

INDIANA CLEARINGHOUSE for Information on MISSING CHILDREN & MISSING ENDANGERED ADULTS

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Spreading awareness for missing kids

Tips for recognizing fake missing posters

We all want to do our part to help reunite missing children with their loved ones. Sharing social media posts is an easy way to quickly spread the word that a child needs help. But while we want to believe in the benevolent spirit of people, it is becoming more common that fake posters are popping up featuring kids who are not missing. Sharing these fake posts can dilude the issue.

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In a <u>blog post</u> on September 21, 2023, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) provided a deeper look at the issue.

Read more on this topic at missingkids.org.

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OUR PURPOSE

To provide healthcare and educational communities resources to aide in the recovery of unidentified or missing persons. There are over 1,000 missing persons in Indiana's Law Enforcement database. Together with hospitals, Vital Records, State Department of Health, Family and Social Services, and other agencies, we can greatly reduce the number of missing persons in Indiana.



Out & About



The Indiana Clearinghouse for Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults and the Indiana Troopers Youth Services connected with Indiana youth at the Greensburg Community Day in August.

Contact the Clearinghouse at 800-831-8953 to find out how we can assist with your next event or educational opportunity.

Missing Posters—real or fake?

NCMEC shares the following tips to help you decide when to click "share" and when to proceed with caution:

Good missing posters will include:

- A child's name
- The date they went missing
- The location they are missing from
- Bonus: the law enforcement agency handline the case, along with their phone number or NCMEC's 24/7 hotline, 1-800-THE-LOST

Look for red flags to spot misinformation:

- The information on the child does not come from NCMEC, and official law enforcement agency or another credible news source, such as your local or national news;
- The poster or post contains misspellings, improperly used words or errors in syntax;
- The post is not asking you to take the appropriate action or doesn't share how you can take action.



Get Involved: CyberTipline

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) <u>CyberTipline</u> is the nation's centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. The public and electronic service providers can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, extra-familial child sexual molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking, unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child, misleading domain names, and misleading words or digital images on the internet.

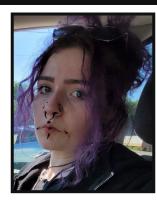
NCMEC staff review each tip and work to find a potential location for the incident reported so that it may be made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. We also use the information from our CyberTipline reports to help shape our prevention and safety messages.

If you know of a child being sexually exploited online, report it at <u>CyberTipline.org</u> or 1-800-THE-LOST.





Indiana's Active Silver Alerts



GUINEVERE ZIMMERMAN is a 16-year-old white female, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 120 pounds with purple hair and blue eyes.

Guinevere is missing from French Lick, Indiana which is 105 miles southwest of Indianapolis and was last seen on Monday, September 25, 2023.

If you have information, contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department at 812-723-2417 or 911.

In the Spotlight



VALERIE TINDALL is an 18year-old white female, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 162 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes.

Valerie is missing from Arlington, Indiana which is 47 miles southeast of Indianapolis and was last seen on Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

If you have information, contact the Rush County Sheriff's Department at 765-932-2931 or 911.



HAYLEE CUMMINGS is a 17-year-old white female, 5 feet 4 inches tall, 150 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

Haylee is missing from Muncie, Indiana which is 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis and was last seen on August 9, 2022.

If you have information, contact the Muncie Police Department at 765-716-9852 or 911.

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NATHANIEL WOODS is a 28year-old male, 5 feet 7 inches tall with black hair and brown eyes.

Nathaniel is missing from Milltown, Indiana which is 120 miles south of Indianapolis and was last seen on December 4, 2021.

If you have information, contact the Crawford County Sheriff's Department at 812-338-3616 or 911.



STEVEN BRYAN is a 3-year-old white male, 3 feet 5 inches tall, 32 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is believed to be with **CALEB BLEVINS**, a 30-year -old white male, 6 feet tall, 225 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

The pair is missing from Mooresville, Indiana which is 18 miles southwest of Indianapolis and were last seen on July 20, 2022.

They may be in the company of Deborah Bryan, a 29-year-old white female, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 135 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes, driving a Silver 2020 Toyota Rav4 with Indiana plate VSH490.

If you have information, contact the Mooresville Police Department at 317-831-3434 or 911.



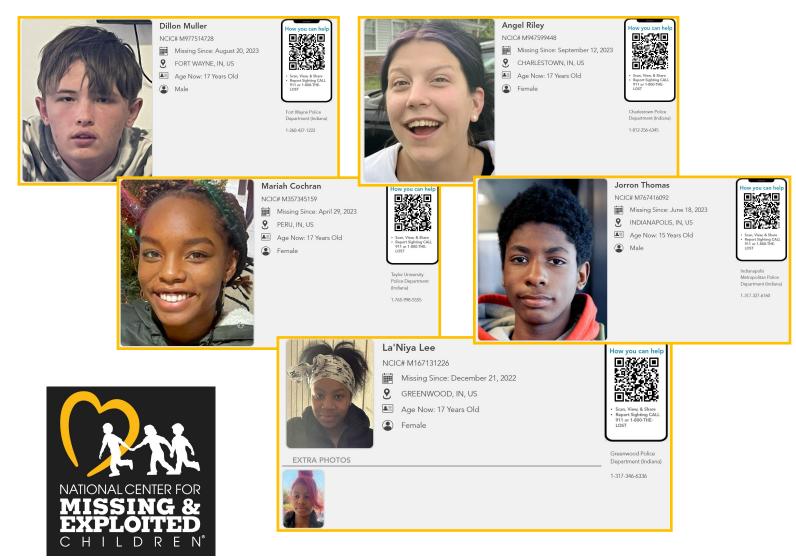


MISSING CHILD Posters

For more Indiana Missing Persons posters, go to missingkids.org.

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The following are excerpts of current missing child posters available on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website.



Missing Persons Bulletin

Information for the Children above is accurate from the time of publication. Please check the Missing Persons Bulletin for up to date listings of Indiana Missing Persons. https://www.in.gov/isp/3187.htm

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Address: 100 N. Senate Ave. N340 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: 800-831-8953

Email: <u>missingchildren@isp.in.gov</u>

Website: www.in.gov/isp/2333.htm

Helpful Resources / Links

Indiana State Police

in.gov/isp/3187.htm

The Missing Person Bulletin is a valuable resource available for you to check and confirm if a person is identified as missing in the State of Indiana. The bulletin is updated daily Monday through Friday with information from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Indiana Data and Communication System (IDACS). Always check the date at the bottom of the page to confirm when the bulletin was last updated. If there is any doubt, feel free to call the Clearinghouse at 800-831-8953.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

1-800-843-5678 or missingkids.org

The mission of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization. They operate a 24/7 national hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) for tips and reports related to missing and sexually exploited children, create and distribute missing child posters, redistribute AMBER Alerts, operate the CyberTipline for child sexual exploitation, help locate victims of child sex trafficking, assist law enforcement with tracking non-compliant sex offenders, provide crisis intervention and counseling referrals, and ensure that victims of child sex trafficking have access to the recovery services and support they need.

National Runaway Safeline

1-800-RUNAWAY or 1800runaway.org

The mission of the National Runaway Safeline is to help keep America's runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. The 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and 1800RUNAWAY.org online crises services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year throughout the United States and its territories, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

1-855-626-7600 or namus.gov

NamUs is a national information clearinghouse and resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases across the United States. Funded and administered by the National Institute of Justice and managed through a cooperative agreement with the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas, all NamUs resources are provided at no cost to law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals, and family members of missing persons.

Who we are



The Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults in 2009. The Clearinghouse is intended to serve as the state central repository for all information on missing children and missing endangered adults from Indiana or believed to be in Indiana. The program is designed to collect, store, and disseminate information on missing children and missing and endangered adults. The Clearinghouse provides liaison among citizens, private organizations, and law enforcement agencies regarding missing children information.

