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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



### Missing & Unidentified Persons Section (MUPS)

#### **What does MUPS do?**

MUPS is tasked with assisting all law enforcement agencies throughout the State in locating missing persons and identifying unidentified persons. This is done through the comparison of physical characteristics, fingerprints, and dental/body x-rays. We also function as the California Missing Children's Clearing House.

#### **Who is in MUPS?**

The MUPS team is comprised of non-sworn Crime Analysts.

#### **How can MUPS assist you?**

MUPS can assist with a variety of questions you may have, including how to report someone missing. We can also work with local law enforcement to potentially have your missing loved one posted to the California Attorney General's Missing Persons Website. Additionally, we can recommend resources based on your loved one's case.

#### **What does MUPS need from you?**

If you have a missing loved one, please submit any photos (facial, tattoos, etc.), dental and medical records, fingerprints, and military records to MUPS using the e-mail below. These are kept safely with us and will not be made public.

#### **Debunking the Myth: You Do Not Need to Wait 24 Hours!**

**There is no waiting period to file a missing person report in California.** Do not wait – if someone you know is missing, contact your local law enforcement agency right away to file a report.

#### **How MUPS can be contacted:**

**E-mail:** [missing.persons@doj.ca.gov](mailto:missing.persons@doj.ca.gov)

**Phone:** 916-210-3123

**Website:** <https://oag.ca.gov/missing>

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