

## Suzanne's Law

### **Investigation of Missing Persons**

"Suzanne's Law" amends Section 3701 (a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990 so that there is no waiting period before a law enforcement agency initiates an investigation of a missing person under the age of twenty one (21) (to include children of residents) and reports the missing person to the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice.

"Suzanne's Law" is named after Suzane Lyall a student at State University of New York at Albany, who has been missing since 1998. Previously, police were only mandated to report missing persons under the age of eighteen. This law was signed by former President Bush as part of the national Amber Alert bill on April 30, 2003, requires police to initiate prompt investigation into missing young people. In August, 2008, former President Bush signed a bill that requires colleges to have policies outlining the role of each law enforcement agency -- campus, local and state -- in investigating a violent crime on campus.

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Department of Public Safety, Campus Safety policy has always been to expeditiously initiate investigations of reported missing persons and to cooperate fully with local and state law enforcement agencies regarding such reported missing persons.