

# Homicide Investigation Symposium

Renaissance Vinoy Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida

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## NamUs:

## The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System



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**“What we do in life,  
echoes in eternity.”**

*The Gladiator*



- ✓ Costs
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Services
- ✓ Impact

# Exhumation



**CCOCME**  
**#95-00050**  
03/13/2008



**Price \$ 3000.00**

# Postmortem Examination



*Price*

**\$ 2500.00**

# Specimen Collection, Preparation & Submission

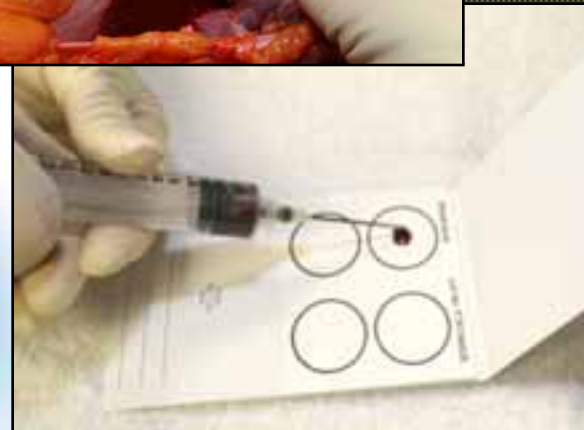


*Price*

**\$ 100.00**

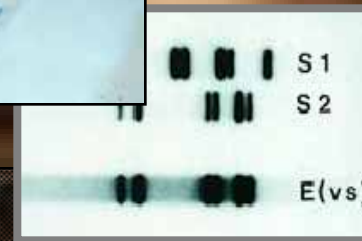
DNA Archiving

FTA Card



Price \$ 2.50

# UNT Center for Human Identification (UNTCHI)



Forensic Anthropology

DNA (nuclear DNA & mtDNA)

Price \$ 0.00





## Identification of UHR



**\$ PRICELESS !!!**

# Identification Protocols

1.



Visual

2.



Fingerprints

3.



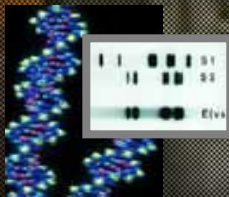
Radiographs

4.



Dental


5.



DNA

*(nuclear DNA & mtDNA)*

# Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner



**CLARK COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE**

CCCO: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

### Investigative Follow-up Check List

Deceased's residence (personal property) checked for DMOC information.

Phone bills/credit references bank checked for DMOC.

License, please look checked for DMOC.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA Lincoln/Triple E checked for DMOC information from credit cards and/or prior addresses.

Local hospital/physician offices checked for DMOC info from Medical Records.

Vehicle's Administration

Account records run and checked.

CCSS checked for DMOC.

Neighbor's personal property checked for possible DMOC info.

Deceased's known friends checked for DMOC info.

Deceased's employment (business and personal) checked for DMOC info.

Witness's checked for one-plan that may have DMOC info.


CCCA checked for DMOC info found during detailed inventory of Deceased's property/insurance.

Upon review of the Check Boxes and Detail on the above checklist, the legal next of kin cannot be located at this time. This case has been forwarded to the Investigative Supervisor for review and closure.

Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This case has been reviewed and the legal next of kin cannot be located at this time. This case is closed and forwarded to the \_\_\_\_\_ (CASA) \_\_\_\_\_ (CASA) for disposition and review.

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



CCCM: 04-\_\_\_\_\_

**Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner**  
Jane/John Doe Identification Report

Date recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Dec name given: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ Time pronounced: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor of record: \_\_\_\_\_

**External Exam**

Facially recognizable: Yes / No    Photo obtained: \_\_\_\_\_    Fingers printable: Yes / No / working

Approximate age: \_\_\_\_\_    Approximate time deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Skin complexion: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Foot measurement: \_\_\_\_\_

Body frame type: \_\_\_\_\_

Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Glasses: \_\_\_\_\_ Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ Beard: \_\_\_\_\_ Mustache: \_\_\_\_\_

Dyed: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair ornamentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Dental Restorations: \_\_\_\_\_

Scars/marks: \_\_\_\_\_

Tattoos: \_\_\_\_\_

Body piercing: \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthmarks or other features (amputations): \_\_\_\_\_

- Shirt \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacket \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Internal Exam**

Radiology exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Pre-mortem fractures: \_\_\_\_\_

Post surgical intervention: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-mortem surgical repairs: \_\_\_\_\_

Missing organs (Surgical): \_\_\_\_\_


Obvious diseases: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

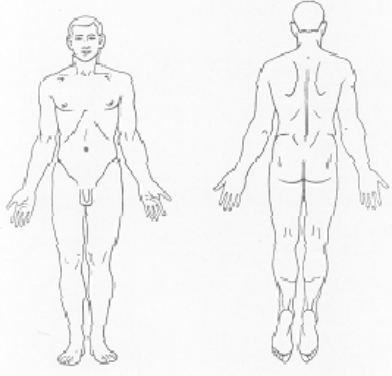
Other: \_\_\_\_\_


CCCM: Coroner Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_



**Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner**  
MALE DIAGRAM

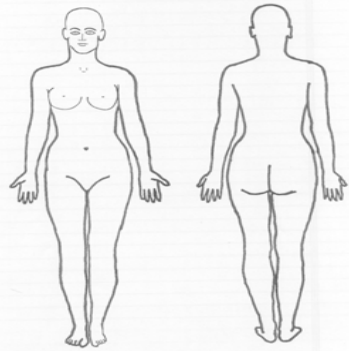
CASE: \_\_\_\_\_





**Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner**  
FEMALE DIAGRAM

CASE: \_\_\_\_\_



## Investigative Follow-Up



# Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner

**CLARK COUNTY CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Doctor of Record: Richardson, M. D.

Yes  No  Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ANOSC NUMBER:   NYT \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 24-29 Race: WHITE/Caucas Gender: Female Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref Factor:   ID Photo:  \_\_\_\_\_

Prints: Full set  Partial set:  NR

Special Process:  Type: ADAMS \_\_\_\_\_

Dead Body tags:

Dental X-rays:   By: David L. Orr App: 9/1 \_\_\_\_\_

Dental X-ray:

XRAY:   By: \_\_\_\_\_

Facial Photographs:   By: \_\_\_\_\_

DNA Blood:   Sample: Skull & Mandible Start To: NYT Sent To: SHAWNEE Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

DNA Other:   Sample: \_\_\_\_\_ Start To: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent To: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Recovery Exam:

Recovery with X-ray:   Examined By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

File Complete:

With Court:  Date: ATP/2008 Review: John Smith/My processor

Case: \_\_\_\_\_ Processed By: Jessica G. Exner

PRELIMINARY Disposition:  Autopsied:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Unlabeled 10/14/07 and 10/14/07. See case notes only. Send TO/MS/SA to Dept of Health.

Account: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORENSIC PROGRAMS/STANDARD REPORT**

CASE # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR OF RECORD: \_\_\_\_\_

ANTHROPOMETRY: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ALL PHOTOS: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FINGERPRINTS: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL BODY WEIGH: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DENTAL X-RAY: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DENTAL X-RAY: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DNA BLOOD: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DNA OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF EXAM: \_\_\_\_\_ TECH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I have viewed all records (fingerprints, body tags, skull tags, dental X-rays, all photographs, all X-rays, facial photographs, all DNA blood, all DNA other, all dental X-rays) and the all evidence as constituting the entire file on this case of \_\_\_\_\_.

This case is referred for the following questions: \_\_\_\_\_

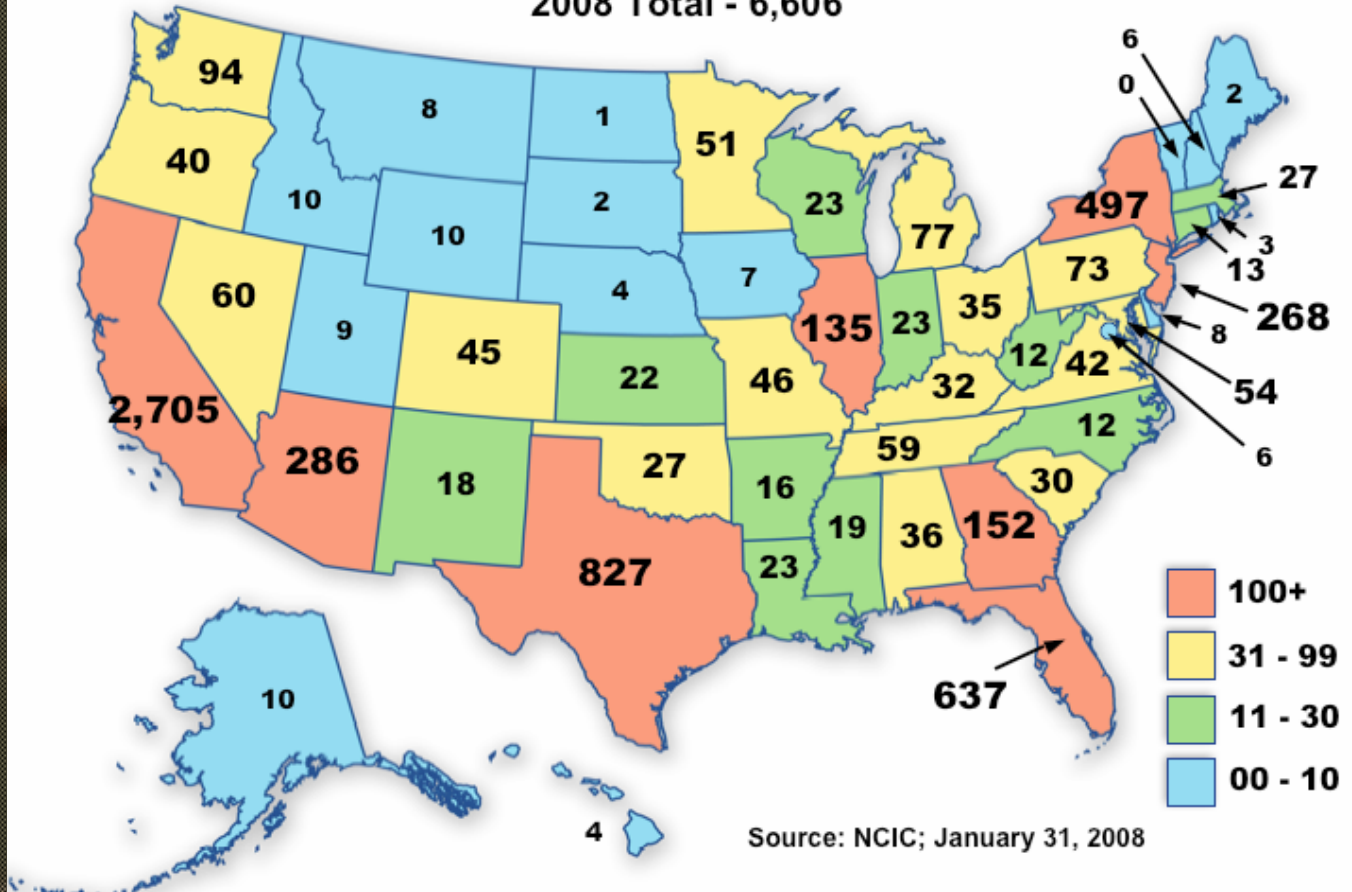
This case is to be held for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Forensic Tracking**

# UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

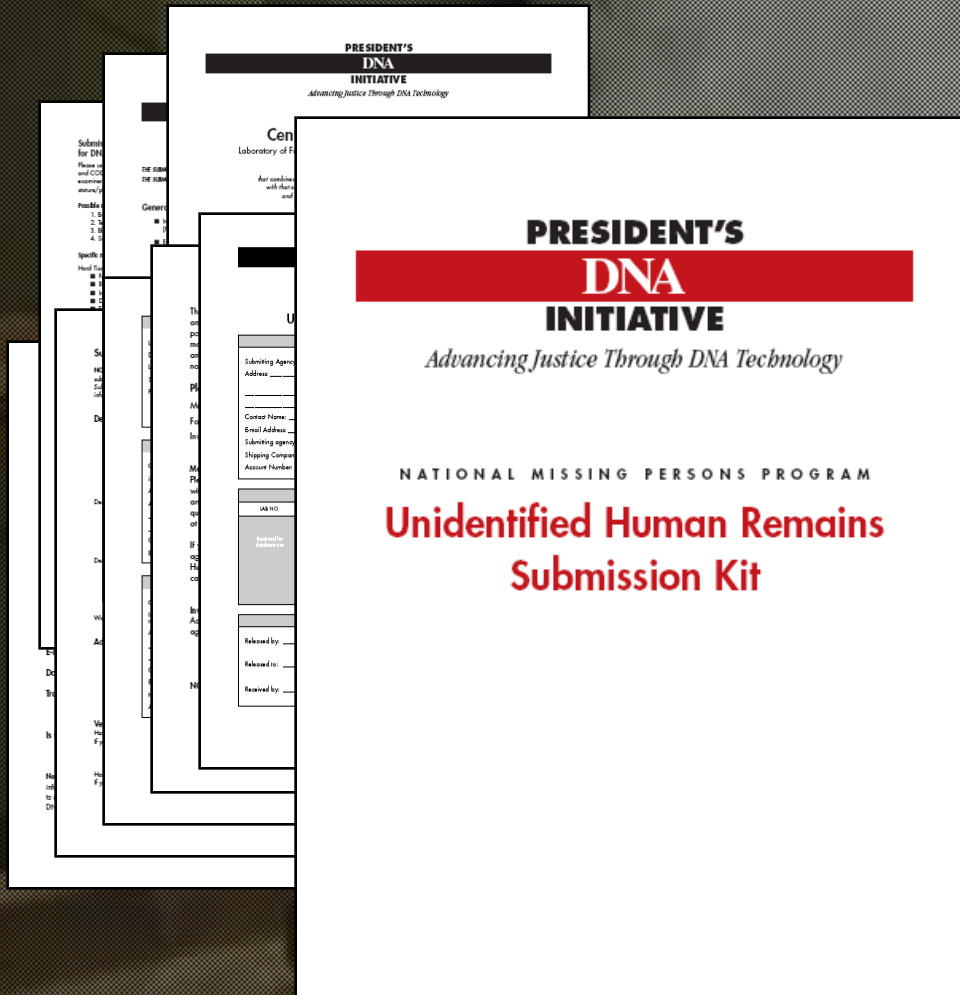
2008 Total - 6,606



NCIC reports the number of  
High-Risk Missing Persons in 2008

**25,830**

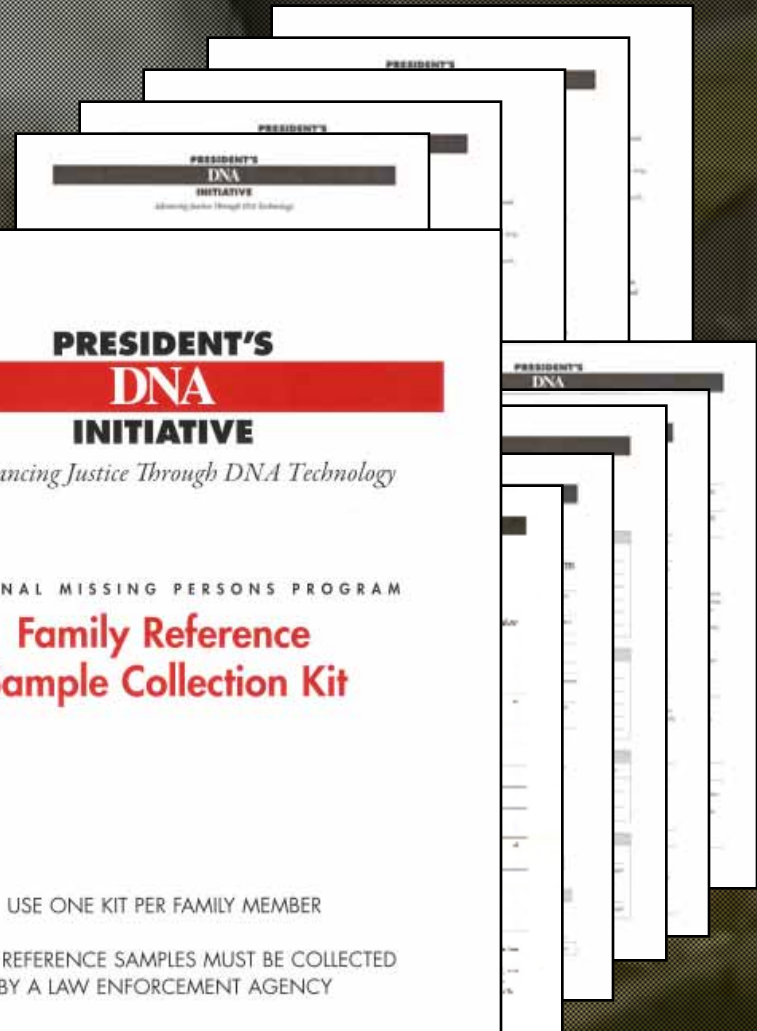
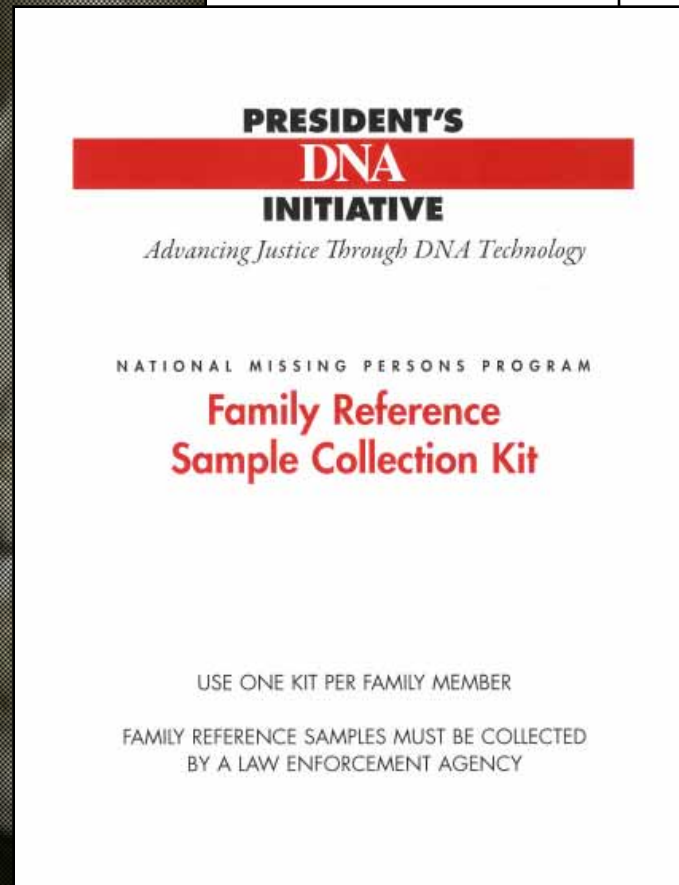
# National Missing Persons Program

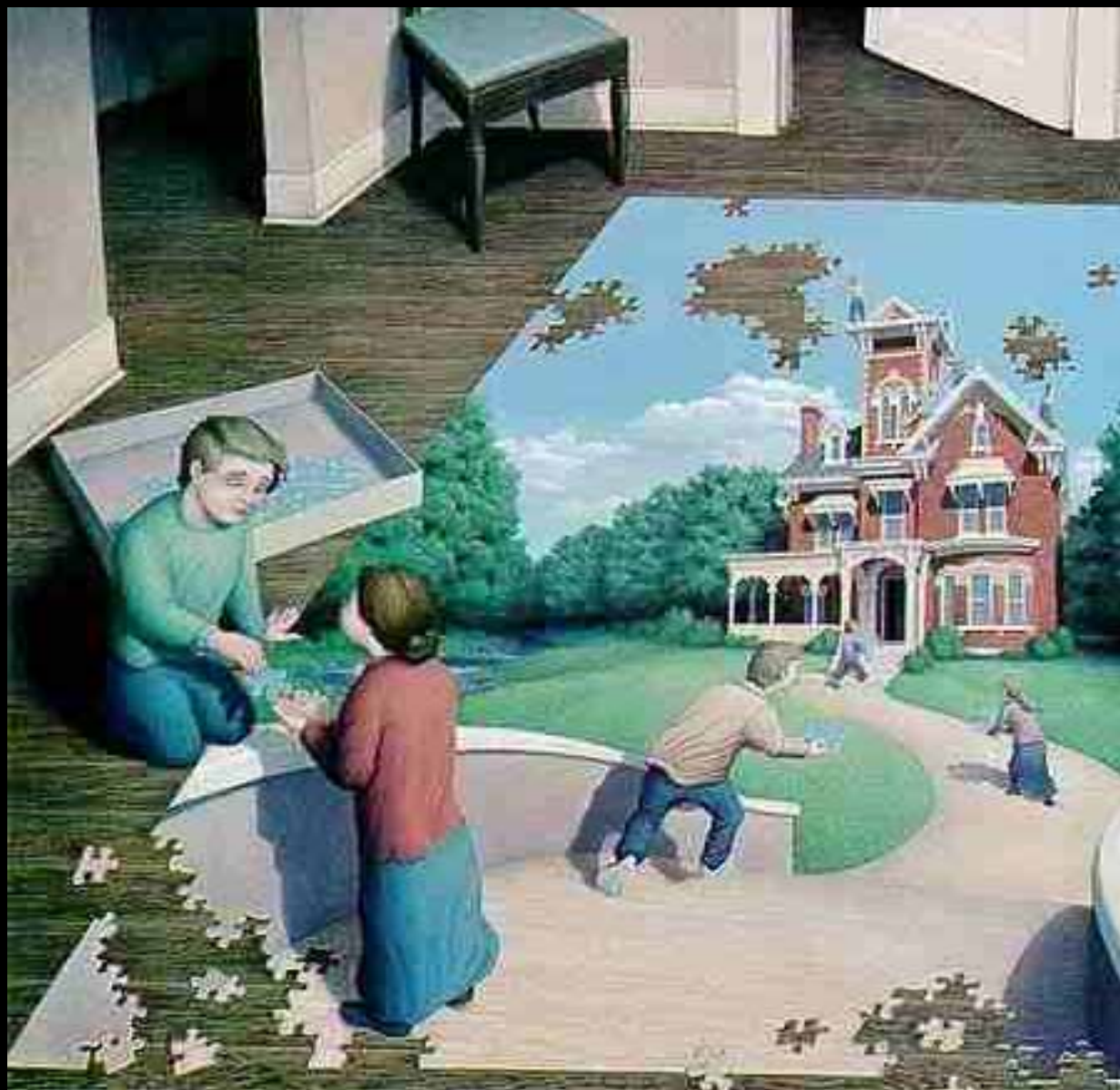


# Unidentified Human Remains Submissions

# National Missing Persons Program

## Family Reference Submissions





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National  
Institute  
of Justice

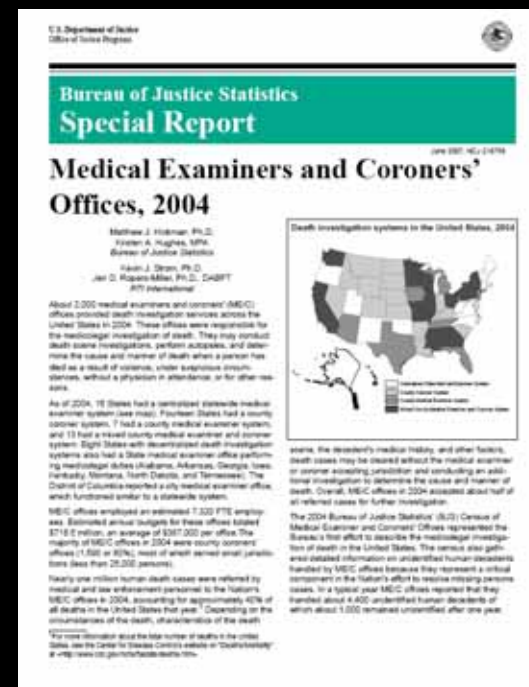




NIJ Journal Issue No. 256, January 2007

**There are approximately 40,000 unidentified human remains in the offices of the Nation's medical examiners and coroners or were buried or cremated before being identified.**

**In a typical year, medical examiners and coroners handle approximately 4,400 unidentified human decedent cases, 1,000 of which remain unidentified after one year.**



OJP's BJS June 2007, NCJ 216756



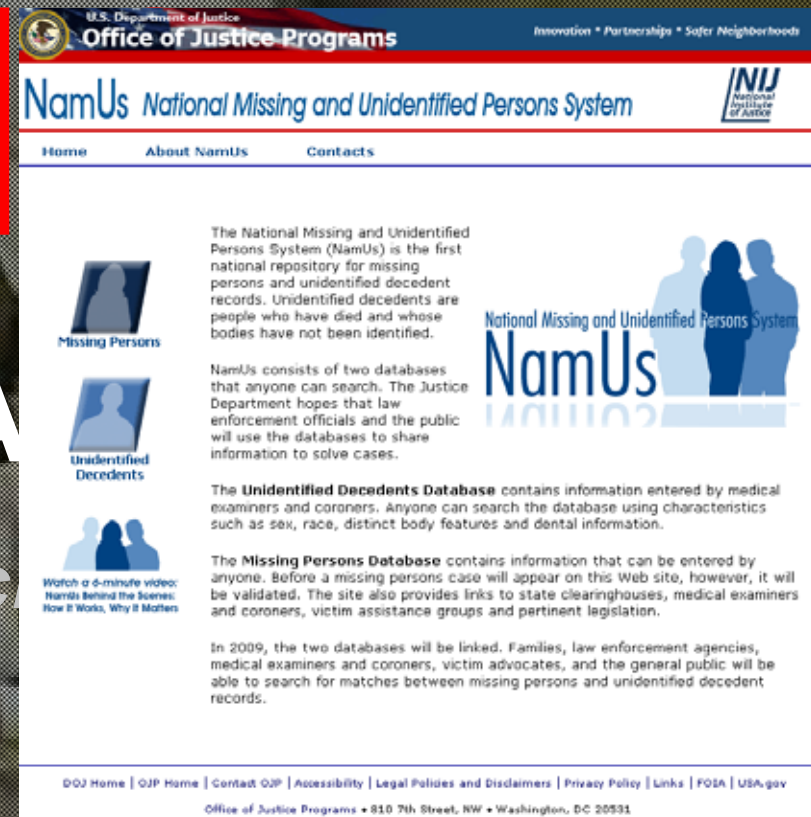
# UNIDENTIFIED "JOHN & JANE DOE" WEBSITE

November 3, 2003



<http://www.co.clark.nv.us/coroner/unid.htm>

2007



<http://namus.gov/>



# Cold Case & Websites' Outcome

# 32

# Identified

as of 01/26/09

186 Doe Cases  
Currently Active

CLARK COUNTY CORONER Medicolegal Investigations

LAS VEGAS UNIDENTIFIED

This site features facially recognizable unidentified persons, their history as known, their clothing and jewelry when available. No decomposed remains will be shown. Some of the photos and information in this section may be disturbing to some viewers!

|   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| Case # 00.4372<br>Comments Found on 07/03/00                            | Case # 00.4346<br>Comments Found on 08/01/00<br><b>IDENTIFIED</b>                  | Case # 00.6724<br>Comments Found on 12/01/00       | Case # 00.7000<br>Comments Found on                               |
| Case # 01.0048<br>Comments Found on 01/02/01                            | Case # 01.0249<br>Comments Found on 01/11/01                                       | Case # 01.0776<br>Comments Found on 02/06/01       | Case # 01.1646<br>Comments Found on 03/14/01                      |
| Case # 01.2621<br>Comments Found on 04/06/01                            | Case # 01.2926<br>Comments Found on 06/07/01<br><b>IDENTIFIED</b>                  | Case # 01.3106<br>Comments Found on 06/16/01       | Case # 01.4282<br>Comments Found on 07/11/01                      |
| Case # 01.7001<br>Comments Found on 12/06/01<br><b>IDENTIFIED</b>       | Case # 02.0293 Photo<br>Comments Found on 01/13/02                                 | Case # 02.0432 Photo<br>Comments Found on 01/09/02 | Case # 02.1521 Photo<br>Comments Found on 03/07/02                |
| Case # 02.1686 Photo<br>Comments Found on 03/08/02<br><b>IDENTIFIED</b> | Case # 02.2960<br>Comments Found on 03/27/02                                       | Case # 02.2983<br>Comments Found on 04/19/02       | Case # 02.2792<br>Comments Found on 04/23/02                      |
| Case # 02.2731<br>Comments Found on 04/02/02                            | Case # 02.4170<br>Comments Found on 06/23/02<br><small>John Andrew Roberts</small> | Case # 02.4562 Photo<br>Comments Found on 07/08/02 | Case # 02.4870<br>Comments Found on 07/08/02                      |
|   |  |  | Case # 03.2454<br>IS Found on                                     |
|   |  |  | Case # 03.0000 Photo<br>IS Found on 07/01/03<br><b>IDENTIFIED</b> |

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|   |  |
|---|--|
| <br>09-1321<br>MEDICAL COUNTY<br>MEDICAL EXAMINE | <a href="#">Mar 6, 2009</a><br><a href="#">Arizona</a>     |
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### UID Case Breakdown

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Cases:</b>  | 4792          |
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Select a state to get information...

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Sex:  Race:  Ethnicity:

Date Last Known Alive: No Date

Age Last Known Alive:

State Last Known Alive:

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Step 1: Select the categories you wish to search, then click "Next Step"

|   |  |  |                                       |   |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Case Information and Circumstances</b>       | <b>Demographics</b>                          | <b>Body Details</b>                        | <b>Clothing, Hair, Eyes</b>           | <b>Forensic Details</b>                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Status                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated Age Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Amputations       | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Data        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UDPS Number            | <input type="checkbox"/> Age Range           | <input type="checkbox"/> Deformities       | <input type="checkbox"/> Footwear     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprint Data   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEC Case Number        | <input type="checkbox"/> Race                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scars and Marks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry/Band | <input type="checkbox"/> DNA Profile Status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NIC Number             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity           | <input type="checkbox"/> Tattoos           | <input type="checkbox"/> Eyewear      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Agency       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Piercings         | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Hair    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date Found             | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Range        | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Implants  | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Hair    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date Entered           | <input type="checkbox"/> Height Range        | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Objects   | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial Hair  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date Modified          |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skeletal Findings | <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Color    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPS Coord              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organ Absent      |                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address Found          |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Surgery     |                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Found            |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Condition    |                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Found           |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Inventory    |                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probable Year of Death |  |  |                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circumstances of Death |  |  |                                       |   |

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## User Registration

\* Denotes a required field.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>First Name* <input type="text"/></p> <p>Middle Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>LastName* <input type="text"/></p> <p>Agency* <input type="text"/></p> <p>Job Title* <input type="text" value="Medical Examiner"/> <input type="button" value="v"/></p> <p>Country <input type="text" value="United States"/> <input type="button" value="v"/></p> <p>Address1 <input type="text"/></p> <p>Address2 <input type="text"/></p> <p>City <input type="text"/></p> <p>State* <input type="text" value="Alabama"/> <input type="button" value="v"/></p> <p>Zip Code <input type="text"/></p> <p>County* <input type="text" value="Autauga"/> <input type="button" value="v"/></p> <p>Phone* <input type="text"/></p> <p>Alternative Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>E-mail* <input type="text"/></p> <p>Alternative E-mail <input type="text"/></p> | <p>NAME Member* <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Username* <input type="text"/></p> <p>Password* <input type="password"/></p> <p>Confirm Password* <input type="password"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="button" value="Register"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/></p> |
|--|--|

† The Alternative Phone and E-mail are available to the public when viewing a case.  
The Phone and E-mail will be used for public viewing if the Alternatives are left blank.




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| Date Found                   | Case Number | Sex    | Race   | Estimated Age  | Age Range |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|----------------|-----------|
| <a href="#">Jun 20, 2004</a> | 04-04409    | Unsure | Unsure | fetus          | 0 to 0    |
| <a href="#">Jan 8, 2004</a>  | 04-0195     |        | Unsure | Adult - Pre 30 | 20 to 30  |
| <a href="#">Jan 3, 2004</a>  | 04-00062    | Male   | White  | Adult - Pre 70 | 60 to 65  |
| <a href="#">Dec 27, 2003</a> | 03-9069     |        |        |                | 0 to 0    |
| <a href="#">Dec 1, 2003</a>  | 03-08324    | Male   | White  | Adult - Pre 50 | 38 to 42  |
| <a href="#">Dec 1, 2003</a>  | 04-00381    | Male   | Unsure | Adult          | 0 to 99   |
| <a href="#">Oct 1, 2003</a>  | 03-06764    | Male   | White  | Adult - Pre 60 | 50 to 59  |
| <a href="#">Jul 21, 2003</a> | 03-05007    | Male   | Unsure | Adult          | 0 to 99   |
| <a href="#">May 13, 2003</a> | 03-03340    | Female | Unsure | Adult - Pre 70 | 16 to 70  |
| <a href="#">Apr 26, 2003</a> | 03-02921    | Male   | White  | Adult - Pre 50 | 35 to 42  |

1 / 16 157 Record(s) Found

↑ This case is marked as Identified.

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case data screens / fields

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Save Changes

### Case Information

**ME/C Contact Information**

Name: **USER NAME** Phone Number: 702-455-3210  
Agency: Clark County Coroner's Office E-mail Address: fud@co.clark.nv.us

Status: Unidentified

ME/C Case Number:

ICIC Number:

Date Found: -Not Recorded-

Date Entered: -Not Recorded-

Date Modified: -Not Recorded-

QA Reviewed: -Not Recorded-

#### Case Navigation

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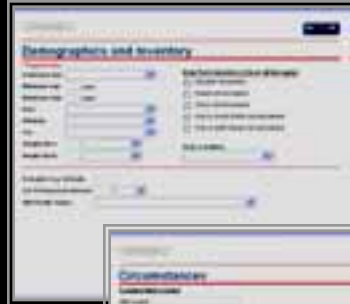
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# Case Navigation - Screens

Demographics / Inventory



Photos



Circumstances



Agencies Info



Body Info



Follow-up



Clothing, Hair & Eyes



Exclusions



Dental



NCIC

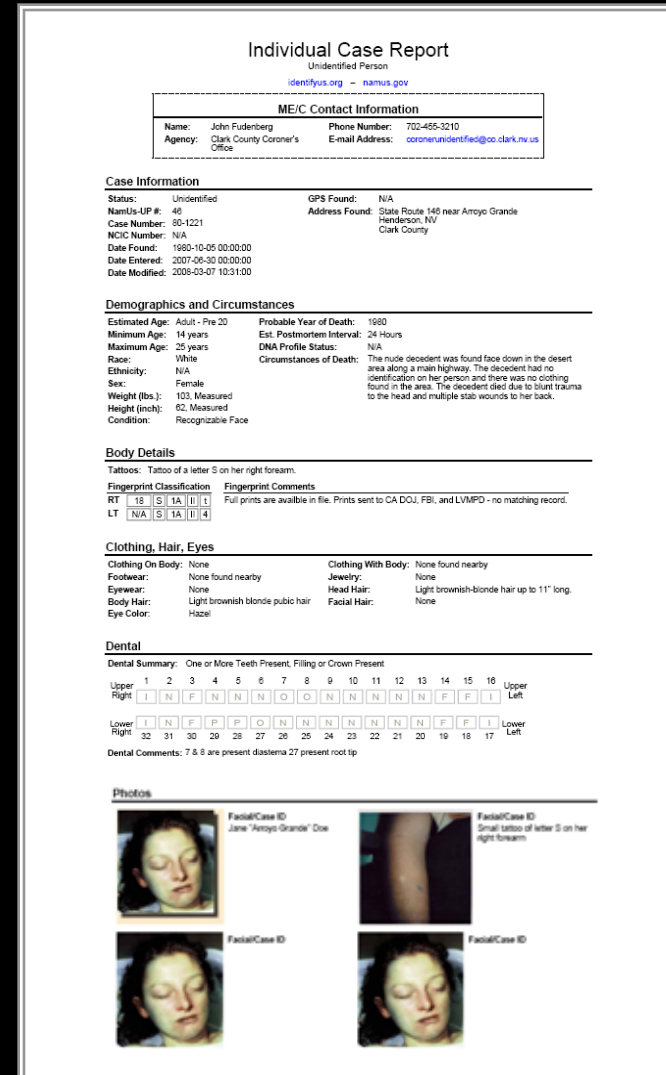


# Example – UHR Case

## Case Navigation – Report Screen



The screenshot shows a web interface for a case report. On the left is a navigation sidebar with a red arrow pointing to the 'Links' section. The main content area is titled 'Case Information' and contains 'ME/C Contact Information' with fields for Name, Agency, Phone Number, and Email Address. Below this is a 'Status' dropdown menu and a 'ME/C Case Number' field. Further down are fields for 'Date Entered' and 'Date Modified'. The sidebar includes a profile picture, case details, 'Identification Potential' (5 stars), and a 'Case Navigation' menu with options like Case Information, Demographics, Circumstances, Body Details, Clothing, Hair, Eyes, Dental, Photos, Police Information, Follow Up, Exclusions, NCIC, Reports, and Links. At the bottom of the sidebar are logos for the National Institute of Justice and the Department of Justice.



The screenshot shows a printable version of an individual case report. At the top is the title 'Individual Case Report' and the text 'Identified Person' with the website 'identifyus.org - namus.gov'. Below this is a table for 'ME/C Contact Information' with fields for Name, Agency, Phone Number, and Email Address. The 'Case Information' section includes fields for Status, Name/UP #, Case Number, NCIC Number, Date Found, Date Entered, Date Modified, GPS Found, Address Found, and State. The 'Demographics and Circumstances' section includes fields for Estimated Age, Minimum Age, Maximum Age, Race, Ethnicity, Sex, Weight, Height, Condition, Probable Year of Death, Est. Postmortem Interval, DNA Profile Status, and Circumstances of Death. The 'Body Details' section includes a field for Tattoos. The 'Clothing, Hair, Eyes' section includes fields for Clothing On Body, Footwear, Eyewear, Body Hair, Eye Color, Clothing With Body, Jewelry, Head Hair, and Facial Hair. The 'Dental' section includes a field for Dental Summary and a grid for dental findings. The 'Photos' section includes four photos with captions: 'Facial/Case ID Jane "Arroyo Grande" Doe', 'Facial/Case ID Small tattoo of letter S on her right forearm', and two other photos labeled 'Facial/Case ID'.

Printable Individual Case Report



A human skull is the central focus, resting on a metal laboratory tray. The background is a dimly lit laboratory with various pieces of equipment. Overlaid on the skull is the word "Questions?" in a large, stylized, orange-to-yellow gradient font with a black outline.

Questions?

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