

# WANTED: RICHARD SIMMONS



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THE GUIDE TO FINDING A  
MISSING PESON BOUNDARIES



# What is a Silver Alert?

A public alert system In the US that informs law enforcement, media outlets, and the public about an elder person who has gone missing (60/+in age).

- The individual normally has cognitive disabilities or impairments.
- Each state has their own procedure.
- The goal is to protect the individual from injuries and potential death that might occur when missing.





# What is the process?

Once the case declares a missing person, a law enforcement agency will send out a statewide alert informing the public.

The information is then broadcasted on media outlets to try to locate the missing person.

- They then distribute information about the individual in hopes of finding them. This includes:
  - Photographs, age, last location, possible health conditions, etc.



# Statistics

Approximately 6 in 10 dementia victims will wander at least once, and the numbers are growing worldwide, fueled primarily by Alzheimer's disease.

If not found within 24 hours, up to half of wandering seniors with dementia suffer serious injury or death

In 2019, the number of missing person files decreased slightly compared to previous years, with 609,275 cases.



Cites Used:

<https://silveralertbill.com/>

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/240401/number-of-missing-person-files-in-the-us-since-1990/>

# What is the procedure of a case?

After 24 hours, the police can declare an individual missing.

- Within the first 48 hours is crucial to find all the leads, evidence, and information about a case.
- Contact, family, friends, track phone, etc.

Not all 'missing' people want to be found and it is part of BOUNDARIES authorities and others must respect.

- Detectives, peers, and others must consider if a person wants to be found and if the case is done and to know the limits of finding a 'missing' person.

<b>MISSING</b>	
	<b>ADDITIONAL DETAIL</b> NAME : HEIGHT : WEIGHT : AGE : EYES : HAIR : UNIQUE SIGN :  [PUT OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION HERE]
	<b>LAST SEEN :</b> TEXT 1 TEXT 2 TEXT 3
	<b>IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT (Phone Number)</b>
<b>HELP US PLEASE</b>	

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# Boundaries

If the individual has had contact with family/friends/peers then the person is not deemed missing.

If the person wishes to live in peace and go off the grid, they have the right to do so and can proceed to with no explanation.

Detectives and other individuals who want to find a 'missing' person must know what it legally means to be missing.

- “Anyone whose whereabouts is unknown whatever the circumstances of disappearance. They will be considered missing until located and their well-being or otherwise established” (ACPO, 2005:8)



# Morals

**When a missing person is located, the case is closed. No further investigation is needed.**

In the podcast, host, Dan Taberski and his team, violated the personal privacy of Richard Simmons.

- He had contact with others so he was not deemed 'missing'.
- Not all 'missing' people want to be found and it was clear that Richard Simmons wanted to be left alone in private living off the grid.

