

The Missing Voice

Motivation - Inspiration - Direction



As of June 1, 2005 there were approximately 47,828 active missing adult cases listed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The National Center for Missing Adults (NCMA) operates as a national repository of missing and unidentified person cases with the primary function of collecting and disseminating vital information through information sharing with all levels of law enforcement, medical examiners and coroners nationwide. For more information please visit www.missingadults.org.

DNA and Missing/Unidentified Persons

The National Center for Missing Adults (NCMA) consider you, the families and friends of missing persons in every task that we perform, hoping to diminish the trauma of your circumstances by doing everything within our capabilities to locate and identify your missing loved ones.

Not only does NCMA register your missing loved ones with our agency; place their profile on our website, provide posters and other resources, we also support law enforcement in their investigation of missing and unidentified persons. This is achieved through cooperative efforts of distribution of information to generate leads, advocacy provided to the families and training programs focused specifically on the investigations of missing adult cases. NCMA's cooperation with law enforcement is not limited to local agencies, but extends to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and even international law enforcement agencies.

Historically, one of the greatest challenges law enforcement has faced in missing person and homicide investigations is the identification of located remains. An investigation can not move forward without knowing the identity of the victim. Until the use of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) forensic identification of human remains was tedious; if it occurred at all.

Webster's dictionary defines DNA as "a double stranded nucleic acid molecule ... that is the main constituent of the chromosome and that carries the genes ... as segments of cells", and defines the gene as the "basic physical unit of heredity".

What this means to you is that every human body is composed of cells, each one containing a blueprint of your family history. Every person on the earth has a specific DNA pattern, unique only to that person (except for identical twins who share the exact same DNA pattern). This blueprint or DNA is similar to your family members DNA, thus being the key to unlocking the mystery of the identity of human remains. This breakthrough

in forensic investigation can now be used to make positive identification with as close to 99% accuracy.

As of June 1, 2005 there were 47,828 active missing person cases in the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Crime Information Center (NCIC). This number reflects recent missing person reports as well as reports dating back twenty years. Recent information indicates over 30,000 of these cases have been listed in NCIC over for one year. Included in this June 1, 2005 report were approximately 5, 889 active cases of unidentified remains. However experts estimate descriptive information of as many as 40,000 unidentified decedents has not yet been entered into NCIC. This can be attributed to the lack of mandatory reporting requirements.

Kym Pasqualini, CEO of the National Center for Missing Adults (NCMA) became actively involved in advocating for more efficient use identification through use of DNA when she was appointed to the advisory board for the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA). The goal of the group was to assess the scope of the problem of missing persons and unidentified remains and make specific recommendations regarding legislation that mandates law enforcement agencies to take a missing person report for adults and enter the missing person's information into the FBI's National Crime Information Center.

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DNA AND MISSING ADULTS - continued

In November 2004 the United States Department of Justice awarded more than 1.9 million to the University of North Texas Health and Science Center (UNTHSC). UNTHSC personnel are now working with medical examiners, coroners, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the **National Center for Missing Adults**, and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States to collect family reference samples and identify unidentified human remains. Once analysis is completed, the DNA profiles will be uploaded into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System.

This project establishes a link with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) to provide a national database of available DNA results for the identification of unidentified human remains.

Because of the advanced technology that had already been implemented at UNTHSC, the skills of the forensic geneticists on staff, UNTHSC at Fort Worth made the designation for the federal award an easy task.

The forensic division of the DNA Identity Laboratory is certified by the National Forensic Science Technology Center and complies with the guidelines set forth by the DNA Advisory Board, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, the National Forensic Science Technology Center and the Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods.

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Directed by United States Senate Bill 651, the activities at UNTHSC are governed by specific procedures that include:

"The database may contain only DNA genetic markers that are commonly recognized as appropriate for human identification; results of the forensic DNA analysis must be compatible with the CODIS DNA database; the center must make the results available for inclusion in that database; samples compared must only be taken from unidentified human remains and compared with DNA samples obtained from personal articles belonging to high-risk missing persons and/or compared to DNA reference samples obtained from parents (or family members) of high-risk missing persons, (high risk being defined as a person missing as a result of an abduction by a stranger or under suspicious or unknown circumstances or a missing person determined by law enforcement to be in danger or deceased)."

Specific standards are required to insure the integrity of the collection and forensic comparisons to include qualifications of personnel, record keeping, collection procedures, storage and destruction of samples after comparison.

What this means to families of missing persons is that there is now a national system for identifying remains available to you by simply providing DNA samples to your local law enforcement agency, which will submit the samples to the UNTHSC for evaluation and comparison. For additional information please visit the NCMA website at www.missingadults.org or www.dna.gov.

DNA IDENTIFICATION

According to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) the research development and evaluation agency of the U. S. Department of Justice, the process of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) testing and identification is divided into two categories: nuclear DNA and mitochondrial DNA. Both kinds of DNA can be used for identification.

The following is based upon information contained in the publication "Identifying Victims Using DNA: A Guide for Families": nuclear DNA is passed down through both biological parents whereas mitochondrial DNA through the mother only. Nuclear DNA is usually the most powerful source, allowing for up to 99% accuracy in identification.

Nuclear DNA comes from the cell nucleus, half from the mother and half from the father. Each person's nuclear DNA is different except for identical twins who share the same nuclear DNA characteristics. The most useful nuclear DNA samples are obtained from close blood relatives such as the victim's biological mother, father, children, brothers and sisters.

Mitochondrial DNA is located in the cell cytoplasm, carrying the imprint of the mother's DNA only. Mitochondrial DNA is not as powerful in identification because in some instances two unrelated people may have similar mitochondrial DNA.

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KYM'S CORNER

Kym Pasqualini—CEO

Suffering the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences in life. Loss comes in many forms: you may lose a loved one in an injurious accident; suicide; homicide; illness or psychological withdrawal/disappearance (meaning not only that a person can be lost to the disease, but that you have had to come to the realization that close contact with a loved one is detrimental to your well-being and you must sever communication and contact with that person). All loss involves a myriad of emotions that one must learn to manage. One commonality to the above conditions is the ability to grieve, when developed gives you the ability to move forward with your life.

When a loved one is missing there is no sense of conclusion which leaves you to suffer with the ambiguity of the situation. This is also common to those of you whose loved one may be suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or severe mental illness. Due to the uncertainty factor, unresolved and ambiguous loss can cause extreme physical, emotional and psychological stress that can affect your other interpersonal relationships. It can create a feeling of being frozen in time.

In my years of working in the field of missing persons I have witnessed the deterioration of once very strong family structures that resulted in family break-ups and divorce. Most recently this subject has become a focus of related research.

For those living in these circumstances it is important to realize that each individual deals with their emotions in vastly different ways. An individual may sink into depression and suffer anxiety, illness and even Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) while another may focus solely on the missing person and their efforts to recover them—at times to the detriment of their close relationships with their spouse, siblings or children.

There is no right or wrong way to deal with the array of feelings that emerge. The important thing in dealing appropriately with our own needs and the needs of our loved ones is to honor our unique differences. At the recent funeral of my grandmother many cried uncontrollably while others never shed a tear. I heard one family member question why my uncle never cried, quite possibly assuming he was not "feeling" the loss.

It became clear to me that we have a tendency to have expectations of others to react and express emotions similarly to our own, often failing to recognize that we all react differently to the pain and losses we experience in our lives.

Whether we are internalizing our pain or reaching out for the support of others it is vital to the health of our relationships to respect our loved one's uniqueness and let them know we support them, and to be aware of and heal our own grief associated to the loss.

MAY MISSING DATES

David S. Abramovitz	May 03, 2001
Sandra K. Baker	May 25, 2000
Michelle J. Barnett	May 30, 1994
Tyeshia P. Bell	May 10, 2003
Pamela J. Bojanich	May 16, 2000
Vivian I. Botz	May 01, 1998
Ocelia R. Bridges	May 14, 2004
Derick N. Brown	May 13, 2001
Kenneth C. Caldwell, Jr.	May 09, 2004
Monica Candelaria	May 15, 2003
Amanda R. Carroll	May 02, 2000
Jennifer Casper-Ross	May 05, 2005
Daniel G. Chervenka, Jr.	May 29, 1999
Melissa A. Clifton	May 24, 1995
Michael D. Cloer	May 23, 2004
Lynn R. Connes	May 20, 1976
Ernestine Covington	May 16, 1986
Curtis D. Crowley, Jr.	May 13, 2003
Byron L. Davis	May 18, 1993
Elaine A. Dhaemers	May 20, 2003
James M. Diamond	May 27, 2001
Angelina J. Evans	May 21, 2001
Porschette C. Evans	May 10, 2004
Cleashindra D. Hall	May 09, 1994
Steven L. Harbaugh	May 18, 1998
Edward D. Hawkins	May 26, 2003
Joseph Hayes	May 20, 2000
Tamika A. Huston	May 24, 2004
Paulette S. Jaster	May 05, 1979
Scott M. Javins	May 24, 2002
Jack L. Jimenez	May 21, 1998
Sherline Johnson	May 01, 1997
Eulace King	May 03, 2003
Claudia A. Kirschhoch	May 27, 2000
Tammy L. Gagnon	May 28, 1999
Jennifer D. Lancaster	May 12, 2000
Jody L. Ledkins	May 23, 1985
Lori A. Leonard	May 04, 2005
Mary E. Loper	May 29, 2002
Jimmy M. Macavinta	May 27, 2004
Gregory K. Mann, Jr.	May 10, 1997
Elissa Martin	May 15, 2004
Lillian R. Martin	May 12, 2001
Latroy D. McGriff	May 27, 2002
Ronald T. McNutt	May 04, 2004
Dana C. McPeck	May 03, 2001
Sharon E. Medlin	May 02, 1998
Marilyn G. Mendez	May 15, 2003
Florencio Mendoza	May 10, 1998
David B. Miller	May 19, 1998
Magaly R. Mora	May 09, 2004
Vanessa M. Morgan	May 18, 2003
Stacey J. Morrison	May 20, 1993
Frank Nash	May 20, 1999
Joaquin Nava	May 19, 2004
Jessica Negron	May 24, 2004
Anne M. Nevins	May 28, 1998
Kinsey M. Otto	May 20, 2000
Gordon T. Page, Jr.	May 26, 1991
Byron R. Perkins	May 12, 2005
Wanda J. Perkins	May 28, 2002
James L. Perryman	May 06, 2002
Paige M. Renkoski	May 24, 1990
James A. Reynolds	May 08, 1999
Victor L. Richardson, III	May 10, 2000
Anne L. Riffin	May 28, 1982
Bobby L. Robinson	May 13, 1995
Robert Rock	May 03, 1995
Marcus J. Schmidseder	May 29, 1998
Dora M. Silva	May 08, 1999
Angela M. Simpson	May 16, 2003

Joseph Sireci	May 27, 1983
Kai A. Smaland	May 03, 1997
Patricia M. Small	May 11, 2002
Kristin D. Smart	May 25, 1996
Euel C. Smith	May 30, 2002
Theresa L. Sodachanh	May 09, 2002
Sylvia L. Standly	May 29, 1986
Patrick L. Sukeforth	May 27, 2002
Gary J. Swanson	May 22, 2003
John L. Taylor	May 21, 1999
Angela T. Terry	May 31, 2004
Comalita R. Wallace-Finney	May 08, 2000
Brooke C. Wilberger	May 24, 2004
Blaine D. Williams	May 02, 2005
Dale D. Williams	May 27, 1999
Robert B. Wilson	May 02, 2004

JUNE MISSING DATES

James H. Baggerman	June 06, 2003
Johnny L. Baker	June 21, 1994
Eric E. Barclay III	June 01, 2000
Robert A. Baynard	June 25, 2004
Nicholas Blasetzky	June 05, 2004
Andrew R. Bliss	June 20, 2003
Antonio J. Cadavid	June 09, 2002
James K. Chatman	June 20, 2002
Kevin L. Clinton	June 30, 2003
Loy Cosby	June 02, 1998
Sharon E. Davis	June 13, 2001
Arthur P. Deering	June 20, 1998
James L. Dickey, Jr.	June 01, 2002
Jimmy C. Dixon	June 23, 1997
Kimberly N. Dixon	June 17, 1999
Ruth T. Doss	June 18, 1999
Paul T. Eckert	June 06, 2004
Kennoa J. Fitzpatrick	June 19, 2002
Dolly A. Francis-Cockrill	June 19, 2002
Carmella M. Gutierrez	June 01, 1990
Stanley H. Hampton	June 01, 2002
Wendy Hiehle	June 03, 2004
Jodi S. Huisentruit	June 27, 1995
Peggy I. Humber	June 23, 2000
Dale L. Hundley	June 13, 2000
Anthony A. Jackson	June 21, 2004
Mark D. Jackson	June 27, 2004
Jason A. Jolkowski	June 13, 2001
Emanuel J. Jones	June 19, 1999
Joseph L. Jones	June 16, 2001
Sabrina M. Kahler	June 24, 2002
Daren A. Kelley	June 01, 1995
Jeffrey F. Kolden	June 08, 2002
Darlene L. Lary	June 16, 2004
Sherrill Levitt	June 07, 1992
Brookley C. Louks	June 24, 2002
Kevin Lubeck	June 07, 2004
Timothy J. Lynch	June 06, 2003
James T. Mangrum	June 09, 1999
Barbara I. Marmor	June 29, 2004
Tood J. Massie	June 16, 1992
Stacy K. McCall	June 07, 1992
Milda McQuillan	June 17, 1975
Debbie M. Melo	June 20, 2000
Jonathan J. Meyer	June 07, 2002
Kristen D. Modafferi	June 23, 1997
Charlotte M. Moriarty	June 21, 1977
Lillian L. Nance	June 20, 2001
Jeffrey D. Nichols	June 08, 2004
Karen S. Ordway	June 30, 2004
Bernadine Paul	June 07, 2000

Carmen L. Percy	June 18, 2004
Roger D. Pierce	June 20, 2003
Dorothy J. Pitcher	June 23, 1993
April B. Pitzer	June 28, 2004
Domingo R. Ramirez	June 05, 2004
Phyllis Roman	June 19, 1993
Aaron H. Seitz	June 02, 2002
Rebecca J. Sewell	June 01, 2000
Sandra N. Silverio	June 04, 1989
Georgia A. Smith	June 30, 1999
Suzanee Streeter	June 07, 1992
Crystal Tuggle	June 20, 2002
Robert L. Vance	June 12, 2003
Ramon J. Vasquez	June 25, 1982
Michael E. Wheeler	June 08, 2003
Tammie N. Wilkinson	June 21, 1984
Bradley L. Williams	June 08, 2001
Jonathan Williams	June 06, 1994
Latanya Y. Williams	June 22, 2001
Brandy N. Wilson	June 04, 2002
Sherman L. Wilson	June 08, 2005
Steve F. Woelfel	June 07, 2004
Valerie Wojcik	June 01, 1993
Carl D. Woracker	June 03, 1998

JULY MISSING DATES

Aldo E. Araiza	July 31, 2000
Crystal A. Arensdorf	July 04, 2001
Alice Artison	July 22, 2004
Peggy S. Ashley	July 29, 2000
Wade M. Aughney	July 13, 2001
Jessie Barnes	July 07, 2000
Dana E. Becker	July 17, 2000
Dustin J. Bench	July 01, 2001
Astrid E. Berera	July 19, 2003
Mark A. Berumen	July 28, 2002
Edna M. Bland	July 01, 1999
Michael C. Bolton	July 20, 2001
Lorne Boulet, Jr.	July 29, 2001
David R. Buckmire	July 31, 2003
Letron D. Burruss	July 04, 2002
Marlon A. Carranza	July 02, 2002
Carlos V. Carrillo	July 04, 2000
Kimberly L. Carter	July 05, 1984
Kelli A. Cox	July 15, 1997
Susan M. Cummings	July 18, 1996
Molly L. Dattilo	July 06, 2004
Autumn W. Day	July 24, 2003
Nancy Z. Dennis	July 04, 2004
John V. Dial	July 01, 1966
Patricia J. Dixon	July 29, 1999
Mark J. Dribin	July 02, 1999
Gerald J. Fernandez	July 17, 2004
Marie Frye	July 06, 2003
Marjorie D. Gay	July 05, 2003
April N. Geyer	July 14, 1998
Pamela K. Golden	July 22, 1993
Victoria Gonzales	July 07, 2003
Donald R. Goodman	July 25, 1993
Sidonia L. Harmon	July 09, 1991
Jeanine Harms-Sanchez	July 27, 2001
Michael D. Harp	July 23, 1977
Tot T. Harriman	July 12, 2001
Fonya W. Harris	July 18, 2003
Sharon L. Hart-Wills	July 10, 1987
John T. Haynes	July 24, 1981
Samuel L. Hernandez	July 01, 1997
Ruth S. Hoffman-Hall	July 07, 1986
William J. Henry	July 19, 1998
Revell R. Jeeter	July 14, 2003

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JULY MISSING DATES - Continued

Abe M. Kalaf	July 24, 1996
Robert L. Kelley	July 24, 2002
Anthony D. Kennedy	July 02, 1999
Kimberly A. Langwell	July 9, 1999
Tammy L. Leppert	July 06, 1983
Alma F. Lewis	July 30, 1999
Richard M. Ludwig, Jr.	July 11, 2003
John T. Madigan, III	July 19, 2002
Elizabeth A. Maggard	July 04, 1984
Thomasina S. Marchbanks	July 06, 1995
Marilyn R. McCown	July 22, 2001
George W. McDonald	July 14, 1982
Teddy R. Morris	July 06, 1991
Donna D. Mullen	July 19, 1986
Jennifer Neighbors	July 30, 2002
Audrey L. Nerenberg	July 15, 1977
Kristi G. O'Pry	July 19, 1996
Pamela Page	July 21, 1989
Bridget L. Pendell-Williamson	July 07, 1997
Michael P. Proctor	July 09, 2001
Joseph F. Ramos	July 28, 2000
Marque A. Rhodes	July 01, 2001
Tamikra S. Rogers	July 22, 1999
James B. Rowe	July 30, 2004
Michelle L. Rust	July 20, 2002
Carl Sanders	July 07, 2002
James C. Scavone	July 05, 1999
Garrison Smith	July 14, 1999
Elizabeth N. Syperda	July 17, 2000
Edward J. Terrabonne, IV	July 09, 2004
Darlene M. Trujillo	July 04, 2001
Douglas R. Walton	July 08, 2004
Danny E. Weant	July 20, 1992
Mary A. White	July 01, 2004
Jennifer L. Wilkerson	July 13, 2004
Amy J. Wroe-Bechtel	July 24, 1997
Ingrid R. Zacarolo	July 31, 2001

MAY BIRTHDATES

Craig L. Allen	May 21, 1963
William M. Alley	May 15, 1966
Steven G. Alyea	May 20, 1961
James E. Amabile	May 19, 1965
Monica L. Appleton	May 21, 1970
Kimberly A. Arnold	May 23, 1967
Alice Artison	May 02, 1928
Darrell W. Austrew	May 10, 1955
Yvonne K. Belcher	May 15, 1975
Kevin Belknap	May 24, 1950
Damon J. Bonds	May 09, 1972
Daniel C. Borowski	May 30, 1956
Amy L. Bradley	May 12, 1974
Elizabeth A. Campbell	May 31, 1967
Amanda R. Carroll	May 20, 1979
Steven N. Chait	May 09, 1951
Jose J. Chavez	May 11, 1976
Rachel L. Cooke	May 10, 1982
Marcie T. Crane	May 29, 1975
Byron L. Davis	May 19, 1939
Danice L. Day	May 08, 1982
Terrence A. Diaz	May 10, 1954
Raed Al Farah	May 30, 1976
Antonio Fazari	May 20, 1983
Levi M. Forney	May 06, 1970
Mary G. Friend	May 01, 1954
Edward F. Fritz	May 27, 1956
Sherry L. Gillian	May 28, 1969
George E. Gray	May 25, 1931
Aaron Green	May 11, 1965
Michael W. Grimm	May 06, 1967

William Gunn, Jr.	May 21, 1972
Cassandra L. Hailey	May 16, 1969
Michael D. Harp	May 18, 1953
Ginger M. Hudson	May 29, 1960
Peter J. Hurst	May 22, 1954
Alicia Ireland	May 20, 1979
Thomas R. James	May 27, 1954
Vernon K. Jones	May 02, 1969
Cedrick A. Kalil	May 16, 1974
Danny Kennedy	May 14, 1973
Anthony K. Klama	May 01, 1962
Renee M. LaManna	May 02, 1958
Carla E. Losey	May 16, 1982
Ruth A. Medina	May 06, 1978
Becky M. Marzo	May 03, 1980
Michael P. McAvoy	May 14, 1957
Jerry L. McKoen	May 12, 1954
Ronald T. McNutt	May 19, 1959
William Miscovich	May 19, 1948
Tammie M. Mooney	May 19, 1985
Carolyn M. Moore	May 08, 1978
Vanessa M. Morgan	May 29, 1984
Stacey J. Morrison	May 05, 1970
Irma Muneton	May 13, 1969
Theresa A. Murphy	May 15, 1965
Maura Murray	May 04, 1982
Kristi G. O'Pry	May 08, 1970
Jeremiah J. Parker	May 28, 1984
Steven D. Paul	May 26, 1977
Byron R. Perkins	May 11, 1953
Colleen E. Perris	May 24, 1982
George W. Pooler	May 03, 1951
Zebb W. Quinn	May 12, 1981
John S. Rato	May 09, 1974
Eduardo Rodriguez	May 05, 1955
Daniel G. Ryan	May 02, 1974
Felipe Santos	May 26, 1980
Yvonne Scott	May 18, 1972
Heather L. Silver	May 23, 1979
Terry Slaughenhoupt	May 19, 1962
Gary J. Swanson	May 16, 1971
Elizabeth N. Syperda	May 13, 1978
Antonio Y. Taylor	May 12, 1978
Goldie Thornsberry	May 20, 1930
Kelvin V. Tsosie	May 04, 1976
Kara D. Villarreal	May 27, 1975
John W. Wagner	May 07, 1959
Comalita R. Wallace-Finney	May 02, 1960
Michael E. Wheeler	May 13, 1968
Tammie L. Wilkinson	May 09, 1965
Diane L. Wolf	May 19, 1953
Michelle A. Yarnell	May 20, 1975
George R. Zelaya	May 22, 1943

JUNE BIRTHDATES

Cynthia C. Allegro	June 08, 1950
Sandra K. Baker	June 21, 1953
Donald R. Billings	June 16, 1966
Casey D. Burke	June 14, 1983
James D. Butler	June 09, 1956
Leroy NMN Butler	June 07, 1916
Monica Candelaria	June 20, 1981
Shirley A. Carpenter	June 25, 1959
Tina M. Caston	June 08, 1968
James K. Chatman	June 16, 1956
Cheryl A. Clarke	June 18, 1963
Lynn R. Connes	June 21, 1955
Tina M. Crouch	June 21, 1970
Dymashal Cullins	June 12, 1971
Molly L. Dattilo	June 13, 1981
Kimberly N. Dixon	June 02, 1968
Victor Escalante	June 13, 1951
William E. Evans	June 23, 1961

Jean W. Foley	June 27, 1957
June Goodman	June 04, 1936
Shameeka M. Gordon	June 05, 1983
Joshua C. Guimond	June 18, 1982
Jeanine Harms-Sanchez	June 10, 1959
Melissa D. Hasley	June 23, 1971
Michelle L. Henri	June 11, 1978
Juan Herrea	June 24, 1930
Sandy Hess	June 21, 1962
Connie M. Hobbs	June 18, 1962
Ardora A. Hogan	June 16, 1972
Nathaniel L. Holt	June 03, 1964
Shelia D. Hughes	June 17, 1971
Jodi S. Huisentrui	June 05, 1968
Nicole M. Hutchings	June 15, 1983
Anthony A. Jackson	June 01, 1969
Jack L. Jiminez	June 18, 1977
Jason A. Jolkowski	June 24, 1981
Sabrina M. Kahler	June 20, 1982
Ellen Kay	June 19, 1958
Atinui M. Kevorkian	June 26, 1981
Eulace King	June 20, 1973
Douglas G. Kirk	June 11, 1960
Erik D. Kohler	June 23, 1974
William C. Lafferty	June 24, 1947
Norvice Landon	June 05, 1965
George S. Lennon	June 03, 1919
Alma F. Lewis	June 16, 1972
Jimmy M. MacAvinta	June 28, 1981
Jennifer L. Marcum	June 15, 1977
Lila M. Martin	June 22, 1961
Tera L. Martin	June 13, 1979
Richard Massey	June 13, 1975
Lisa M. McCumiskey	June 20, 1981
Maryellen McMillin	June 28, 1961
Dana C. McPeek	June 08, 1967
Kristen D. Modafferi	June 01, 1979
Che J. Morin	June 18, 1983
Jeffrey D. Nichols	June 12, 1963
Debby L. Oberg	June 25, 1954
Rene Olivera	June 24, 1938
Johnnie O'Neal, Jr.	June 02, 1974
Robertta Pagan	June 26, 1967
Jamie E. Pankey	June 16, 1956
Arthur B. Pelcher	June 19, 1932
Bridget L. Pendell-Williamson	June 12, 1973
Raymond S. Poland	June 19, 1966
Joseph F. Ramos	June 21, 1972
Leslie R. Ritchey, Sr.	June 22, 1936
Robert Rock	June 17, 1968
Lonnie M. Rodriguez	June 21, 1966
Michael A. Salter	June 25, 1974
James C. Scavone	June 16, 1977
Sylvia L. Standly	June 19, 1954
Tony Terrio	June 01, 1973
James A. Thomas, Jr.	June 16, 1974
Douglas R. Walton	June 12, 1961
Grongie K. Ward	June 03, 1976
Danny E. Weant	June 12, 1967
Antwon B. Williams	June 02, 1976
Connie R. Williams	June 15, 1964

JULY BIRTHDATES

Luz M. Agosto	July 12, 1940
Fatih Algul	July 28, 1973
Jessie Barnes	July 24, 1971
Michelle J. Barnett	July 05, 1975
Kayla S. Bergen	July 29, 1959
Vivian I. Botz	July 30, 1953
Ocelia R. Bridges	July 14, 1968
Christine L. Brock	July 14, 1971
Jan E. Bui	July 06, 1961

JULY MISSING DATES - Continued

Letron D. Burruss	July 26, 1972
Antonio J. Cadavid	July 24, 1965
Bonnie L. Cale	July 01, 1974
Sergio R. Carlyle	July 31, 1981
Eugene Caston	July 24, 1940
Daniel G. Chervenka, Jr.	July 13, 1970
Kevin L. Clinton	July 23, 1957
David M. Crawley, III	July 02, 1977
Curtis D. Crowley, Jr.	July 21, 1982
Samuel B. Dennis	July 26, 1971
William L. Douglas, Sr.	July 03, 1940
Alan R. Dowden	July 06, 1974
Lynsie L. Ekelund	July 22, 1980
Jacqueline A. Ellis	July 09, 1958
Mark D. Folz	July 19, 1953
April N. Geyer	July 09, 1977
Victoria Gonzalez	July 25, 1975
Kimberly D. Greene-Medina	July 30, 1977
Clara M. Grunst	July 20, 1963
Mark K. Hadsell II	July 19, 1977
Darla M. Harper	July 02, 1960
Kenya Hickson	July 11, 1973
Latonya M. Hill	July 07, 1977
Unisha A. Jefferson	July 13, 1964
Tracey A. Jessup	July 26, 1968
Dorothy F. Johnson	July 22, 1958
Daphne P. Jones	July 16, 1976
Daren A. Kelley	July 16, 1971
Christine Lott	July 18, 1970
Elizabeth A. Maggard	July 07, 1961
Quirino T. Mata, III	July 09, 1974
Anthony D. Medearis	July 24, 1973
Carmen I. Meirino	July 25, 1948
Robin M. Mewes	July 18, 1971
David B. Miller	July 06, 1975
Mike J. Minor	July 10, 1966
Brigitte R. Mitchell	July 24, 1966
Patricia A. Morano	July 02, 1942
Sheila J. Noblitt	July 13, 1957
Vicente Nunez	July 09, 1985
Maira G. Ochoa	July 06, 1979
Helen J. Ordeman-Pratt	July 01, 1963
Michael L. Page	July 21, 1973
Marco A. Pineda	July 25, 1983
Mark D. Ramin	July 04, 1961
Domingo R. Ramirez	July 20, 1982
Allen L. Regueters	July 26, 1951
James A. Reynolds	July 15, 1970
Hector Rivera	July 04, 1978
Carol L. Roberts	July 04, 1958
Leah T. Roberts	July 23, 1976
Michelle L. Rust	July 27, 1977
John N. Sansone	July 28, 1968
Michael J. Schoup	July 17, 1953
Rebecca J. Sewell	July 05, 1964
Dora M. Silva	July 31, 1966
Andrzej Slota	July 05, 1978
Kai A. Smaland	July 14, 1974
Garrison Smith	July 04, 1942
Judy A. Sylvester	July 08, 1954
Camden A. Sylvia	July 28, 1961
Lisa M. Szasz -Lazzaro	July 16, 1962
Cornelius L. Tate	July 30, 1970
Riley F. Thomas	July 11, 1923
Darlene A. Webb	July 28, 1962
Francois A. Willey	July 10, 1959
Dale D. Williams	July 15, 1956
Brandy N. Wilson	July 12, 1977
Robert B. Wilson	July 09, 1939
Steven L. York	July 31, 1964

HOW FAMILIES COPE

When family members tell us how you cope it is clear that no two people are the same. Many mention faith and prayer, while others seek support of therapy or find strength in both. Some families host vigils and candle light ceremonies at the anniversary of missing dates and others release balloons, butterflies or doves.

Some of you form your own support groups, or create projects to help others through this difficult experience.

One such individual, Marie Martin, sister of missing person Jimmy Charles Scott has formed a support group, Victims and Survivors against Violent Crimes. Meeting in Marie's home, the group focuses on providing support to law enforcement and victims. The work they are doing not only increases community awareness, but provides comfort for themselves and the opportunity to meet with others who are experiencing the same stresses and sadness.

Kelly Jolkowski, mother of missing person Jason Jolkowski has formed a program to help locate missing persons believed to be living a homeless lifestyle. Kelly's "Project Come Home" provides posters for homeless shelters that post them on bulletin boards, increasing the probability of locating persons who are missing and living in various shelters.

Regardless of how you and your family cope with the difficulties and frustration of "not knowing", each and every one of you contributes something very important whether through words, action or quiet prayer that brings us all a little closer and makes our world a better place.

DNA IDENTIFICATION - Continued

In addition, the sources for mitochondrial samples are limited to maternal sources such as the mother, brother or sister.

Though a powerful source for identification purposes, nuclear DNA can be easily damaged by extreme heat and other conditions and therefore is not always available. However, mitochondrial DNA can often be found in very small or even damaged DNA samples.

Some examples of the victim's DNA sources are: Human remains, bone marrow samples, biopsy samples, hairbrush, toothbrush or other personal items containing saliva. Typically scientists test nuclear DNA between the victim's DNA sample and relative first. If there are insufficient results for identification, mitochondrial testing will then be attempted.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the Office for Victims of Crime publication "Identifying Victims Using DNA: A Guide for Families" go to website: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij or contact NCMA staff and we will forward a copy directly to you.

HOPE AND FAITH

Most of you who are families and friends of missing persons do not know what happened to your loved ones.

DNA testing provides only hope for identification, but not always all the answers. It is important to do everything that you can to maintain your hope for safe recovery of your missing loved ones. Hope can keep you going, and having faith that you will have some answers and that there is a greater power than all of us is your strength.

Know that we are here to support you in every way that we can, and that law enforcement endeavors to investigate to the best of their abilities. We honor you in this time of great challenge.

Remember that keeping hope and faith alive means making a choice to live in the moment, to choose one moment at a time to lift your own spirits, and each moment flows into hours and days. This is probably the greatest challenge you have ever faced, and your strength will help not only yourself but those around you.

We believe in you, we have faith that you can see this through and we hope that each day provides you with peace, and answers.

The Staff at the National Center for Missing Adults: Kym Pasqualini, Mark O'Chel-tree, Tanya Young, Candice Durham, Becky Hannah, Eric Paschal, Wade Smith, Annie Massaro-Converse, Erin Bruno and Janet Armstrong.

COPING WITH THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Borrowing information from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension we share: four stages in the grieving process during which you:

1. Experience shock and numbness that makes you feel stressed, angry and panicky.
2. Experience yearning (for the past with that loved one), search and question your feelings and actions, making you feel impatient and uncertain.
3. Experience feelings of guilt and depression that make you feel disoriented and disorganized and lose interest in eating and sleeping.
4. In the fourth stage you begin to gain control, by feeling resolution that makes you feel more able to cope.

From the caregiver website, prepared by **Louise Franck Cyr University of Maine Cooperative Extension.**

For more information about the grieving process contact: 1-800-287-0274 or go to website: www.umext.maine.edu/publications/pubs.htm Or NCMA: www.missingadults.org

RESOURCES

National Mental Health Association

PH: 1-800-969-6642 or 1-800-433-5959
Website: www.nmha.reassurance/coping/cfm

University of Maine Cooperative Extension

PH: 1-800-287-0274
Website: www.umext.maine.edu/publications/pubs.htm

Helpguide: Guide to grieving and Bereavement

Website: www.helpguide.org/mental/grief_loss.htm

National Center For Missing Adults

Hope2Support Monthly Support Group
2432 W. Peoria Ave. Suite 1286
Phoenix, AZ 85029-4723 **FREE**
For information contact Erin Bruno
PH: 602-749-2000 X110

National Center For Missing Adults

Hope2Support Online Support Group
www.hope2support.com **FREE**
For information contact
Annie Massaro-Converse
PH: 800-690-3463 X101
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Gloria Chait, mother of missing person Steven Chait.

Dear Editor: I write neither to criticize nor flatter "The Missing Voice". Rather I write to urge that you face the dilemma of ...missing adults in a greater proactive way...Surely through the resources of NCMA the national media could become more actively involved in bringing to the attention of the general public the programs that you eschew...My **question** is, what is the ultimate goal of the National Center for Missing Adults?"

ANSWER: The National Center for Missing Adults is the National clearing-house for missing adults and our sole purpose for being is to increase the awareness of the public including the media about the dilemma of missing persons, and to assist law enforcement in the safe return of missing persons.

NCMA is continually reaching out to the public through media by disseminating information through press releases about missing persons. CEO Kym Pasqualini has been interviewed on such shows as "The John Walsh Show" and "Montel Williams Show." Our phone number airs throughout the Lifetime Channel's original fiction series, "Missing", and recently we partnered with the USA Network for a 4400 meter race featuring public service announcements on several of their cable channels including the Lifetime Movie Network, Oxygen and Hallmark Channels.

Our mission statement is: "This agency is committed to improve the law enforcement and community response to missing adults and their families through the identification and promotion of best practices in service delivery."
Staff, NCMA

From: Cicely Sutter, mother of missing person Patrick Taylor: Hello, you will never know how warm and wonderful the issue of The Missing Voice for the month of April-May made me feel. To see my son Patrick Taylor's name among the ones recognized for their birthdays and when they went missing was bittersweet. I KNOW SOMEONE CARES..... Thank you so much, a very grateful mother. Blessings to you all.

Let us hear from you; your letter will be answered by the NCMA team.
PH: Editor 1-800-690-3463 X131 Email: j.armstrong@missingadults.org

MISSING PERSON ALERT



Keith William Ryan was last seen in the vicinity of the 500 block of Main Street in Peoria, IL on April 13, 2005. Keith wears clear contacts and has no visible scars or marks. He was last seen wearing a black short-sleeved button up shirt with a white stripe on the right and left sides of the buttons, blue jeans and black shoes.

If you have seen someone resembling Keith or have any information regarding his whereabouts contact:

Peoria, IL Police Department: 1-309-494-8399.



Thomas Lee Amburn Sr. was last seen at his residence in the vicinity of the 2400 block of Houston Rd. in Columbus, NC. Thomas has a mole on his neck at the hair-line and a brown spot on his left cheek. He was last seen wearing a light gray t-shirt, dark gray pants, white athletic shoes and a yellow-gold Timex digital watch.

If you have seen someone resembling Thomas or have any information regarding his whereabouts contact:

Polk Co. NC Sheriffs Office: 1-828-894-3001.

LET NO STONE REMAIN UNTURNED

by Kelly Jolkowski, mother of missing person
Jason Jolkowski

Looking for a missing person can sometimes be like looking out over a sea of stones. It is vast and it appears infinite, although it is not. The seeker walks upon this sea of stones, overturning one now and then, searching for the one that will reveal the answer to the question. Where is the lost one?

The seeker continues to turn the stones, and none yet yields the desired results. As the seeker walks this path, he starts to realize the task he is faced with. His back aches from bending over and his arms become stiff from lifting the stones. He is exhausted, mentally and physically. Despite these pains, he continues on.

Some call to him from beyond the sea of stones. They tell him to stop and that it's useless; there are just too many stones. They beg him to stop because they think that he may pick the right stone, and that when he looks underneath it, he may find an answer that he (and they) do not want to see. They are afraid.

What is better: to have lived and taken the risk of being hurt, or to have never loved at all? We cannot stop experiencing what life holds, but the good and the bad any more than we can stop breathing and yet continue to live.

Life is not just about us; in fact it is about everyone else. There are many who stand at the edge of the sea of stones. They watch and they wait. Sometimes they enter the sea and pick up a stone themselves. Some of them call out encouragement to the seeker and some of them provide much needed nourishment and sustenance.

To choose the stone that bears a frightening answer is not what the seeker desires. The stone has already been placed and what lies underneath cannot be altered, it can only be overturned (revealed). The stone may contain an answer that brings great joy to all who love the lost one, and it may not.

They all have a share in the search in their own way, and because it is a quest of all those who love the one who is lost, no one person can dictate the number of stones to be overturned. For the ones who fear, they cannot allow their fears to conquer them. They will be comforted and come to understand that they must allow for the good of the greater number. Just as the powerful love of the seeker for the lost one gives the seeker the strength to go on, those who fear must let love guide them.

In this circle of love for the lost one, the others reach out to those who fear, grasping those trembling hands into their own warm steady ones. Together and with renewed strength they look out upon the sea of stones. The seeker pauses for a moment, and looks back to see the united front. His arms feel lighter and his back relaxed in that moment of understanding.

When the time comes for the right stone to be overturned, then it is that same love that will sustain us if the answer is a hard one. However, that stone may yield an answer that warms our hearts. No matter the answer, we seek because we love. We do it for the lost one and we do it for all of those who love him.

We cannot limit the number of stones to be overturned any more than we can tell someone not to love, or to love less. We can thank God for the greatest gift of all—LOVE.

Editors note:

Since June 13, 2001, the day that Jason disappeared, Kelly has not only been searching for her son, but advocating for the rights of other missing persons and their families.

Her quest began when she extended her search beyond the local neighborhood to the state as she searched for resources and discovered that the state of Nebraska had no clearinghouse for
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STONES continued

the dissemination of information about missing persons. To respond to the need she created a website and formed Project Jason, a non profit agency dedicated to providing assistance to families of the missing. In February, 2005 she presented LB111, Jason's Law, a bill that will establish a state clearinghouse for missing persons, to the Nebraska State Judiciary Committee. It passed on Missing Children's Day and was signed by the Governor of Nebraska on May 31. Jason's Law will be effective September 3, 2005.

For more information about Kelly Jolkowski's programs go to

TASK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

Our Chief Executive Officer and founder, Kym L. Pasqualini, has been advocating for families with missing loved ones for over 12 years and has served in an advisory capacity for the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA) and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) DNA Advisory Board.

On April 27, 2005, at the National Strategy Meeting: *Identifying the Missing*, Deputy Attorney General James B. Comey, directed the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to establish a **National Task Force** to include representatives from federal, state and local law enforcement, the forensic medical community, the crime victims community, and others with applicable experience and expertise, to review how DOJ can improve the use of federal databases to solve missing person cases and identify human remains.

The National Task Force will address specific issues related to: improving the quantity and quality of information entered into the federal databases; improving the quantity and quality of information entered into the federal databases; improving access to database information by persons and/or agencies most likely to locate missing persons or identify remains; and work to address other issues identified by the participants that attended the National Strategy meeting.

We are proud to announce the National Institute of Justice has invited Ms. Pasqualini to serve as a member of the National Task Force. Representing families throughout the United States, Ms. Pasqualini will attend the first National Task Force meeting on July 25, 2005 in Washington, DC.

In addition to the establishment of the National Task Force, under the President's DNA Initiative (www.dna.gov) concerning missing persons cases and unidentified human remains, the DOJ has tasked Gayle McBride, supervisor at Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Missing Children Clearinghouse with the development of a state team of six members to include the following disciplines: Medical Examiner and/or Coroner; Law Enforcement; Victim Advocate; Key Policy Maker; Forensic Science and/or Anthropology.

We are proud to announce Ms. Pasqualini has also accepted an invitation to serve along with five exceptional individuals who will represent the state of Arizona.

This is an unprecedented opportunity for officials to focus on cases throughout this country that have remained unsolved and most importantly to bring answers to families who have long deserved representation. We thank those at the United States Attorney General's Office; the United States Department of Justice and the National Institute of Justice for placing the issue of missing and unidentified persons at the top of their agenda and making things happen!

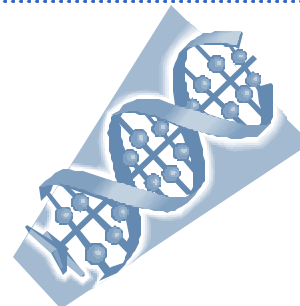
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PROJECT IDENTIFY

MISSING PERSON/FAMILY DNA PROGRAM

The goal of Project Identify is to help facilitate proper collection and documentation of DNA from family members of missing adults. In an effort to ensure the collection and submission of family reference samples to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Combined Index System (CODIS), Missing Persons Database, we will be contacting relatives of each missing person registered with this agency. Your participation will be invaluable in our effort to accurately reflect the scope of the problem and identify areas that require improvement to ensure all efforts are made to locate and identify missing persons. For additional information visit www.missingadults.org. We will include additional information regarding the new Project Identify program in upcoming issues of The Missing Voice.



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