Missing Person



American Indian/Alaska Native Missing Person Statistics

Cases by Length of Disappearance



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Free. Secure. Nationwide.

Family members of missing persons are empowered with tools to search and enter their missing loved one into NamUs.

Register Explore NamUs

To register, public users need only provide basic information, including contact information so that NamUs staff can respond to case entries.

NamUs Registration

User Registration

Select your user type:

Public User

Professional User

Registering as a Professional User will require criminal justice agency approval

Public User include family members of missing persons, victim advocates, media representatives, and other members of the general public who are registered users of the NamUs system. Registering as a Public User allows one access to enter new missing person cases or contribute relevant information to NamUs staff, which will be vetted with the investigating agency prior to publication in the system, as well as provides the user with permission to view and search non-sensitive information in NamUs.

Professional User include law enforcement officers, medical examiners, coroners, missing person clearinghouse personnel, and other allied professionals. Professional User registration requires sponsorship from a criminal justice agency, and once vetted, the user will be granted heightened permissions within the NamUs system, as appropriate; to access secure information, manage agency cases, and network with other criminal justice professionals.

[Begin Registration](#)

Step-by-step registration wizard

NamUs Registration

The screenshot shows the 'Account Information' step of the registration process. A progress bar at the top indicates that 'Welcome' is complete, 'Account Information' is the current step, and 'Contact Information' and 'Privacy Policy and Terms' are yet to be completed. The form includes fields for 'Login email' (janesmith@gmail.com) and 'Confirm email' (janesmith@gmail.com), with a note that account verification will be sent to this email. There are also fields for 'Password' and 'Confirm password', with a note that the password must be at least 12 characters and contain at least three of the following character sets: upper-case, lower-case, numeric, or special characters. A 'Security question' dropdown is set to 'City you were born in' with 'Fort Worth' entered as the answer. The 'How did you learn about NamUs?' dropdown is set to 'NamUs Presentation/Training Event'. 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons are at the bottom.

Step-by-step registration wizard

NamUs Registration

The screenshot shows the 'Contact Information' step of the registration process. The progress bar now shows 'Welcome' and 'Account Information' as completed steps, with 'Contact Information' as the current step. The form includes fields for 'First Name' (Jane), 'Middle Name' (Test User), and 'Last Name' (Smith). The 'Contact Email' field contains 'NamUsDemo@gmail.com' and is checked as 'Contact email same as login email'. There are fields for 'Address' (123 Main Street) and 'Address 2' (Optional). The 'City' is 'Fort Worth', 'State' is 'Texas', 'County' is 'Tarrant County', and 'ZIP Code' is '76107'. There are also fields for 'Primary Phone' (855-626-7600) and 'Secondary Phone' (Optional), each with an 'Ext' field (Optional) and a 'Primary Phone Type' or 'Secondary Phone Type' dropdown menu. 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons are at the bottom.

Step-by-step registration wizard

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Accept the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use

The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a central repository for information related to missing, unidentified, and unclaimed persons throughout the United States. NamUs is a free online system that can be searched by criminal justice agencies and members of the general public in hopes of resolving their cases.

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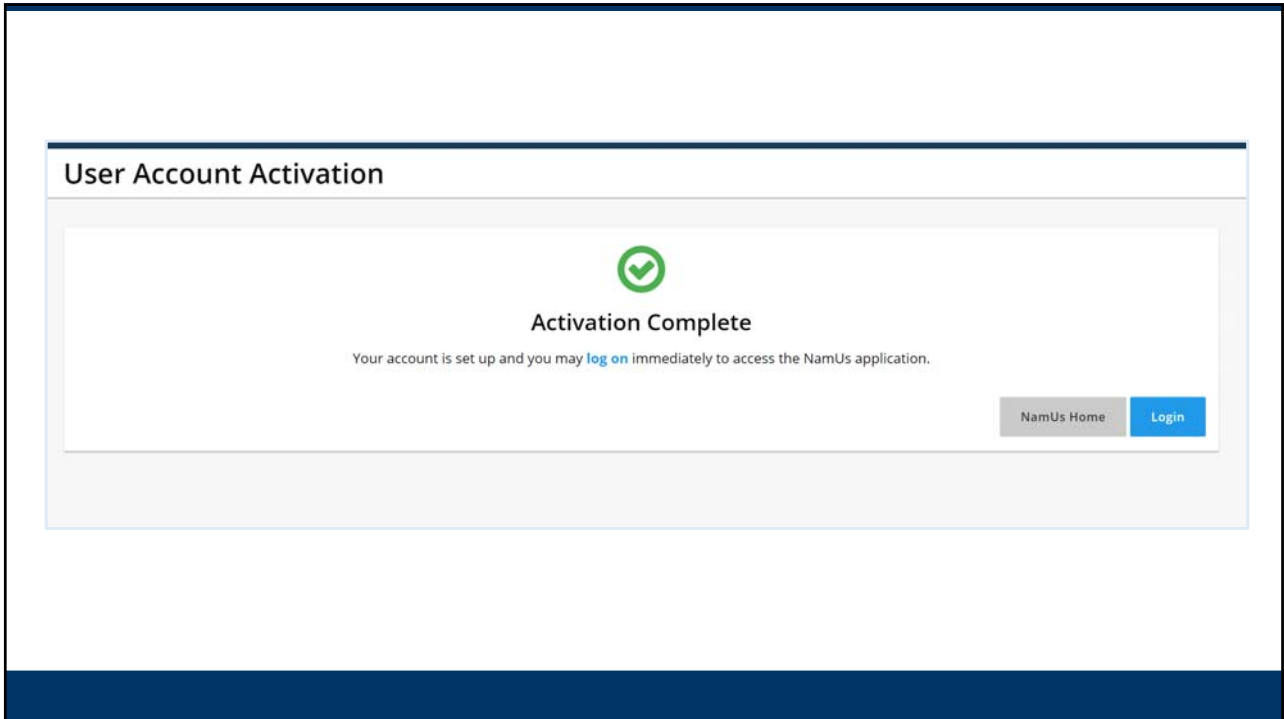
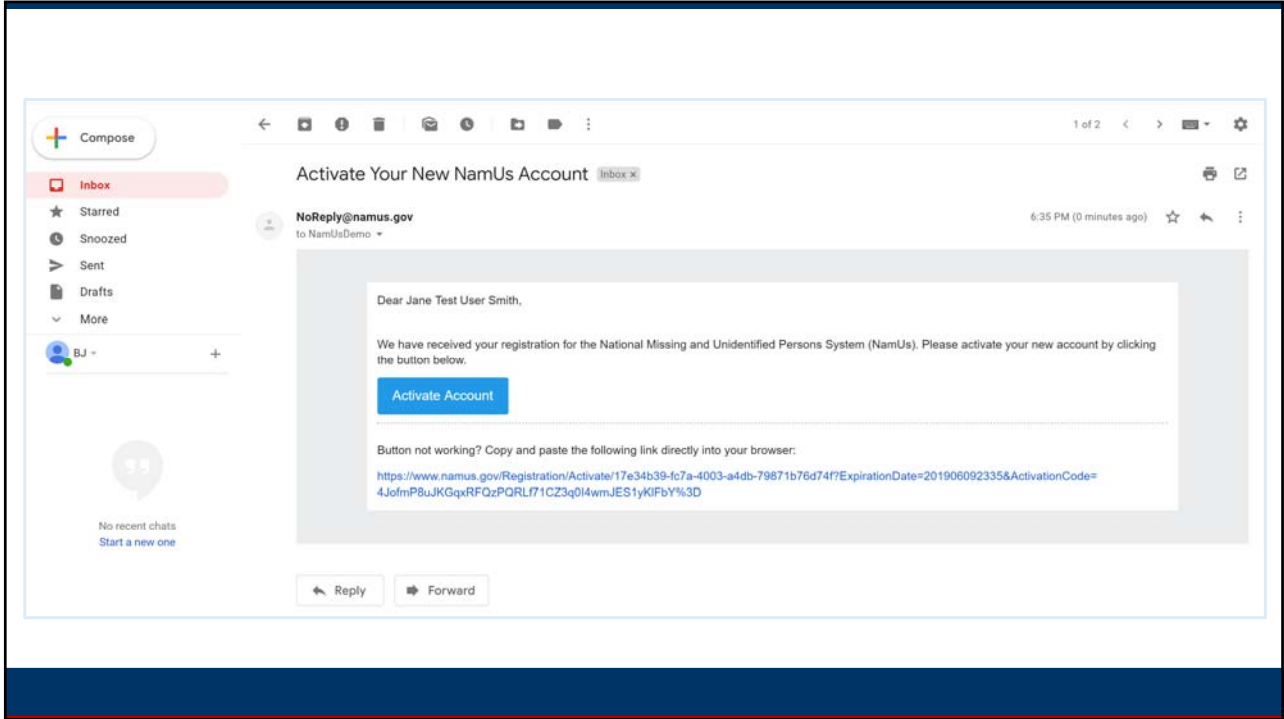
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Registration Complete

You will receive an email to activate your account.

If you do not receive this email in the next 15 minutes, please check your spam/junk email folder. If you require additional assistance completing your registration, please contact NamUs at (855) 626-7600.

NamUs Home



Central Dashboard for all Account and Case Tools

The screenshot displays the NamUs user interface for Jane Smith. At the top, there are navigation links for 'MISSING PERSONS', 'UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS', and 'UNCLAIMED PERSONS'. The main header area includes 'My Dashboard' and a '+ Missing Case' button, which is highlighted by a blue arrow. Below the header, there are three tabs: 'MISSING', 'UNIDENTIFIED', and 'UNCLAIMED'. The 'MY CASES' section shows '0 Entered' and '0 Tracked Cases'. A 'Quick Search' form is located on the left, with fields for 'NamUs Number', 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'State', and 'Country'. The search results area currently displays 'No Cases'.

System Demonstration: Searching and Case Entry

The image shows a hand typing on a laptop keyboard. In the background, there is a data table with columns for 'State', 'Gender', and 'Race / Ethnicity'. The table contains several rows of data, including entries for San Francisco, New York, Miami, Richmond, Burlington, Newark, Baltimore, and others. Overlaid on the image is the text: 'The NamUs Mission: By bringing people, information, forensic science and technology together, NamUs helps resolve missing and unidentified person cases throughout the United States.'



Register for NamUs at:

www.NamUs.gov

Or to report a case to NamUs by
telephone, call:

1-855-626-7600