

The San Mateo County Coroner's Office will be hosting a Bay Area Missing Persons Day on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the first community event of its kind in the Bay Area, although community events like this have been highly successful within California and across the nation for identifying the unidentified and reporting missing persons. Family members and friends of a missing person will be encouraged to bring biological relatives of the missing person to submit family reference DNA to CODIS, and provide identifying information such as surgical X-rays or dental information. The event will also promote awareness towards missing persons and unidentified persons through discussion with agencies dedicated to locating the missing and identifying the unidentified. The Coroner's Office will disseminate child identification kits and "Vial of Life" information encouraging individuals to complete identifying and medical information to be provided to first responders in the event of an emergency.