# BCI **Missing Persons** Unit

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Missing Persons Unit, part of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, assists law enforcement agencies and families in locating missing children and plays an integral role in cases involving human trafficking, missing adults, and unidentified human remains.
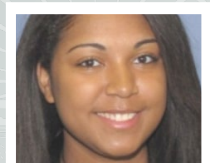
**The unit:**

- Maintains the missing persons database on the Ohio Attorney General's website.
- Offers resources and guidance to families and the public.
- Administers the Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse. The clearinghouse is available through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG).
- Assists law enforcement with Endangered Missing Child and Endangered Missing Adult alerts and Ohio Child Abduction Response Team (CART) activations.
- Uses social networks to raise awareness about those who are missing.
- Analyzes information from social networks, public records, and law enforcement databases to help locate missing persons.
- Queries the license plate reader database to aid in the search for missing persons.
- Generates proactive intelligence on young runaways as potential targets of human trafficking.
- Conducts trainings for law enforcement, schoolchildren, and the public.
- Provides investigative guidance, resource recommendations, and assistance to law enforcement.
- Administers the National Missing Children's Day poster contest in Ohio.

**Project LINK (Linking Individuals Not Known):**

- Works to match DNA from biological family members of missing individuals to DNA from unidentified remains.
- Collaborates with BCI's laboratory to offer free DNA testing of samples from families, missing persons, and unidentified human remains.
- Coordinates case information with local, state, and federal partners.

**Forensic Artists:**

- Work to interpret and reconstruct facial features from unidentified skeletal remains.
- Generate images of what decedents may have looked like in life in order to generate tips from the public.
- Offer forensic imaging, including:
  - Composite sketches
  - Image modifications (age progression, age regression, post-mortem)

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