Lost and Missing in INDIAN COUNTRY

The Drum

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HOMELESS *and Missing*

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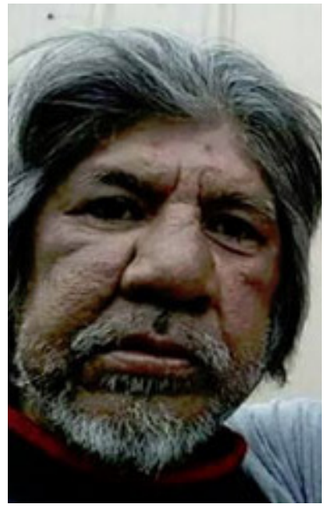

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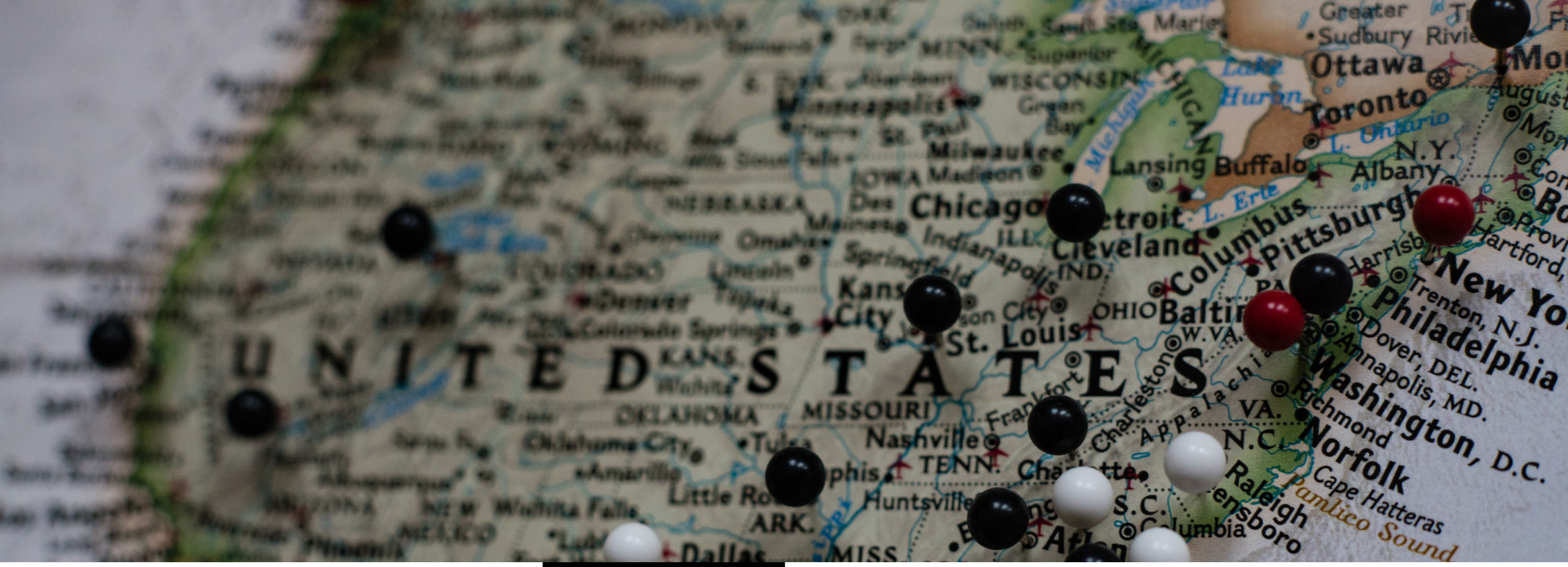
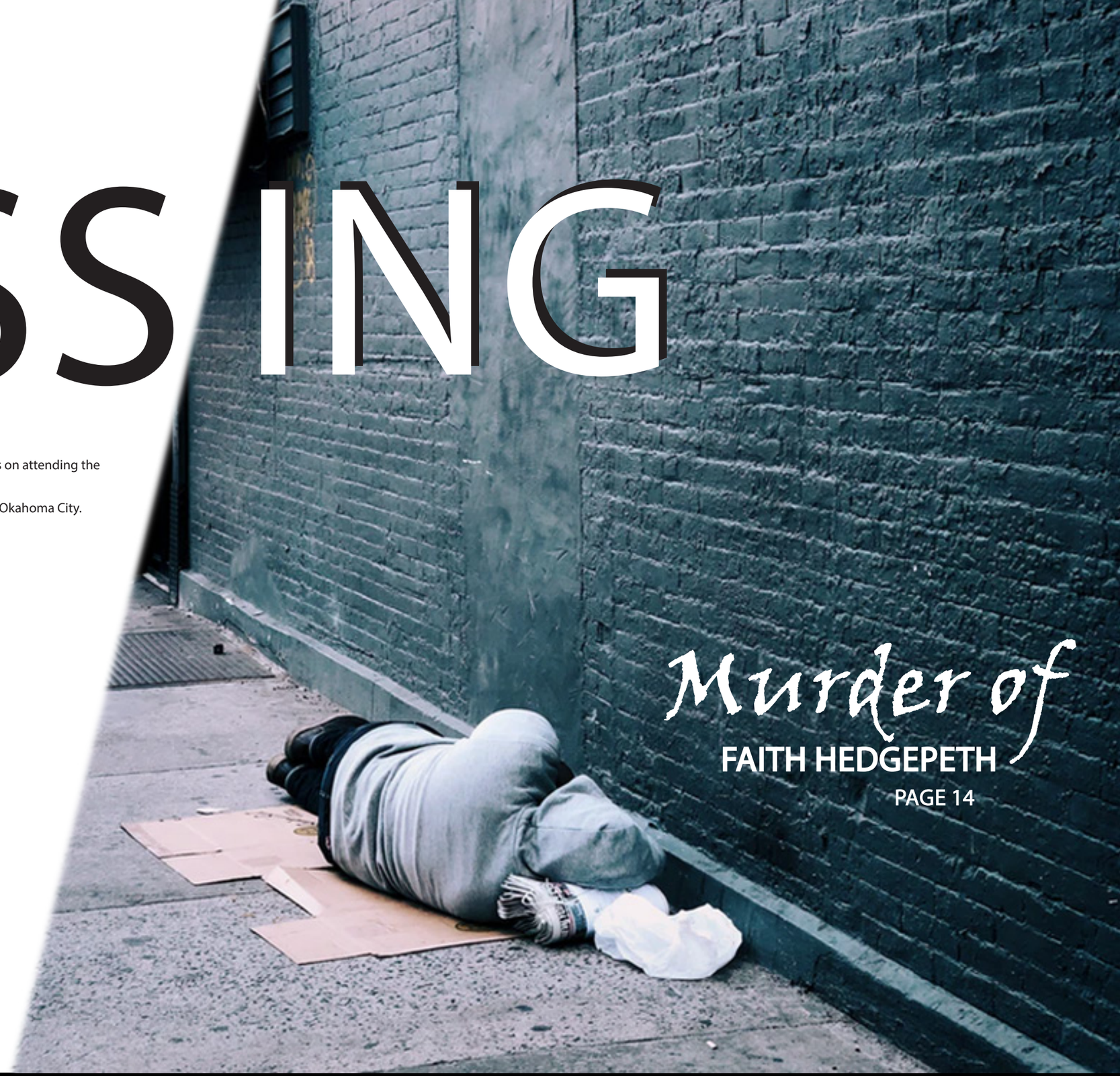


"We are ADVOCATES for the Lost and Missing. We strive to give NAMES back to the lost, with an emphasis on cold cases to help them find their way HOME."

MISSING

Janet Franson founder of Lost and Missing in Indian Country plans on attending the

1st Annual 4 Directions MMIW Conference on November 15-16 in Okahoma City.



Murder of
FAITH HEDGEPETH

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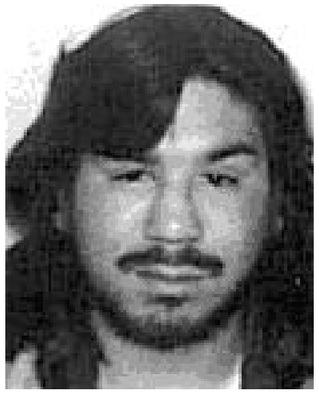
THE MISSING

Please Note: This is in no way a complete list of missing homesless Native Americans. These are individuals that are missing that Lost and Missing in Indian Country is aware of and does not include juveniles that are on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (stats do include NCMEC and individuals missing that are not homeless).

Darryl Fawcett was last seen in Juneau, Alaska sometime during September 1999. He was homeless and living on the streets at the time. After that month, he stopped cashing checks that were sent to him and the checks started getting returned in October 1999. He has never been heard from again and his whereabouts remain unknown.

Theresa Johnny was a resident of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada in 1998. Johnny traveled to Anchorage, Alaska in the United States shortly thereafter. She was last seen in Anchorage during the month of July 1998. She has never been heard from again. It is possible that she is living on the streets.



Martin Ebona was last seen in Juneau, Alaska on August 4, 1993. There were reports that he went to Ketchikan, Alaska to work.Although he was homeless at the time of his disappearance, Ebona's family told authorities that it is uncharacteristic of him not to contact his loved ones for extended periods of time. Ebona's case remains unsolved. He was declared legally dead in 2011.

ALASKA

Eddie Smith was a known transient in the Phoenix, AZ area and was last heard from by family sometime in February 1980.

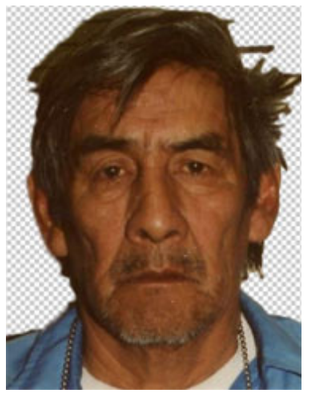
Harlan Dennis was last seen at his mother's residence in the area of the 3800 block of north 80th Drive in Phoenix, Arizona on February 14, 2012. Although he led a transient lifestyle at the time of his disappearance, he always kept in touch with his family.

KEEP LOOKING FOR US! NEVER GIVE UP!

ARIZONA

Frank Blackwater has not had contact with family in some time which is unusual for him. Frank is a known transient in Lincoln, NE. Frank was last seen at the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach Center in Lincoln, NE on 01/17/2019 receiving supplies.

Rose Fields was 36 years old when she disappeared a few days before her 37th birthday from Omaha, Nebraska on December 22nd, 2000. She was last seen leaving a relative's house on 1500 block of Pine Street in Omaha. She is known to frequent homeless shelters in the area.



Walter Grant was last seen in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 17, 1992. Walter frequented homeless shelters and open door missions at the time of his disappearance.

NEBRASKA

Merle Saul was last seen on foot in Omaha, Nebraska on October 1, 2015. He was homeless at the time of his disappearance. He has not been heard from since.

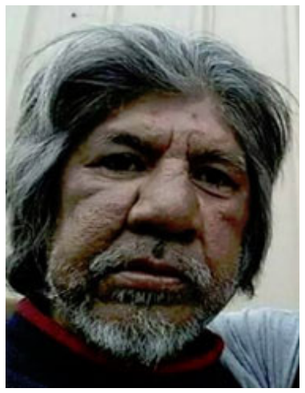
Theresa is homeless and has family in the Taos Pueblo, New Mexico area. She also has family on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona. She has had no contact with her sister or her son in two years. She was approximately last seen in May of 2016; however, exact date of last contact is unknown.

Mark Aguilar was last seein Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 4, 2016. He was homeless at the time of his disappearance and frequented the Pete's Place shelter and the Rufina Street area. He was last sighted on surveillance video at the New Mexico Workforce Construction Office in Santa Fe on October 18.

NEBRASKA & NEW MEXICO

McKaila Cooper was at the Marie Detty Children's Shelter in Lawton, OK and left the facilities without permission and without notice on 05/22/2018. McKaila is under the Creek Nation's tribe.

Roland Sconawah was last seen in Lyle, Washington on November 21, 2013. He was somewhat transient at the time of his disappearance and is missing under unclear circumstances.



Anthony Wahsise Sr. was last seen in Wapato, WA in August 2017. May be homeless.

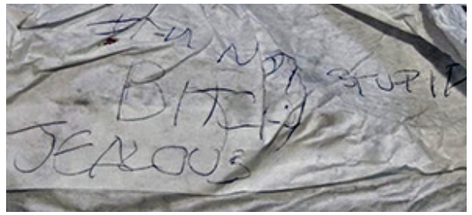
OKLAHOMA & WASHINGTON

FAITH HEDGEPETH

Faith was going to be the first person from her family to graduate college from UNC in 2012.

She was leaning toward becoming a Pediatrician. She wanted to go back home and help her Nation, the Haliwa Saponi tribe. Faith was well liked amongst her peers, as well as customers she waited on at a part time job at Red Robin.

Faith was also fiercely loyal to her friends. This young lady had it all - looks, brains, drive, and personality.



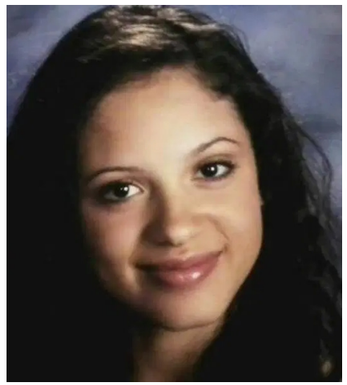
A note was left near Hedgepeth's body with the text:

I'M NOT STUPID

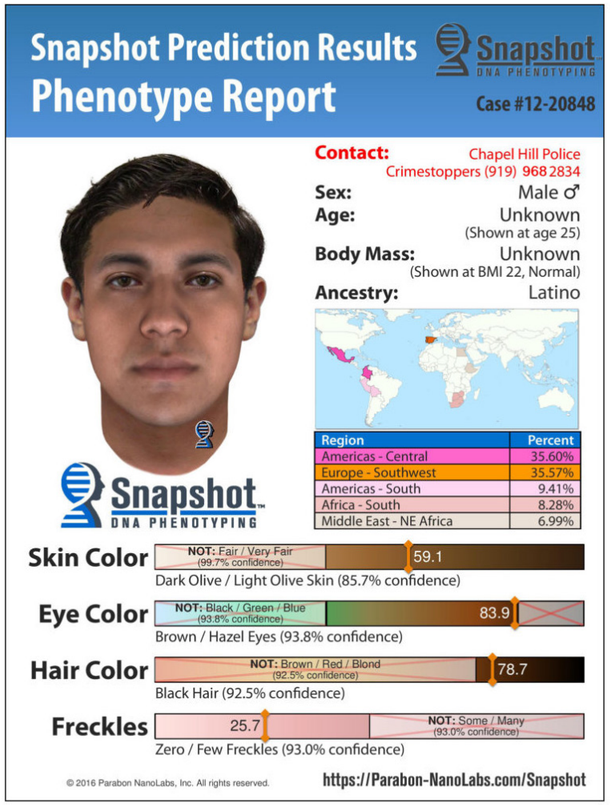
BITCH

JEALOUS

The paper may have come from Time-Out, a popular 24-hour restaurant in Chapel Hill that would have been the only place open at the time Hedgepeth and Rosario left The Thrill.



Who would want to take the life of Faith?



Possible Murder Weapon

We know that there are times that people KNOW something and are afraid, for whatever reason, to come forward. If you have ANY information, you can do the RIGHT THING, and remain anonymous. You can call or text Janet with Lost and Missing in Indian Country at 325-423-2458.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

It is recommended you not list your phone number on public posters, as to ensure no hoaxes for reward money, or any other harassment occurs. The phone number to the police department should be used.

Remember to ask people to spread the word, alert the local media, and consider hiring a private investigator.

What should you do if you believe someone you know has gone missing?

If you believe someone you know has gone missing, file a police report with local law enforcement. Provide the police with a photo of the missing person, along with any identifiers, such as scars, marks, tattoos, jewelry and/or a description of the clothing he/she was last seen wearing. Remember to write down the case number and the name of the officer who took the report. Also, contact us to assist you with the case. It is NEVER too early.

Contact friends and acquaintances, check hospitals and coroners in the area. Check the local county jail and social media sites. Also put up fliers with the missing persons photograph and description.

DNA

HOW IMPORTANT IS DNA WHEN A PERSON IS MISSING?

As of September 8, 2019, there are 12,952 individuals that are unidentified in the database. A lot of these cases do not have DNA available or they do not have DNA of a missing person to compare to.

DNA has come so far and is now available, whereas some of these cases DNA was not available. It is important if you have a missing loved one to give your DNA so that it can be compared to the thousands of unidentified individuals. These individuals are waiting to be identified. They are waiting to go HOME!

MISSING NATIVE AMERICAN STATISTICS PER YEAR

PLEASE NOTE:

THESE NUMBERS ARE BASED ON INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THAT ARE MISSING. THESE NUMBERS CHANGE ON A DAILY BASIS.

STATISTICS AS OF 9/22/2019

Missing:	558
Males:	322
Females:	236

1900	0	**1910**	0	**1920**	0	**1930**	0	**1940**	0	**1950**	0	**1960**	5	**1970**	0	**1980**	2	**1990**	5	**2000**	7	**2010**	10
1901	0	**1911**	0	**1921**	0	**1931**	0	**1941**	0	**1951**	0	**1961**	1	**1971**	3	**1981**	1	**1991**	5	**2001**	11	**2011**	10
1902	0	**1912**	0	**1922**	0	**1932**	0	**1942**	0	**1952**	0	**1962**	0	**1972**	2	**1982**	7	**1992**	7	**2002**	9	**2012**	9
1903	0	**1913**	0	**1923**	0	**1933**	0	**1943**	0	**1953**	2	**1963**	0	**1973**	2	**1983**	4	**1993**	5	**2003**	5	**2013**	15
1904	0	**1914**	0	**1924**	0	**1934**	0	**1944**	0	**1954**	0	**1964**	0	**1974**	5	**1984**	9	**1994**	7	**2004**	14	**2014**	16
1905	0	**1915**	0	**1925**	0	**1935**	0	**1945**	0	**1955**	0	**1965**	2	**1975**	3	**1985**	4	**1995**	7	**2005**	8	**2015**	23
1906	0	**1916**	0	**1926**	0	**1936**	0	**1946**	0	**1956**	2	**1966**	0	**1976**	2	**1986**	8	**1996**	8	**2006**	5	**2016**	27
1907	0	**1917**	0	**1927**	0	**1937**	0	**1947**	0	**1957**	1	**1967**	0	**1977**	4	**1987**	9	**1997**	6	**2007**	13	**2017**	31
1908	0	**1918**	0	**1928**	0	**1938**	0	**1948**	0	**1958**	0	**1968**	1	**1978**	1	**1988**	7	**1998**	8	**2008**	11	**2018**	56
1909	0	**1919**	0	**1929**	0	**1939**	0	**1949**	0	**1959**	0	**1969**	2	**1979**	9	**1989**	1	**1999**	15	**2009**	9	**2019**	97
Total	0	**Total**	0	**Total**	0	**Total**	0	**Total**	0	**Total**	5	**Total**	11	**Total**	31	**Total**	52	**Total**	73	**Total**	92	**Total**	294

MISSING NATIVE AMERICAN STATISTICS PER STATE

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STATISTICS AS OF 9/22/2019

Alabama:	0	**Indiana:**	0	**Nebraska:**	16	**South Carolina:**	2
Alaska:	86	**Iowa:**	2	**Nevada:**	4	**South Dakota:**	12
Arizona:	54	**Kansas:**	3	**New Hampshire:**	0	**Tennessee:**	2
Arkansas:	2	**Kentucky:**	0	**New Jersey:**	0	**Texas:**	7
California:	39	**Louisiana:**	0	**New Mexico:**	54	**Utah:**	6
Colorado:	4	**Maine:**	2	**New York:**	5	**Vermont:**	0
Connecticut:	0	**Maryland:**	0	**North Carolina:**	18	**Virginia:**	1
Deleware:	0	**Massachusetts:**	1	**North Dakota:**	3	**Washington:**	64
Florida:	9	**Michigan:**	10	**Ohio:**	0	**West Virginia:**	1
Georgia:	2	**Minnesota:**	13	**Oklahoma:**	69	**Wisconsin:**	5
Hawaii:	1	**Mississippi:**	2	**Oregon:**	10	**Wyoming:**	3
Idaho:	8	**Missouri:**	2	**Pennsylvania:**	0		
Illinois:	0	**Montana:**	35	**Rhode Island:**	1		

MORE STATISTICS

BETWEEN 1/1/2019 AND 9/22/2019

235 NATIVE AMERICANS ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED MISSING.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS

Alaska	Date Missing
Patrick Meganack	11/16/1953
Emmett Nollner	9/25/1960
Leo Demoski	9/25/1960
Bertha Demoski	9/25/1960
Claude Demoski	9/25/1960
Harry Pitka	9/25/1960
Tuck Esenituk	6/1/1961
Dennis Pungowiyi	10/1/1965
Archie Olanna	10/19/1969
Fanny Olanna	10/19/1969
Ephin Chulin	11/13/1972
Alex Inga Sr.	12/10/1974
Alex Inga	12/10/1974
Alfred Olick	9/8/1975
Antionette Bernhardt	11/21/1977
Roy Ayagalria	12/16/1978
Noah Jessup	8/1/1979
Eli Darien Sr.	9/10/1979
Raymond Edwards	8/16/2001
Charlene Johnson	9/22/2005
Nick Lupie	7/26/2010
Crim Alexie	8/28/2010
Nathan Oney	9/3/2011
Ronald Barr	5/12/2019
Arizona	**Date Missing**
Raymond Portee	7/22/2018
California	**Date Missing**
Lisa Thomas	8/10/1996
Minnesota	**Date Missing**
Willson Sam	6/23/1988
Charles Bush Jr.	12/1/1997
Nebraska	**Date Missing**
Chauncey Lyons	9/30/1992
New Mexico	**Date Missing**
Kirby Abeita	10/10/1999
Wade Benally	3/1/2000
Melissa Montoya	3/16/2001
Garrett Goldtooth	8/2/2003
Jonathan John	12/1/2006

Oklahoma	Date Missing
Jason Gibson	9/1/1994
Otho Head Jr.	6/14/2001
Texie Udell	7/22/2010
Sarah James	3/21/2011
Rhonda Anderson	6/17/2012
Bradford Delgarito	2/14/2014
Sierrah McGrath	11/2/2017
South Dakota	**Date Missing**
Terry Good Voice Elk	11/1/1991
Richard Whitecalf	7/13/2004
Lester Hoffman	7/1/2013
Tennessee	**Date Missing**
Patrick Hickman	11/13/2015
Texas	**Date Missing**
Amos Buchanan	3/9/1987
Utah	**Date Missing**
Theodore Wyasket	1/1/2007
Washington	**Date Missing**
Jesse Mathews	5/19/1968
Reba Stewart	8/15/1982
Colleen Moran	8/20/1985
Daisey Tallman	10/29/1987
Karen Johnley	11/1/1987
Benito Chamorro	3/21/1992
Jessica McDonald	9/16/1997
Odessa White	1/22/1998
West Virginia	**Date Missing**
Anthony Jerry	12/8/2013
Wisconsin	**Date Missing**
Timothy Thompson	4/15/1982

Keep your eyes open. Know what is going on around where you live. You may be the one to help someone find his or her way home.

STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

If you answered 'yes' to even one of these questions, you may be in an unhealthy or abusive relationship. Find more information at www.strongheartshelpline.org

Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay. Speak with a StrongHearts advocate at no cost by calling 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST when you are ready to reach out.

What is Domestic Violence? Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of behavior within a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner.
Does your partner ever...

- Call you names or put you down?
- Keep you from seeing or talking to family or friends?
- Push you, slap you, strangle you or hit you?
- Threaten to hurt or take away your children?
- Prevent you from honoring your beliefs?

Do you have any information on any of these (or other cases)? You can remain anonymous with any tips you want to give.

Do you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to talk with us about?

We always want to reach out to the families of any of missing persons, homicide cases, etc. Please contact LMIC 325-247-3292 or email coyote130@yahoo.com.

No matter how **OLD** a case is, there is family who wonder what happened to their loved one.

They **NEED** answers. **SOMEONE** knows **SOMETHING**!! Please **SPEAK** up!!

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