

**BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Policy on the Investigation of Missing Persons**

I. Policy Statement

The Bridgewater State University Police Department complies with Public Law 108-21, Title II, Section 204, which is more commonly known as "Suzanne's Law." The law provides that there should be no waiting period before a law enforcement agency initiates an investigation of a missing person under the age of 21 and enters the missing person's information into the National Crime Information Center computer network (NCIC) of the U.S. Department of Justice. Previously, police were only mandated to enter missing persons under the age of 18 into NCIC.

II. Compliance Procedures

The Bridgewater State University Police Department will enter missing persons who are under 21 into NCIC. Concomitantly, BSU Police will immediately initiate steps to find a missing person (e.g., talking with friends, calling significant others, checking their classes, etc.) to make sure they are not in danger.

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