

Missing, Murdered, and Unsolved

A public, low-detail safety note for Native families, neighbors, and community tables. This version names no private cases, carries no family details, and adds no information beyond public law and public resource contacts.

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What this is	A public tool for knowing what to ask for when a Native person is missing and when safety concerns are present.
What this is not	It is not a case file, family account, investigative record, legal opinion, or official tribal instrument.
Privacy rule	Record facts needed for action. Do not circulate protected family information, medical details, addresses, ceremonial knowledge, or speculation.

The public point

Native missing-person and violence cases require fast action, clean records, and care with what gets shared. The safest public rule is simple: move quickly, document the facts of contact, protect the person and family, and keep private information out of public circulation.

When someone is missing

- 1. Call immediately.** Call 911 or the appropriate local law-enforcement agency. Do not wait for an informal search to fail before creating an official missing-person record.
- 2. Ask for the report number.** Write down the date, time, agency, officer or dispatcher name if provided, and report or incident number.
- 3. Ask about the Feather Alert.** California's Feather Alert is the statewide alert tool for missing Indigenous persons when statutory criteria are met.
- 4. Ask for the 24-hour determination.** California Government Code section 8594.13 requires the law-enforcement agency to determine within 24 hours whether the Feather Alert criteria are met after the initial report.
- 5. Know the tribe-direct route.** If that determination is not made within 24 hours, a Tribe of California may directly request CHP activation under Government Code section 8594.13.
- 6. Ask for reasons in writing.** If CHP declines activation, current law requires written reasons within the statutory response period.

For violence, abuse, or unsafe relationships

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans. Call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483). If someone is in immediate danger, call emergency services first.

What to write down - and what not to

Write down	Date and time; who was contacted; report number; public description needed for search; next action; who owns follow-up.
Do not circulate publicly	Medical details; private family conflict; addresses not needed for public notice; speculation; protected cultural information; screenshots shared without consent.

Public release boundary

This public version intentionally omits named-case detail, family-held information, addresses, medical details, and material that could create new harm. Keep case-specific work with the people who have standing and responsibility to hold it.

Mini checklist for a community table

- Who receives missing-person calls after hours?
- Who knows how to reach the proper law-enforcement agency?
- Who can request or support a Feather Alert pathway?
- Where is the contact log kept?
- Who checks that a public post does not expose private family information?
- Who follows up every morning until the person is found or the question is resolved?

Sources checked for this public version

- California Highway Patrol, Feather Alert public page and printable flyer, checked July 8, 2026.
- California Government Code section 8594.13, Feather Alert activation and response rules, checked July 8, 2026.
- StrongHearts Native Helpline public contact page, checked July 8, 2026.

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