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Updates to Missing Persons Alert & NamUs

Previously, when a missing person, aged 50 or older, was believed to be suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or a disability, the reporting agency could request the issuance of a Silver Alert. The issuance of a Silver Alert provided rapid dissemination of information statewide. And when a missing person or unidentified person has been on file for more than 30 days, per [NC General Statute 143B-1015\(c\)](#), law enforcement agencies made entry into the NamUs database.

Pertinent Info:

- Silver Alerts have been replaced with Missing Endangered Alerts and the age requirement for these alerts has been removed.
- When an agency has a missing person or child entered into NCIC who is believed to be suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or a cognitive impairment that, in light of the person's or child's missing status, requires the person or child to be protected from potential abuse or other physical harm, neglect, or exploitations, agencies shall request a Missing Endangered Alert. The person or child cannot have been missing for more than 72 hours.
- The time frame for entry into the NamUs database has changed. When a law enforcement agency has a missing or unidentified person or child case on file for more than 90 days, the agency shall enter into the information into the NamUs database.
- The Omnixx (DCIN) transactions of Endangered Person Alert Notification (NSA) and Cancel Endangered Person Alert Notification (XNSA) have been updated with the new transaction form names but continue to operate with the same technical specifications.

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Please do not rely solely on this document as an all-inclusive resource.

If you are uncertain about any issue, please seek out guidance from your agency legal counsel or contact the SBI for direction to an appropriate guiding authority.

In Review:

- Silver Alerts have been replaced with Missing Endangered Alerts.
 - The age requirement for these alerts has been removed.
 - The missing person or child has not been missing for no more than 72 hours.
 - Entry into NamUs is now after 90 days.
 - Effective October 1, 2023.
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