



Contact:

Jannel Rap
jannelrap@gmail.com
714-402-4391

Nancy Bird
findafeather4u@gmail.com
908-612-5498

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Jersey to Nebraska - October 2024

Wife of Deceased *Wall Street Journal* Reporter Goes “ON THE ROAD TO NEBRASKA MISSING PERSONS DAY” for OCTOBER 17, 2024, Launch of the First Annual “NEBRASKA MISSING PERSONS DAY”

Ten years ago, Wall Street Journal reporter David Bird went missing after leaving his home for a walk. His family was suddenly thrust into the unimaginable world of having a missing loved one. Sadly, fourteen months later David Bird was found deceased, half a mile from their home. During these struggling times, David’s wife, Nancy Bird, met singer/songwriter Jannel Rap whose sister, Gina Bos, also was missing.

Now, after a decade of personal healing and advocating for others, Nancy continues her dedication into communities of the missing and their families by joining Jannel Rap and others to commemorate the inauguration of **Missing Persons Day in Nebraska on October 17th**. Nancy will be journeying from New Jersey to Lincoln, Nebraska to raise awareness by highlighting missing persons in each state she travels through. Accompanied by singer/songwriter Kirk Hathaway, Nancy and Kirk will share stories and songs at locations along the way.

Families of the missing, law enforcement and media are encouraged to join the awareness mission by connecting with Nancy during her stops in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and the final destination, Nebraska. Once there, she will be joined by **Ed Smart**, father of kidnapping survivor **Elizabeth Smart**;

Denise Horvath Allan, mother of **Charles Horvath**, missing from Canada for 35 years; and **Jannel Rap**, sister of **Gina Bos** and the founder of the event's sponsoring nonprofit, **GINA For Missing Persons FOUNDation**. They will gather with families of the missing to commemorate October 17th on Nebraska's official calendar at **10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church, 430 S 16th St. Lincoln, NE 68508**

Nebraska family members of the missing will have a chance to introduce their loved ones' cases to bring further awareness to the media and the public. In addition, a choir comprised of family and friends of the missing will perform the song *October 17th*, written by Jannel Rap after her sister's disappearance. This moving song encompasses their loss and how they cope.

The enactment of **October 17 – Nebraska Missing Persons Day** has been a collaborative effort of Nebraskans with missing family members. Their individual tragedies united their hearts to inspire a designated day to recognize their loved ones. The disappearance date of **Gina Bos**, missing from Lincoln, Nebraska since October 17, 2000, was chosen to represent missing Nebraskans. Nebraska legislators compassionately made **Nebraska Missing Persons Day** a part of LB 1102, and with its passage they both recognized and affirmed the everyday anguish of the families of those who have simply vanished. Nebraska's elected officials have empathetically chosen to honor and recognize past, present and future missing Nebraskans. Sadly, we know that some future Nebraskans will also experience this kind of loss. The families who worked for this day feel NMPD will spread hope for years to come. Their goal is that NMPD will grow to the level of recognition that all missing Nebraskans deserve. The public, law enforcement and media are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Pre-launch NMPD FREE Concert: October 16, 2024,

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Featuring performances by:

Jannel Rap, Sean Beste, Baby Jason, Yvonne Perea, Gina Miller, and Kirk Hathaway

Meadowlark Coffee and Espresso

1624 South Street, Lincoln, NE

For more info, please visit www.411GINA.org

[Nancy Bird Road Trip for NMPD | 411GINA.org](http://www.411GINA.org)

Nebraska Missing Persons Day organizers are family members of the following missing Nebraskans:

- **Marilyn Alexander** – Hastings, NE
- **Regina Bos** – Lincoln, NE
- **Chance Englebert** – Gering NE
- **Tyler Goodrich** – Lincoln, NE
- **Jason Jolkowski** – Omaha, NE
- **Christopher Loupin** – Elm Creek, NE
- **Tarie Price** – Gretna, NE

To see Nebraskans featured on 411GINA's website, please visit <https://411gina.org/cases/ne.html>