

# *Sheriff Dart Launches Missing Persons Project*

To prioritize long unsolved cases of missing people, the Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has launched the Missing Persons Project.

Resources will be dedicated to the search of people who have been missing for three or more years, with an initial focus on missing women. Investigators will be assigned to help with unsolved cases and work with local law enforcement agencies.

“These are incredibly challenging cases to solve and behind each of them are family and friends just left devastated and worrying with no answers,” Sheriff Dart said.



Cases that have often lacked widespread media attention will be featured on the Office’s new Missing Persons website and social media channels in an effort to generate tips.

According to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), 170 people from Cook County have been missing for three years or longer, including 77 women and 93 men.

Sheriff’s Office investigators have been working on the case of 56 year old Viola Martin, who was last seen in Glenwood and whose car was found in Dixmoor in December of 2009.

Her three daughters, Annette Martin-Gilmore, Angela Martin-Fields, and Latrina Martin, have been working with investigators in the hopes of generating tips.

For more information on the project, or to provide tips and information about any cases, visit <https://www.cookcountysheriff.org/person/>; phone (773) 674-9490 or email [CCSO.Missing Persons@CCSheriff.org](mailto:CCSO.Missing Persons@CCSheriff.org).