

# Role of NCIC in the Identification of Missing Persons and Human Remains

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#### National Crime Information Center

- Computerized index of documented criminal justice information
- Information on crimes & criminals of nationwide interests
- Locator file of missing & unidentified persons



# NCIC Records

- Entered by local law enforcement agencies
- Record Integrity
  - Accurate
  - Timely
  - Complete
  - Double-checked by second party









Entry Criteria for Emancipated Person

Missing person age 21 and over:

- Entering agency has signed documentation
  Documentation protects individual's right to
- privacyInvestigating officer's signature will suffice
- Alzheimer's victims entered immediately



# Missing Person File

- Entry Criteria for Unemancipated Person
  - Missing person under the age of 21
    - Must be entered immediately
    - Missing person report is sufficient documentation
  - INTERPOL USCB enters abducted children



## **Missing Person File**

- Suzanne's Law 2001
  - Requires immediate entry for persons under 21
    Previously required immediate entry under 18
    - Age of emancipation in Texas is still 18



#### Missing Person File

Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act 2006

- Defines immediate entry of missing juvenile
- Within two (2) hours of receipt of report
- Time & date stamp recommended



#### **Missing Person File**

Entry of a Catastrophe Victim

- Any agency involved in identifying victims
  - Transportation accidents
  - Acts of terrorism
  - Weather related disasters
- No written documentation required for entry

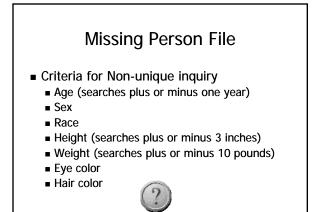


# Missing Person File

- Requirements for Unique Identifier Inquiry
  - Name, and
  - One, or more than one alphanumeric identifier
    - Date of Birth
    - Social Security Number
    - Miscellaneous Identifying Numbers



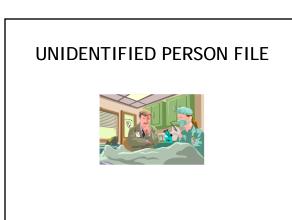
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#### DEFINITION

- When Unidentified record entered/modified:
  - NCIC compares records with Missing Person File
  - Performed daily on records from previous day
  - NCIC advises agencies of a possible match
  - Also compares records with Wanted Person File



#### Missing/Wanted/Unidentified Match

\$.M UNIDENTIFIED/WANTED COMPARE RESULTS TX1580000

YOUR RECORD WITH NIC/M123456789 IS A POSSIBLE MATCH WITH THE FOLLOWING RECORD(S) THIS SEARCH WAS INITIATED BY THE ENTRY/UPDATE OF THE DENTAL DATA FOR M/123456789

#### Identifiers Used In Comparison

- Date of Birth Estimated Year of Birth
- Sex
- Race
- Height Estimated Height
- Weight Estimated Weight



### Identifiers in Comparison

- Eye Color
- Hair Color
- Date Last Contact Estimated Death Date
- Date Last Contact Date Body Found
- Scars, Marks, Tattoos & other characteristics



#### Identifiers in Comparison

- Fingerprint Classification
- Jewelry Type
- Originating Agency State Code
- Blood Type
- Dental Characteristics



#### **Dental Characteristics**

- Scores are derived from:
  - Number of matches
  - No matches
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- No match
- Matches are determined by:
  - Exact matches in restorations of each tooth

## **Dental Characteristics**

All dental \$.M possible matches should be examined by a forensic odontologist trained by the FBI team of volunteer forensic odontologists



#### **Dental Characteristics**

FBI/CJIS is involved in training dental professionals to properly code dental records and determine if a possible match situation exists



#### **Dental Characteristics**

Individuals trained by FBI/CJIS agree to assist state and local agencies with coding these records and examining \$.M reports as a public service on a time available basis.



## Automatic Cross-Search

- Score is assigned to each candidate record
- Based upon variance of data
- Numerical representation of similarity
- Used to select most likely candidate records



#### Automatic Cross-Search

- Message includes abbreviated records for:
  - Up to 100 possible matches for physical crosssearch
  - Up to 35 possible matches for dental crosssearch



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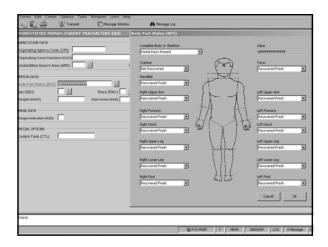
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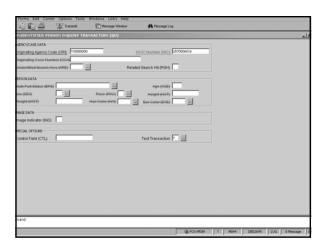


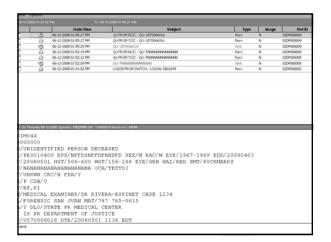


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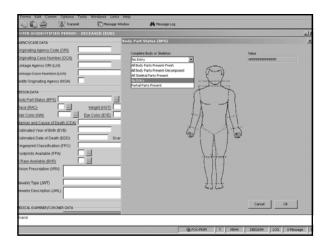
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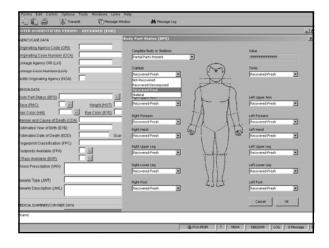


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#### National Dental Image Repository

- Supplement to NCIC
- Used by forensic dentists



- Located on LEO/CJISContents:
  - Missing/Unidentified/Wanted Person Form
  - Digitized copy of NCIC record
  - Digitized copy of Dental Condition Worksheet
  - Digitized radiographs

## ADIS

- Automated Dental Identification System
- Uses Dental radiographs (x-rays) to make possible identification of Missing and Unidentified Persons
- More information at:
  - http://csee.wvu.edu/adis

