



Reporting a Missing Person

What Is A Missing Person?

There are many different situations that qualify a person as missing. The following are some of the more common circumstances:

Minors:

A minor (person less than 18 years of age) who has left the house or their guardian for an over extended period of time, voluntarily or involuntarily, can be considered missing.

Adults:

An adult who has been gone for an over extended period of time and who:

- may be in the need of assistance
- may be the victim of a crime or foul play
- may be in need of medical attention
- has no pattern of running away or disappearing
- may be the victim of parental abduction
- is mentally or physically impaired

Who do I contact to file a missing person report?

The University of Rio Grande Police Department is responsible for handling missing person reports. You can contact the Police Department at extension 7286 or #245-7286.

Will family members be contacted when a student is reported missing?

As with all situations concerning health and safety, the Dean of Students, Campus Police Chief and Director of Campus Safety reserve the right to notify a student's family members.

2901.42 Missing person report indicating foul play.

(A) If a law enforcement agency receives an initial report or receives additional information for the report that a person who is at least eighteen but less than twenty-one years of age is missing, the law enforcement agency shall make available through the national crime information center all information contained in the report immediately after the law enforcement agency receives the report or additional information.

(B)(1) If a law enforcement agency receives a report that a person who is twenty-one years of age or older is missing and if there is evidence that the person was a victim of foul play at the time the victim is reported missing, the law enforcement agency shall make available through the national crime information center all information contained in the report not later than seven days after the law enforcement agency receives the report. If there is no evidence that the person was a victim of foul play, and no evidence to the contrary is received, the law enforcement agency shall make the information available through the national crime information center not later than thirty days after receiving the report that the person is missing.

(2) If a law enforcement agency receives a report that a person who is twenty-one years of age or older is missing and there is no evidence of foul play at the time the agency receives the report and if the agency discovers after the law enforcement agency receives the report but before the end of the seven-day period under division (B)(1) of this section evidence that the person who is missing was a victim of foul play, the law enforcement agency shall make available through the national crime information center all information contained in the report by the end of that seven-day period. If a law enforcement agency receives a report that a person who is twenty-one years of age or older is missing and there is no evidence of foul play at the time the agency receives the report and if the agency discovers after the end of the seven-day period under division (B)(1) of this section evidence that the person who is missing was a victim of foul play, the law enforcement agency shall make available through the national crime information center all information contained in the report not later than forty-eight hours after discovering the evidence that the person was a victim of foul play.

(C) If a law enforcement agency pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) of this section made available through the national crime information center information contained in a report that a person is missing and the missing person is found, the agency shall promptly remove that information from the law enforcement automated data system.

(D) As used in this section, indicators that a person was a victim of "foul play" include, but are not limited to, evidence that the person's home or car is in disarray, evidence of a struggle between the person and another person, or evidence a law enforcement agency determines to be foul play through the written policy the law enforcement agency develops and adopts pursuant to division (B) of section 2901.41 of the Revised Code.