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**Know More, Do More:
Recognizing and Responding
to Stalking on Campuses**

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Introduction

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STALKING IS:



CRIMINAL



TRAUMATIC



DANGEROUS

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CRIMINAL


FEDERAL LEVEL

ALL 50 STATES, D.C.,
& U.S. TERRITORIES

TRIBAL CODES

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TRAUMATIC

Many stalking victims:

- * **Experience mental health issues.**
- * **Lose time from work.**
1 in 8 employed stalking victims lose time from work.
- * **Relocate.** 1 in 7 stalking victims move.

Baum, K., Catalano, S., Rand, M. (2009). *Stalking Victimization in the United States*. Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics.
Blaauw, E., Arensman, E., Winkel, F.W., Freeve, A., & Sheridan, L. (2002). The Toll of Stalking. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 17(1): 50-63.

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“It’s not easy to describe the fear you have when you see the stalker, or signs of the stalker, everywhere you go. I have given up all hopes of ever having a safe life.”

For the rest of my life, I will be looking over my shoulder, expecting to see him there.”

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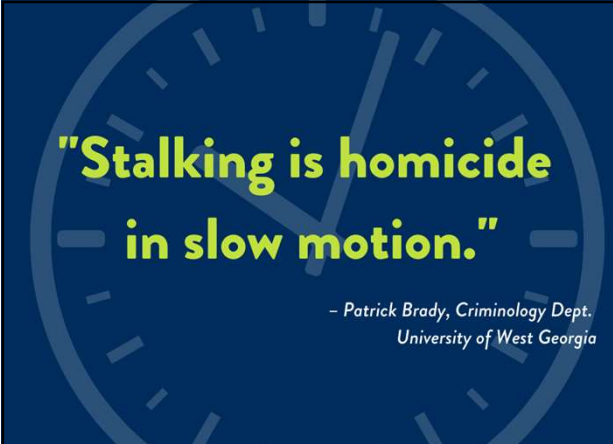


DANGEROUS

- * **Stalking often co-occurs with physical assault and sexual violence, including rape.**
- * **20% of stalkers use weapons to threaten or harm victims.**
- * **76% of intimate partner femicides included stalking in the year prior.**

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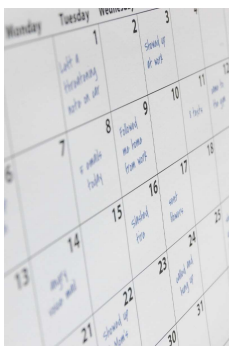
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"Stalking is homicide in slow motion."

– Patrick Brady, Criminology Dept.
University of West Georgia

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Stalking is one of the few crimes where early intervention can prevent violence and death.

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Reporting Stalking

- 29% of stalking victims report to law enforcement
- 21% of stalking victims seek victim services
- Fewer than 29% of student stalking victims seek services on campus
 - One study showed less than 8% disclosed to a formal support



Truman, J.L., & Morgan, R.E. (2022). *Stalking Victimization, 2019*. Washington, DC: US DOJ, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Special Report.
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Domestic Violence Crimes Study

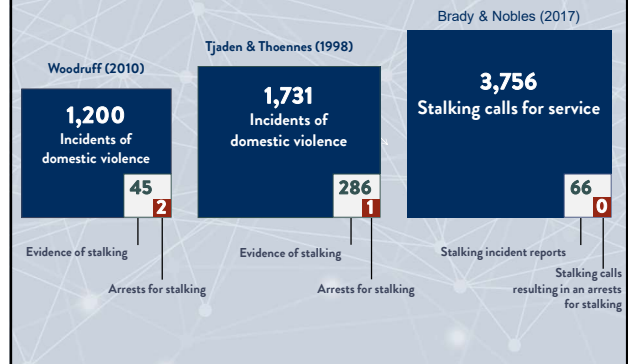
- * 1785 cases of domestic violence
- * 298 involve stalking (1 in 6)

How many cases were charged as stalking?

Tjaden, P. & Thoennes, N. (2001). Stalking: Its Role in Serious Domestic Violence Cases, Executive Summary. Center for Policy Research: Denver, CO. Retrieved from <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/187346.pdf>.

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Stalking within Domestic Violence



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Understanding Stalking

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Defining Stalking



BEHAVIORAL



LEGAL/STATUTORY

- State & Federal Statutes
- Clery Act, Title IX
- School Policy

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Discuss: Is this stalking?

1. A student peeks into the women's locker room.
2. An ex-partner repeatedly spreads vicious rumors about their former partner on social media.
3. A supervisor regularly asks her employee personal questions, mocks him in meetings, sends e-mails at odd hours and is verbally abusive when he doesn't respond right away.

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A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel **FEAR** for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

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A pattern of behavior...

- * Not a single incident or "one off" event
- * Called a "course of conduct" in most statutes



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...directed at a specific person...



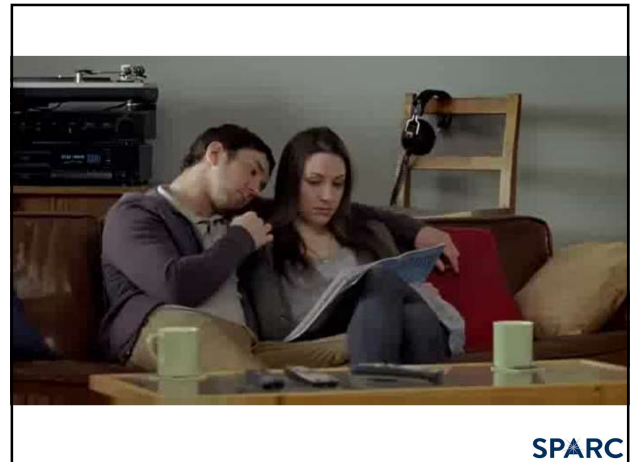
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CONTEXT IS CRITICAL
in stalking cases.

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Context



- * Something may be frightening to the victim but not to you
- * Stalking behaviors often have specific meanings
- * Stalking criminalizes otherwise non-criminal behavior

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Victim Reaction: Is it Fear?



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Document Evidence of Accommodations



Changes to accounts,
numbers, and settings



Finances spent on safety
devices or accommodations



Increased Security/Privacy
Measures



Financial impacts, including
employment consequences, identity
theft, and cost of damaged property

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Virginia Stalking Statute

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VA. CODE ANN. § 18.2-60.3. STALKING

- A. Any person, except a law-enforcement officer...or registered private investigator...who on more than one occasion engages in conduct directed at another person with the intent to place, or when he knows or reasonably should know that the conduct places that other person in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to that other person or to that other person's family or household member is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

If the person contacts or follows or attempts to contact or follow the person at whom the conduct is directed after being given actual notice that the person does not want to be contacted or followed, such actions shall be prima facie evidence that the person intended to place that other person, or reasonably should have known that the other person was placed, in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to himself or a family or household member.

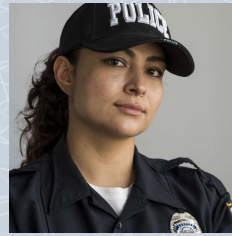
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Expressing Desire for No Contact

- * "I am not interested in having a relationship with you. Do not contact me ever again. Do not call, stop by, text, or contact me in any way whatsoever."
- * "I do not want you to contact me in any way. If you continue to do so – or if you are on my property, or follow me – I will call the police."
- * "I am ending this relationship. I am not going to change my mind. Do not contact me again. I do not want to have any communication with you, in any form. If you try to contact me, I will call the police/take legal action."

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Warning / Notice to Respondent



- * Use language "you are making the victim afraid"
- * Get response from respondent
- * Record the warning when possible
- * Document the warning / no-contact letters

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VA. CODE ANN. § 18.2-60.3. STALKING

- B. Any person who is convicted of a second offense of subsection A occurring within five years of a prior conviction of such an offense under this section or for a substantially similar offense under the law of any other jurisdiction is guilty of a Class 6 felony.
- C. A person may be convicted under this section irrespective of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions within the Commonwealth wherein the conduct described in subsection A occurred, if the person engaged in that conduct on at least one occasion in the jurisdiction where the person is tried. Evidence of any such conduct that occurred outside the Commonwealth may be admissible, if relevant, in any prosecution under this section provided that the prosecution is based upon conduct occurring within the Commonwealth.

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Sexual Harassment Under Title IX

- * Title IX calls discrimination on the basis of sex "sexual harassment"
- * Defines "sexual harassment" as unwelcome sexual or other conduct on the basis of sex, **including a single instance** of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or **stalking**.

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Stalking Prevalence and Behavior

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Stalking Prevalence

NEARLY
1 in 3 women



&

NEARLY
1 in 6 men



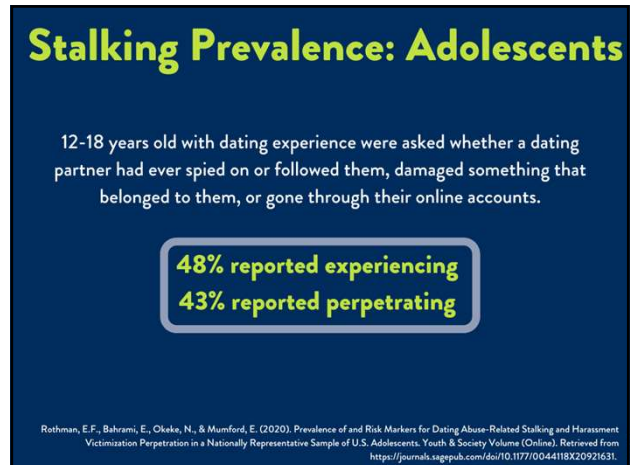
experience **stalking** in their lifetimes.

Smith, S.G., Basile, K.C., & Kresnow, M. (2022). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2016/2017 Report on Stalking. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

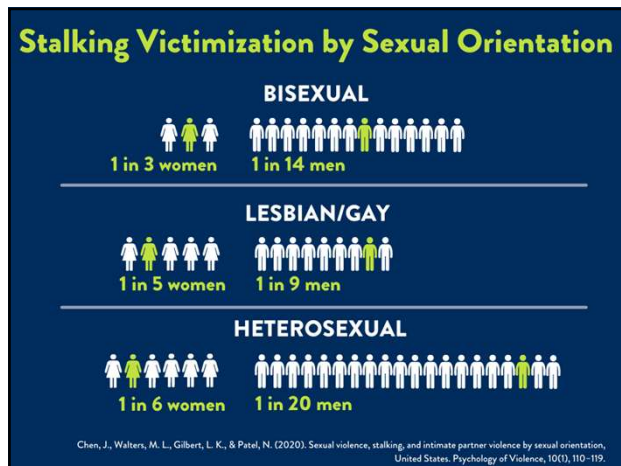
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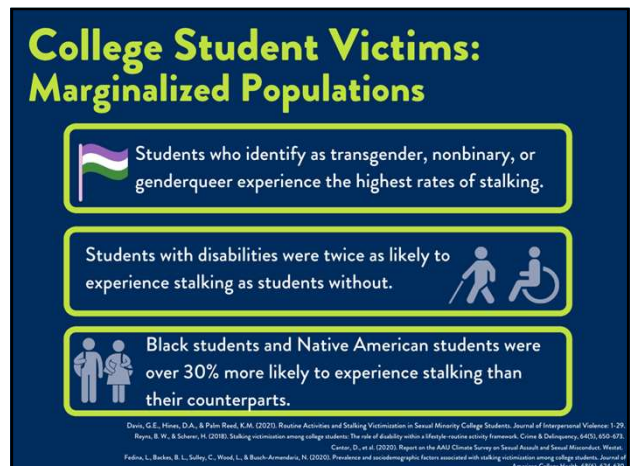
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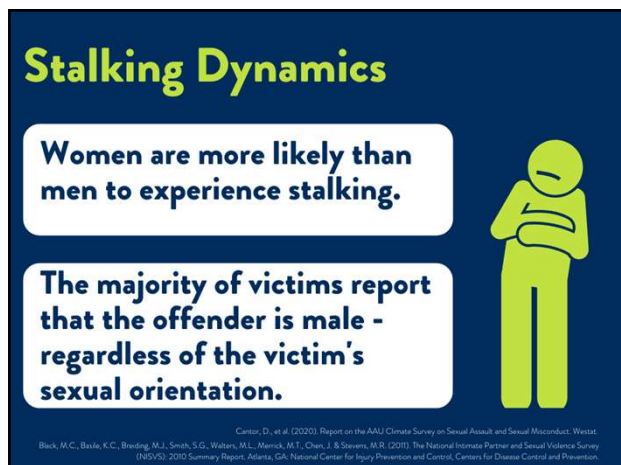
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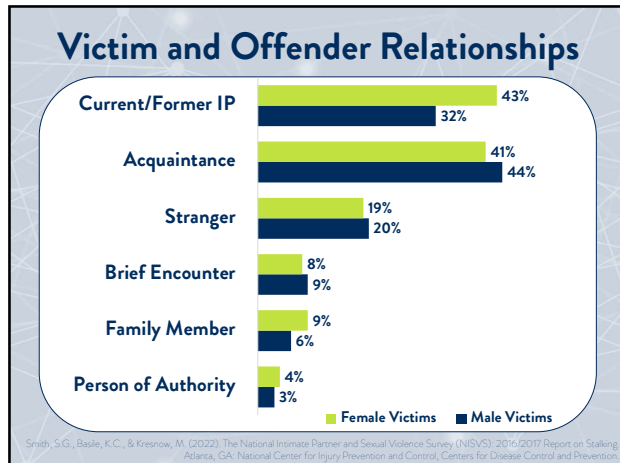
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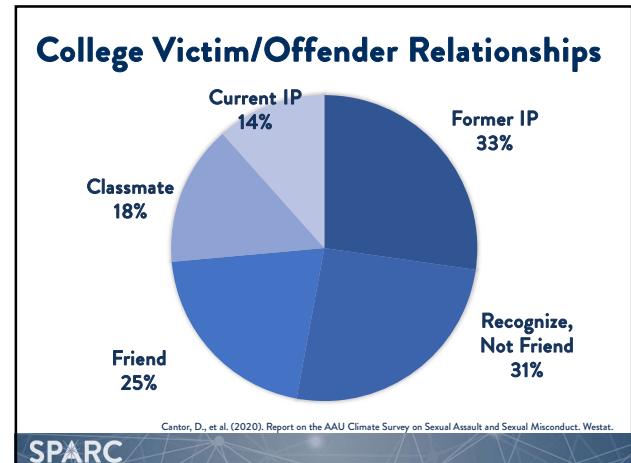
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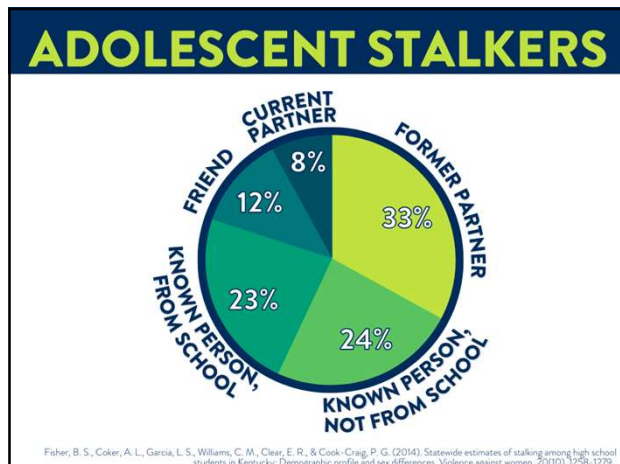
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Teens & Non-IP Stalkers

Bullying and retaliation may be motivators for teen stalkers

➤ estranged friends, neighbors, classmates

Challenge of differentiating between stalking and bullying

➤ repeat behaviors that elicit fear in the victims (i.e., harassment, threatening)

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TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

NEW RESOURCES!

STALKING & ADOLESCENTS

- While research on stalking among adolescents is limited, estimates generally show that adolescents are stalked at higher rates than adults.
- 48% of teens who experience dating violence are stalked.**
- TEENS WHO STALK** are more likely to use violence.
- INCREASED RISK OF VIOLENCE** for teens who stalk.

STALKING AMONG ADOLESCENTS

- ADOLESCENT STALKERS** are more likely to use violence.
- TEENS WHO STALK** are more likely to use violence.
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Campus Stalking Relationships

Professor Arrested for Stalking Student

By [Colleen Flaherty](#) // December 7, 2018 [5 COMMENTS](#)

Former ESU Student Charged With Stalking Professor

POSTED 9:54 PM, JULY 13, 2018, BY SARAH BLUMENFELD, UPDATED AT 08:20PM, JULY 13, 2018

UConn student accused of stalking women he didn't know

By Matthew P. Koza [mkoza@journalinquirer.com](#) Sep 13, 2018

Woman Files Workplace Sexual Harassment Lawsuit Against UC Irvine

POSTED 2:40 PM, DECEMBER 3, 2018, BY NEMHA CULBERTSON-JARRE AND KAREN WYATTE, UPDATED AT 12:47PM, DECEMBER 3, 2018

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Teen Stalking Relationships

Former teacher sentenced to 4 years in prison for stalking high school girls
Friday, August 30, 2019

Jealous stalker's cruel text messages sent to ex-girlfriend's teenage son

Thomas Forret also placed a tracking device on the woman's car when she broke up with him

Teen admits to stalking and harassing 25 different women

by FOX56 NEWSROOM | Monday, September 9th 2019

Police: Nevada man stalked, sent nude photos to West Mifflin teen



MEGAN TOMASIC | Wednesday, December 11, 2019 7:19 a.m.

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Discuss

- * Does your organization/agency provide services to all victims of stalking – including those stalked by someone who is not an intimate partner?
- * If so, how easy is it for a stalking victim to know they can seek services from your organization? For instance, is stalking specifically mentioned in your outreach materials?
- * How are stalking cases identified/screened for? Is stalking behavior considered in dating violence and/or sexual violence cases?

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Understanding Stalking: Stalking Behaviors

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“I know it sounds crazy, but...”

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SLII Framework



Logan, T.K. & Walker, R. (2017). Stalking: A Multidimensional Framework for Assessment and Safety Planning. Trauma, Violence and Abuse 18(2), 200-222

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SURVEILLANCE

- Follow
- Watch
- Wait
- Show up
- Tracking software
- Obtain information about victim
- Proxy stalking

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LIFE INVASION

- Unwanted contact at home, work, etc.
- Showing up
- Phone calls
- Property invasion
- Public humiliation
- Harass friends/family

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INTIMIDATION

- Threats
- Property damage
- Symbolic violence
- Forced confrontations
- Threaten or actually harm self
- Threats to victim about harming others

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INTERFERENCE THROUGH SABOTAGE OR ATTACK

- Financial and work sabotage
- Ruining reputation
- Custody interference
- Keep from leaving
- Road rage
- Attack family/friends/pets
- Physical/sexual attack

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Screening for Stalking

Has the Offender...

been tracking, following, or monitoring Victim in any way? 

 repeatedly invaded Victim's life/privacy by initiating unwanted contact with Victim?

significantly and directly interfered with Victim's life?

>physically/sexually assaulted Victim during course of conduct?
>forcibly kept Victim from leaving, held against will, caused serious accident, assaulted others, or seriously attacked Victim? 

 more than one time, intimidated or scared Victim through threats, property damage, threatening or actual harming of pets, or other means?

Lagan, T.K. & Walker, R. (2017). Stalking: A Multidimensional Framework for Assessment and Safety Planning. Trauma, Violence and Abuse 18(2), 200-222.

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Screening for Stalking

If YES to any of the previous, during the actions mentioned above...

Did these actions make Victim afraid or concerned for safety or safety of children, family, and/or coworkers?

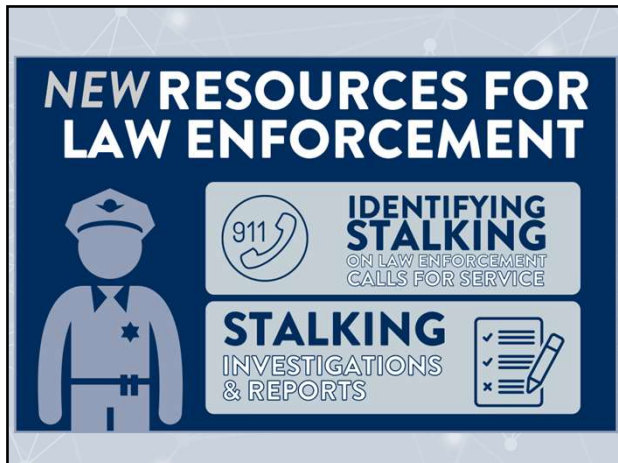
Did Victim make significant life changes for safety reason because of these actions? (change day-to-day routines, spend money on home safety, took time off work?)

Did these actions make Victim afraid or concerned about significant financial or social impact? (Loss of job, loss of housing, financial harm?)

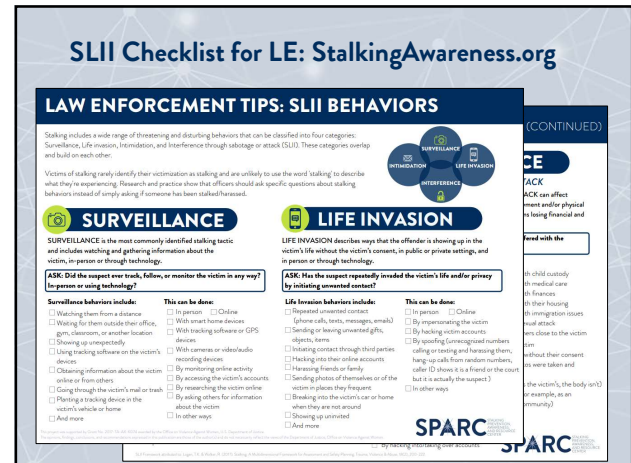
NOT AT ALL? SOMEWHAT? EXTREMELY?

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Potential Relevant Charges: VA

- * § 18.2-50.3. Enticing, etc., another into a dwelling house with intent to commit certain felonies.
- * § 18.2-59. Extortion of money, property or pecuniary benefit.
- * § 18.2-60. Threats of death or bodily injury.
- * § 18.2-60.4. Violation of protective orders.
- * § 18.2-60.5. Unauthorized use of electronic tracking device.
- * § 18.2-77. Burning or destroying dwelling house, etc.
- * § 18.2-81. Burning or destroying personal property.
- * § 18.2-91 & -92. Breaking and entering dwelling house with intent to commit felonies and misdemeanors.
- * § 18.2-119. Trespass after having been forbidden to do so.
- * § 18.2-130. Peeping or spying into dwelling or enclosure.

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Potential Relevant Technology-related Charges: VA

- * § 18.2-130.1. Peeping or spying into dwelling or occupied building by electronic device.
- * § 18.2-152.5. Computer invasion of privacy.
- * § 18.2-152.4. Computer trespass.
- * § 18.2-152.5.1. Using a computer to gather identifying information.
- * § 18.2-152.7.1. Harassment by computer; penalty.
- * § 18.2-374.3. Use of communications systems to facilitate certain offenses involving children.
- * § 18.2-386.1. Unlawful creation of image of another; penalty.
- * § 18.2-427. Use of profane, threatening, or indecent language over public airways or by other methods
- * § 18.2-429. Causing telephone or pager to ring with intent to annoy.
- * § 18.2-429.1. False caller identification information.

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Potential Related Student Conduct Violations

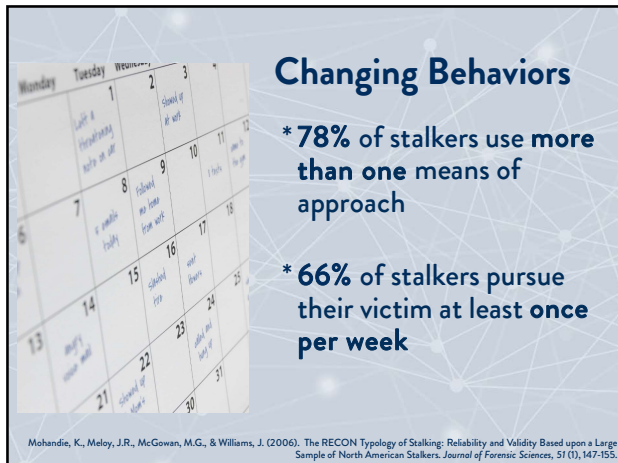
- * Harassment
- * Bullying/Cyberbullying
- * Disrupting conduct process
- * Sexual misconduct
- * Retaliation
- * Weapons
- * Creating a public nuisance on campus or in neighboring communities
- * Misuse or abuse of any computer, computer system, internet, communications service
- * Theft
- * Vandalism/property damage
- * Unauthorized recording
- * Unauthorized/misuse of keys, entry, ID cards

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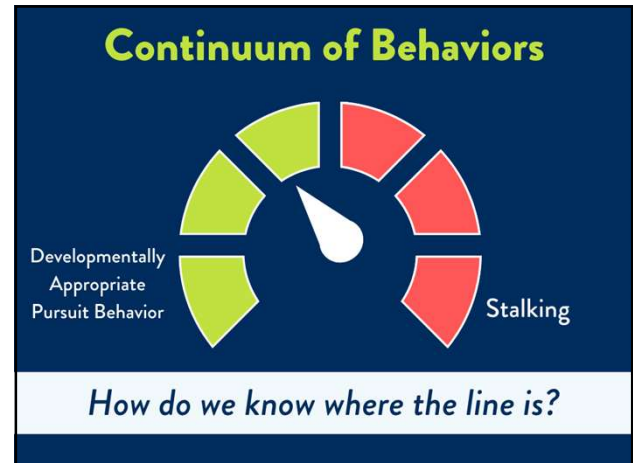
Why is it Important to Charge Any Applicable Charge?

- Important for building the stalking case**
 - For now and for the future
- Charging stalking results in either:**
 - Stopping the stalking behavior(s)
 - Building a better case if the stalking continues
- Increased options and/or penalties**
 - Plea bargaining, sentencing, potential for enhanced penalties

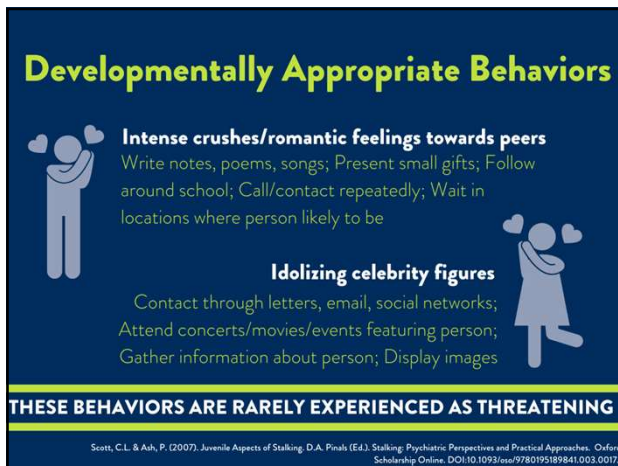
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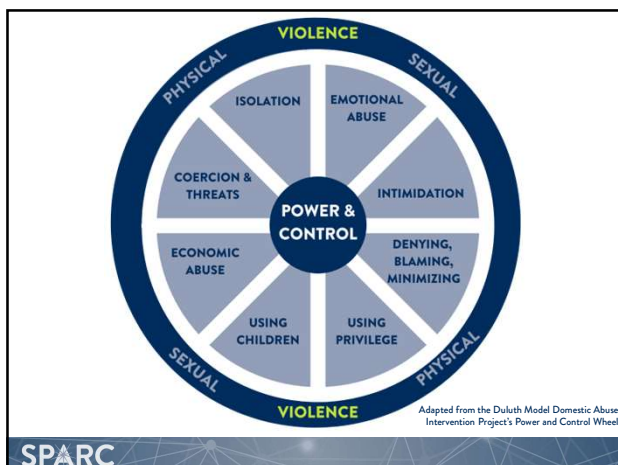
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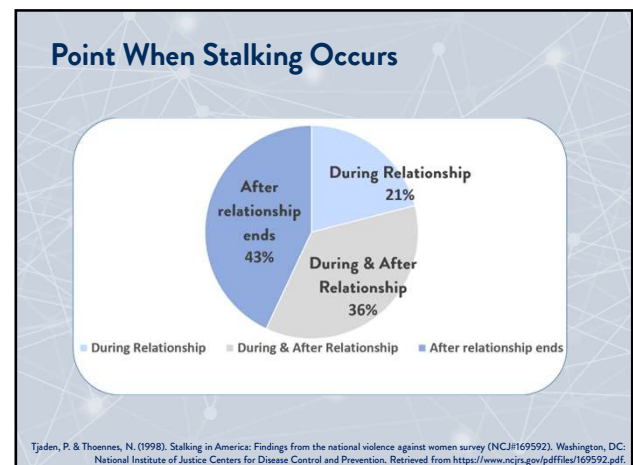
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On average, intimate partner stalkers pose the greatest threats to their victims.

WHY?



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Relationships, Violence, & Threats

%	Intimate	Acquaintance	Private Stranger	Public Figure
Presence of Threats	83	66	50	18
Presence of Violence	74	50	36	2

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Is it an acquaintance or an intimate partner?



- Met on dating website
- Rejected suitor
- "Hooked up a couple times"
- Only talked online

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Stalking Prevalence: Adolescents



Nearly half of teens with dating experience reported experiencing and/or perpetrating stalking behaviors

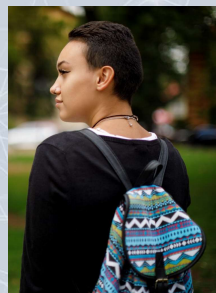
(spied on/followed, damaged person's property, went through online accounts)

Rothman, E.F., Bahrami, E., Okeke, N., & Mumford, E. (2020). Prevalence of and Risk Markers for Dating Abuse-Related Stalking and Harassment Victimization Perpetration in a Nationally Representative Sample of U.S. Adolescents. *Youth & Society* Volume (Online). Retrieved from <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0044118X20921631>.

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Adolescent Victims

Teen stalking victims were **most afraid** when the stalker was a **former intimate partner**.



Fisher, B.S., Coker, A.L., Garcia, L.S., Williams, C.M., Clear, E.R., & Cook-Craig, P.G. (2014). Statewide Estimates of Stalking Among High School Students in Kentucky: Demographic Profile and Sex Differences. *Violence Against Women* 20(10): 1258-79.

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Intimate partner stalkers are more likely to:

physically approach the victim

be interfering, insulting, and threatening

use weapons

escalate behaviors quickly

re-offend

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Leaving an IP Stalking Relationship

Experiencing intimate partner stalking made victims more likely to want to leave the relationship than other factors -- including psychological aggression and past injury.

Victims of intimate partner stalking have more separation attempts than victims of IPV alone.

Stroshine, M.S., & Robinson, A.L. (2003). The decision to end abusive relationships: The role of offender characteristics. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 30(1), 97-117.

Sheridan, L. & Davies, G.M. (2006). Violence and the Prior Victim-Stalker Relationship. *Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health* 11(2): 102-116.

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Study of Women with Protective Orders

Women who were **abused and stalked** experienced **significantly higher rates** of the following than women who were abused but not stalked:

- * Verbal abuse, degradation, jealousy and control
- * Serious threats
- * Moderate and severe physical violence
- * Sexual violence and sexual assault
- * Threats to kill and threats with a weapon
- * Being beat up, attacks with a weapon and injury

Logan, T.K., Shannon, L., & Cole, J. (2007). Stalking Victimization in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence. *Violence Vict.* 22 (6), 669-683.

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Teen Girls: Stalking and Violence

Girls who stalked engaged in more of every violence outcome compared to girls who did not stalk, including:

- * Threat/intimidation
- * Peer violence
- * Teacher violence
- * Assault
- * Physical and sexual teen dating violence
- * Weapon use

Smith-Darden, J.P., Reidy, D.E., & Kernsmith, P.D. (2016). Adolescent Stalking and Risk of Violence. *J. Adolescence* 52: 191-200.

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Teen Boys: Stalking and Violence

	COMPREHENSIVE PERPETRATORS (6%)	PERPETRATORS (some stalking behaviors)	NOT PERPETRATORS
Threat/intimidation		.07	.01
Physically hurt		.19	.05
Physical Teen Dating Violence		.15	.14
Sexual Teen Dating Violence		.03	.03
Peer Violence		1.07	.47
Teacher Violence		.08	.02
Weapon		.41	.22
Assault		.16	.11
Sexual Assault		.01	.02
Instrumental Violence		.02	.02

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Physical Teen Dating Violence	.89	.15	.14
Sexual Teen Dating Violence	.45	.03	.03
Peer Violence	1.44	1.07	.47
Teacher Violence	.26	.08	.02
Weapon	.80	.41	.22
Assault	.69	.16	.11
Sexual Assault	.26	.01	.02
Instrumental Violence	.66	.02	.02

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In **85%** of attempted & **76%** of completed intimate partner femicides, stalking occurred in the year prior to the attack.

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Stalking is a Lethality Risk

Top 10 risk factors for intimate partner homicide

Risk for male perpetrated & female IPH victimization

1) Direct access to guns	11-fold increase in risk of IPH
2) Threatened victim with a weapon	7-fold increase in risk
3) Non-fatal strangulation	7-fold increase in risk
4) Perpetrated rape/forced sex	5-fold increase in risk
5) Controlling behaviors	6-fold increase in risk
6) Threatened to harm the victim	4-fold increase in risk
7) Abused victim while pregnant	4-fold increase in risk
8) Perpetrated stalking	3-fold increase in risk of IPH
9) Jealousy	2-fold increase in risk
10) Substance abuse	2-fold increase in risk

Spencer, C.M. & Soth, S.M. (2018). Risk Factors for Male Perpetration and Female Victimization of Intimate Partner Homicide: A Meta-Analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse* 21(3): 527-540.

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Co-Victimizations: Stalking and Sexual Violence

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Co-occurring Victimizations

Undergraduate students stalked by an intimate partner also experienced:

40% Coercive Control

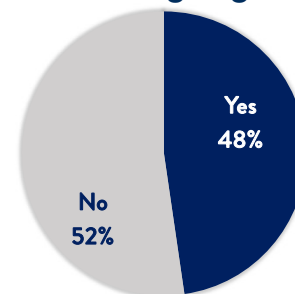
32% Sexual Assault

11% Physical Assault

Augustyn, M.B., Rennison, C.M., Pinchevsky, G.M., & Magnuson, A.B. (2019). Intimate Partner Stalking among College Students: Examining Situational Contexts Related to Police Notification. *Journal of Family Violence* 35(1), 629-691.

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Sexual Assault Survivors Who Also Experienced Stalking (Ages 18-24)



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Intersections of Stalking & Sexual Assault

Stalker threatens/plans to sexually assault the victim.

Stalker attempts to get someone else to assault the victim.

Stalker sexually assaults the victim.

Stalker contacts victim after sexual assault.

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Some offenders use **stalking** strategies to groom for sexual violence.

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How Offenders Groom for Sexual Violence

1. Research and identify vulnerable victims
2. Establish relationships: contact, build trust
3. Meet in-person and isolate the victim
4. Coerce into sexual act(s)
5. Contact after

Liak, D & Miller, P. (2002). Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists. *Violence and Victims* 17 (1), 73-84. Retrieved from <https://www.davidliak.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/RepeatRapeinUndetectedRapists.pdf>.

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Women with Protective Orders

Behavior	Abuse Only No Stalking or Rape	Stalking
Sexual Degradation	45%	61%
Sexual Coercion	49.3%	78%
Verbal Pressure	33.8%	68%
Substance Use	4.2%	19%
Implicit Threats/Force	21%	47.5%
Penetration While Victim Sleeping	11%	15%

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Why Name Stalking?

Charging & Prosecution

Safety Planning

Victim Empowerment

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Social Normalization

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“Research suggests that victims rely on notions of what a ‘real’ or ‘legitimate’ crime looks like, and these perceptions may impact reporting decisions.”

Reynes, B.W., & Englebrecht, C.M. (2012). The Fear Factor: Exploring Predictors of Fear Among Stalking Victims Throughout the Stalking Encounter. *Crime & Delinquency* 59(5): 788-808. DOI: 10.1177/001128712461123



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Stalking is Shown As...

ROMANTIC



FUNNY

HEROIC



EDGY

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YOU SEASON 3
DISCUSSION GUIDE
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You season 3 includes Joe and Love moving to the suburbs to... well, continue stalking and murdering. This discussion guide focuses on the variety of stalking behaviors demonstrated in *You* season 3 and encourages participants to consider how these stalking behaviors are presented by the show. Spoilers ahead!

PART 1

"I never thought to ask...what happens after boy gets girl?"
- Joe (Season 3, Episode 1)

For two seasons, we've seen Joe target and stalk at least three women - Candace, Beck, and Love. His goal was to find "the one" and he justified everything to himself, from peering into windows to outright murder, in order to pursue these women. Stalkers are often portrayed as romantic, idealistic figures with good intentions who are simply trying to win over the women they love. At the start of this season, Joe is settling into the suburbs with his wife, Love, who genuinely adores and wants to be with him. He asks himself, "I never thought to wonder...what happens after boy gets girl?"

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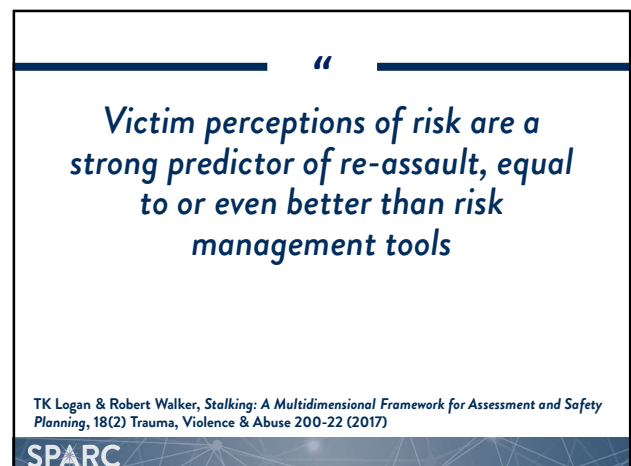
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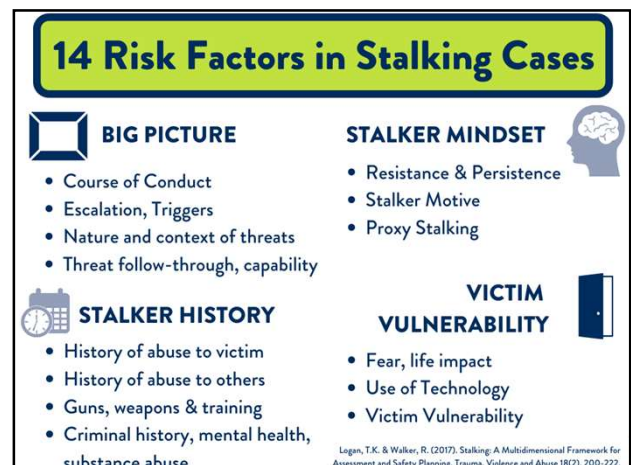
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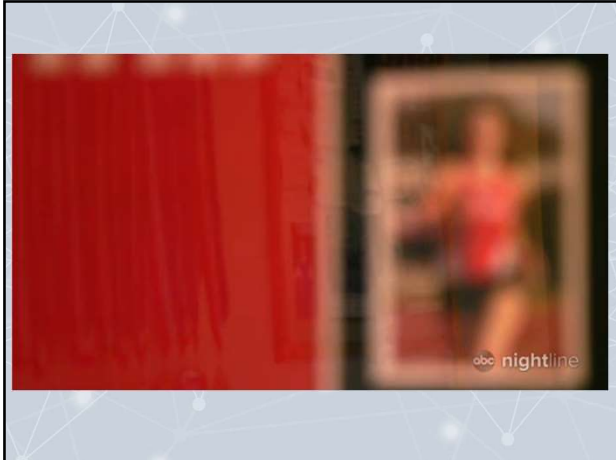
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Discuss: SHARP Assessment

- * How might the SHARP assessment be helpful in your work?
- * How might it help increase victim safety?
- * How might it help increase offender accountability?

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Contextualizing the Threat

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Who is the stalker and what are they capable of?



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Respondent Background



- Prior threats
- History of violence (against this victim or others)
- History of mental illness
- History of substance abuse
- Possession and/or use of weapons
- History of protective order violations
- Acts of vandalism or trespass

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Document the Threat Features

- Nature and frequency of threats
- How detailed/graphic are the threats?

➤ Is there violence ideation?

- How are the threats communicated?



➤ Verbally? Voicemails? E-mails?
 ➤ Gifts? Written notes?
 ➤ Are the threats public?
 ➤ Communicated by a third party?
 ➤ Communicated on social media?

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Implicit and Explicit Threats



Someone can pose a threat without saying a word.

57% of SHARP respondents reported experiencing implicit threats.

Lugen, T.K. & Walker, R. (2017). Stalking: A Multidimensional Framework for Assessment and Safety Planning, Trauma, Violence and Abuse 18(2), 200-222.

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October 22, 2019



- * Rowland dragged her across the parking lot, causing her to drop her phone and belongings.
- * Rowland dragged Lauren to a different spot in the parking lot, where he forced her into the back seat of a car he had driven to campus. While in the back seat, Rowland shot Lauren several times, killing her.
- * An acquaintance of Rowland's picked him up from campus.
- * Salt Lake police found Rowland and pursued him on foot into Trinity A.M.E. Church on 239 Martin Luther King Blvd. Rowland shot himself as police entered the church.

Johnson, E. & DeWitt, K. (18 May 2020). Top Stories: Timeline of Lauren McCluskey's murder and events following her death. ABC4 News.

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Responding to Victims

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First Response

Any time a student reports any kind of harassing behavior:

- Consider the possibility of a stalking case
- Determine whether this is an isolated incident or repeated conduct



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How do Victims Cope?



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Advise Disengagement

Recommend no contact with the stalker

- Explain intermittent reinforcement

BUT realize victims engage in behaviors to keep themselves safe.

- Maintain contact, negotiation, minimizing threat
- Contact may be a safety strategy



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Student Accommodations



Housing

Bus/
TransportationLunch Period/
Dining Hall

Class Schedule



Extra-curriculars

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What is Safety Planning?

An individualized plan that identifies specific strategies and interventions that may increase safety.

- Provides practical ways to decrease risk
- Puts victims in contact with a variety of services, agencies, and individuals who can help
- Focuses on physical AND emotional well-being



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Questions to Consider

- What have you already done?
- What do you need my help doing?
- What are you not willing to do?



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Basic Considerations

Trust victim instincts

Safety planning should evolve

Consider stalker's next tactic

Anticipate stalker reaction

Balance safety and freedom



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Effective Safety Planning



FLEXIBLE

- Works for survivor
- Responsive to offender behavior



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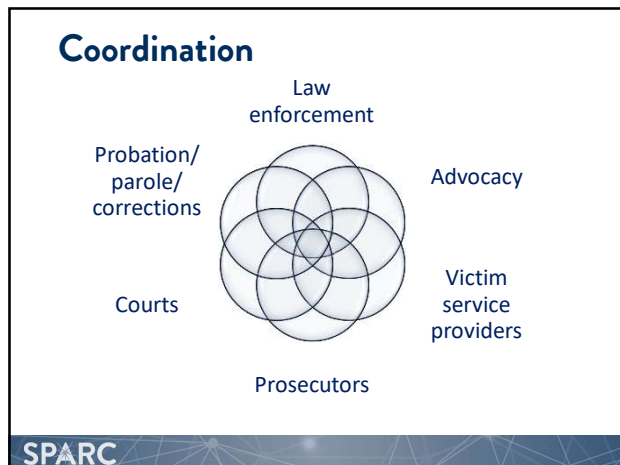
- Considers all aspects of victim's life



CONTEXTUAL

- What has happened, is happening, and might happen?

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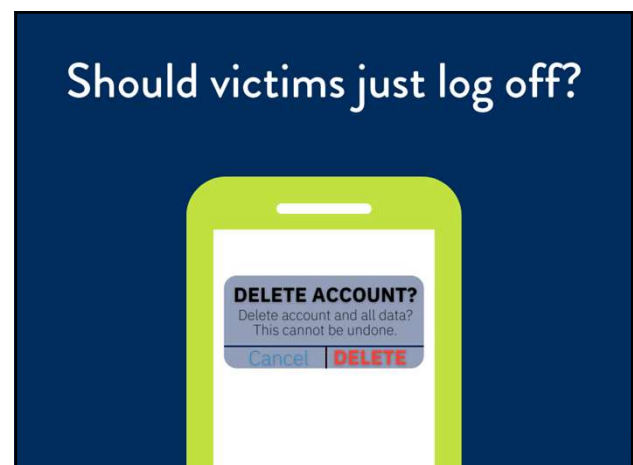
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<h3>SURVEILLANCE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart home devices • Tracking software/GPS • Cameras/recordings • Monitoring activity online • Access to accounts 	<h3>LIFE INVASION</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unwanted contact online, texts, calls • Impersonating victim • Hacking victim accounts
<h3>INTERFERENCE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting private photos or info • Spreading rumors • Doxing, swatting • Controlling accounts • Posing as victim and creating harm 	<h3>INTIMIDATION</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackmail • Sextortion • Threats - release false private info • Threats - interfere with property, employment, other • Threats - harm online

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“...the victim’s attempts to distance themselves from their stalker actually frustrate or anger the stalker, leading to an increase in the physical threat to their lives.”

Quinn-Evans, L., Kestley, D.A., Arntfield, M., & Sheridan, L. (2019). A Behavior Sequence Analysis of Victims’ Accounts of Stalking Behaviors. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 00(0): 1-19.

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Phone Calls

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abusive to her and her children. I counted over 70 phone calls from [REDACTED] between 2130 hours on 07/13/2016 and approximately 0100 hours on 7/14/2016, and over 90 text messages during the same time frame.

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Text Screenshots

- * Overlap screenshots
- * Capture time and date
- * Take a picture of the contact info
- * Consider apps like Tailor or StitchIt



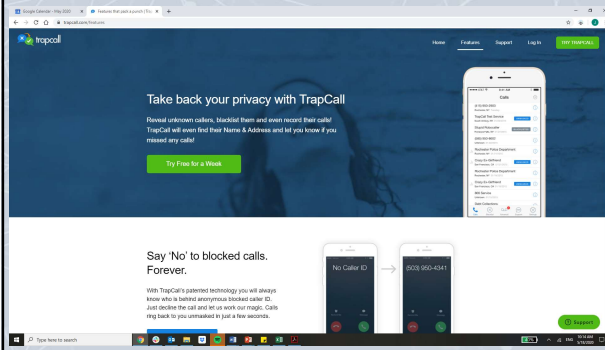
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Unidentified Caller

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*67 Calls: TrapCall (trapcall.com)



Take back your privacy with TrapCall

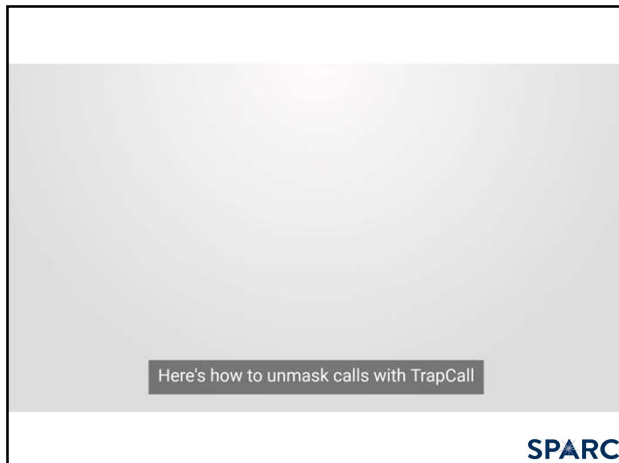
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TrapCall Limitations

- * ONLY works for *67
- * Offenders may have unregistered phone or use google voice or other apps
- * Is there context in the calls that points to the offender
- * Changing phone numbers isn't always a good solution

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On the above date, I responded to a complaint about a protection order violation. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] has texted and called him from different phone numbers and he believes she has an application that allows her to do that. He handed me his cell phone and I read through some of the text messages [REDACTED]

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FREE CALLER ID SPOOFING TRIAL

It is more important than ever to protect your personal information and it all starts with a telephone number. A caller ID spoofer allows you to break how your phone number shows up through incoming calls.

It has never been easier to fake caller ID displays, maintaining your privacy and protecting your information. When you want to spoof a call, it involves more than a changed number. At SpoofTel, our services come along with a voice changer option.

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Enter the number you are calling from

Destination Number
[Input field]
Enter the number you would like to call

Spoof Number
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Voice Pitch
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Adjust the pitch of your voice

Soundboard
[Slider]
None

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Spoofing: What You May Hear




- “Numbers I don’t recognize call and harass me.”
- “I keep getting hang-up calls from random numbers.”
- “It shows up as my mom/friend/someone I know, but it is the offender calling.”
- “I know it’s the offender, but it doesn’t sound like them.”
- “I blocked the offender, but they just keep calling me from different numbers.”
- “People are saying I called them, but I didn’t.”


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Evidence with a SpoofCard

- * Phone records from: victim, “friend”, and suspect
- * Victim’s records show “friend” called
- * Friend’s records show no call
- * Suspect’s records show a call to SpoofCard
 - * Call the number and record
- * Financial records of suspect

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Location Tracking

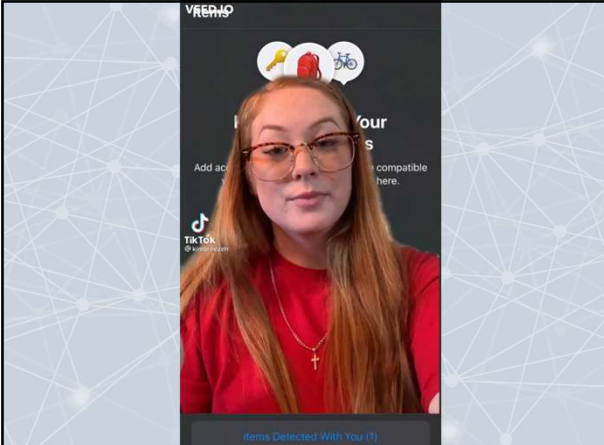


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How Do Stalkers Track Location?

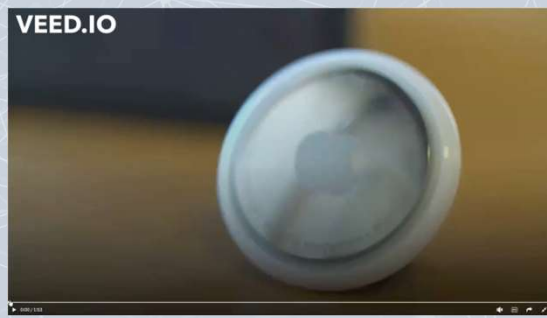
Property Tags 	Family Tracking Devices 
Access to and/or Shared Victim Accounts 	Social Media Maps/Check-ins 
Installed Stalkerware 	Proxy Stalking 

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Air Tags



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Understanding AirTags



- Shows current location, not location history
- Frequency of the location update varies
 - Depends on other devices in range
- While Tile requires people to have downloaded the Tile app for the location tracking to "ping," AirTag "pings" off any Apple device within 800 feet

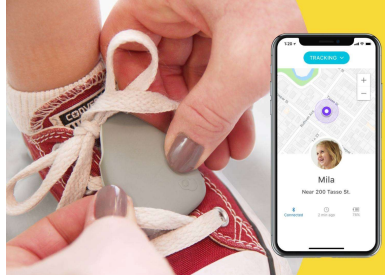
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Evidence with AirTags

- * Serial number is unique to each AirTag
- * Serial number is on physical device, but will not show up on phone
- * Contact lawenforcement@apple.com to check device registration
- * Check financial records of suspect
- * Contextual evidence

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Child Trackers

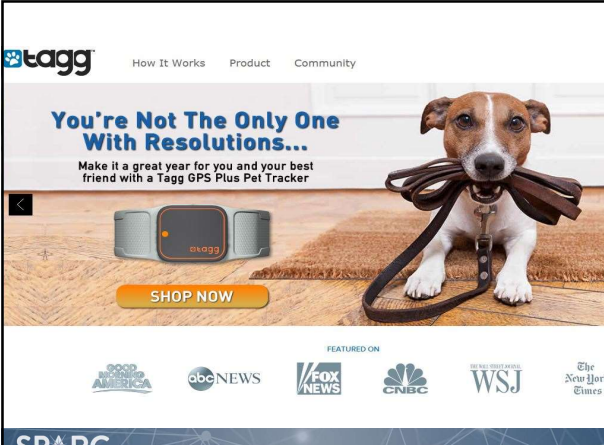


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Jiobit tracks no matter how far they run.

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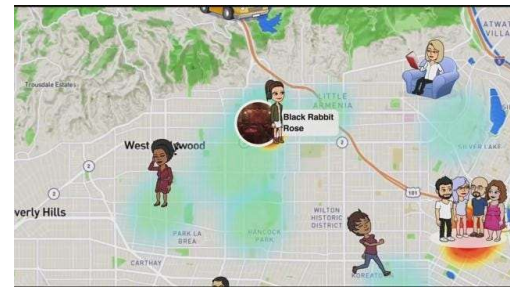


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SnapMap



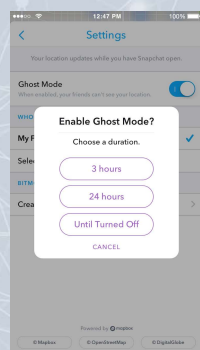
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SnapChat Ghost Mode

Ghost Mode allows you to turn your location on and off on the Map

- * Only Me (no one sees you)
- * Select Friends (you choose who sees you)
- * My Friends (all your friends can see you)



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GPS Documentation & Evidence

Computer

- Tracking software
- Tracking websites

Phone

- Apps
- Websites
- Call-in numbers
- Texts

Financial Data

- Equipment purchase
- Real time tracking service charge

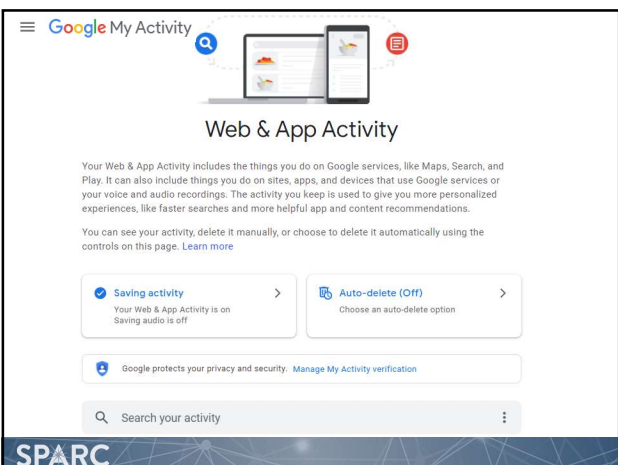
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Google/Apple Data

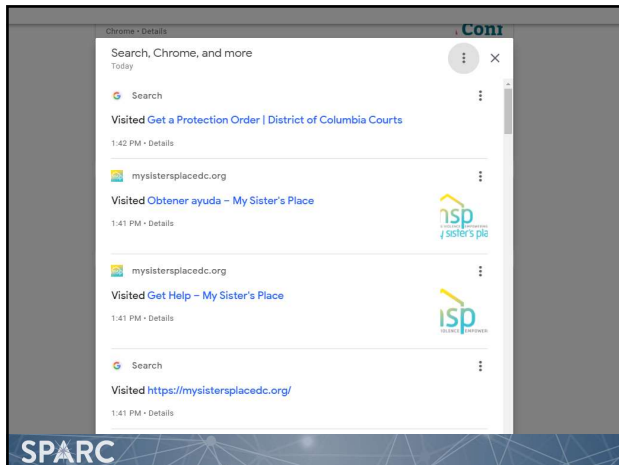
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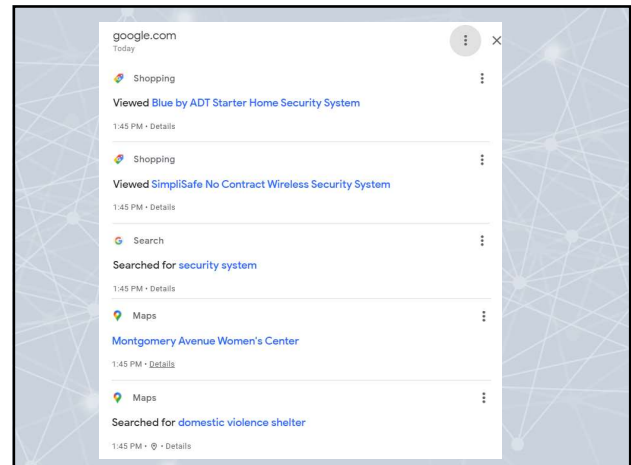


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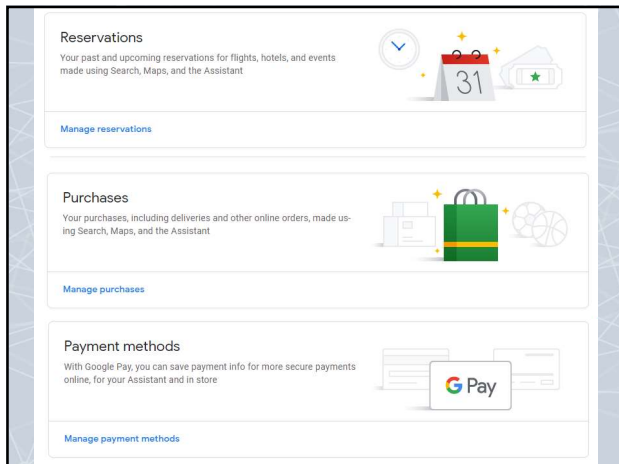
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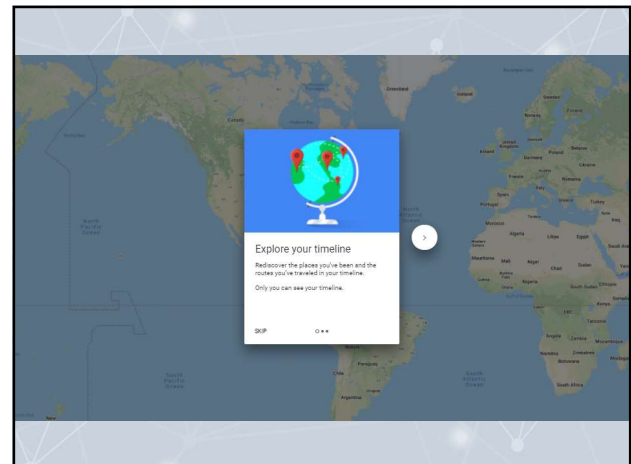
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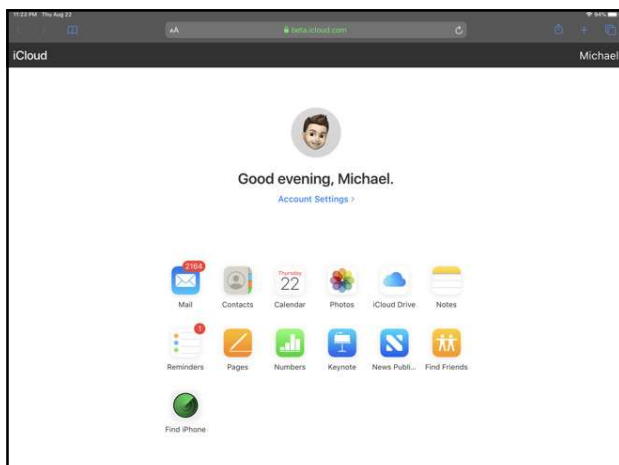
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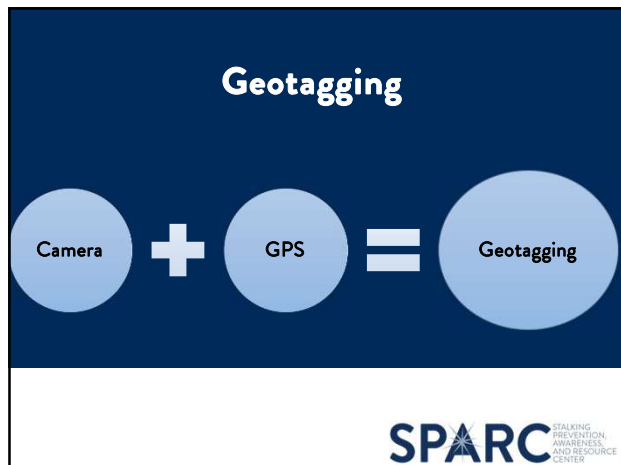
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Exif Viewers Show Geo-Info

Exif: Exchangeable image file format: Descriptive data (meta-data) in an image file that include the date the photo was taken, resolution, shutter speed, focal length and geolocation

Exif Wizard
By homedatasheet.com,
Open iTunes to buy and down



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Viewing EXIF data

- * Online exif data viewers
- * Apps
- * Right click on the photo on a desktop and go to properties-details

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Safety Strategies

- * Turn location “off” on cell phone camera
- * Review social media site to determine if exif data can be viewed
- * Remove exif data using an online exif data removal tool

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Stalkerware

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What is Stalkerware?



- Commercially available software used for spying
- Made for individual use
- Typically hides itself from the list of installed programs and does not display any activity notifications

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About Stalkerware

- Physical access to the device is almost always required for installation
- Can be on both Apple and Android devices, but more common on Android
- Best to assume all activities on device are being monitored

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Dashboard

Contacts

Locations

Calls

Messages

Browser History

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Videos

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Calendars

Applications

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Minimizing Installation Risk

- Keep the device within reach at all times
- Keep device locked with hard-to-guess PIN
- Ensure screen locks after a short duration
- Don't enable device's auto-unlock feature when in range of home WiFi
- Install antivirus and perform regular device scans

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Stalkerware: What You May Hear

- "They hacked my phone."
- "They hacked my account/s: e-mail, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat..."
- "They're reading my texts."
- "They are listening to my calls."
- "They seem to know everything I've done on my phone."
- "They know my passwords and logins, even though I just changed them."
- "They have and/or are referencing pictures of me I took on my phone."
- "They keep showing up where I am."

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█████ advised recently strange things have been happening and the person whom she is currently dating has been having weird things happen to him as well. She

auto-tracking feature on her phone. She said "he always knows where I am at. He texts me telling me exactly where I am at!" She has blocked his profile but

She was texting a friend when her phone shut off in the middle of the text. ██████ stated that she turned her phone back on and a green android symbol popped

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Removing Stalkerware

All actions may cause potential safety concerns!

- Factory reset
 - Note: this also destroys the evidence
- Change passwords on all apps/accounts when re-installed
- Antivirus can sometimes remove stalkerware

Reset?

Erase all of your personal information and downloaded apps? You can't undo this action!

ERASE EVERYTHING

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Non-Stalkerware Possibilities



SHARING SETTINGS

- Phone login and password security
- Cloud/Account Backup
- Family sharing, "find my device"

ACCOUNT ACCESS



- Individual accounts: e-mail, social media, dating websites
- Smart device accounts
- Previously shared accounts



OTHER TOOLS

- Devices: GPS tracker, key logger, cameras, recording devices
- Friends, family, colleagues

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Social Media & Dating Websites

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Exploiting Social Media

- * Gather information on the victim
 - * Location
 - * Plans
- * Communicate
 - * Post on victim's page
 - * Post about the victim on their own or other's pages
- * Create fake sites/Impersonation

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Portals for Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement Service System

Request Secure Access To The Law Enforcement Online Request System

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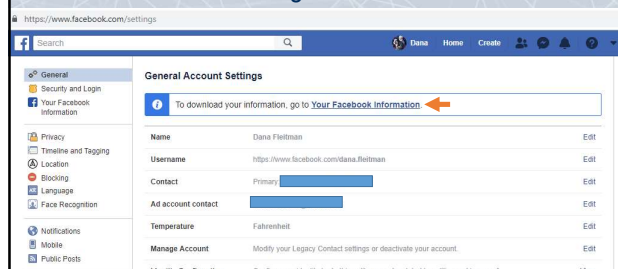
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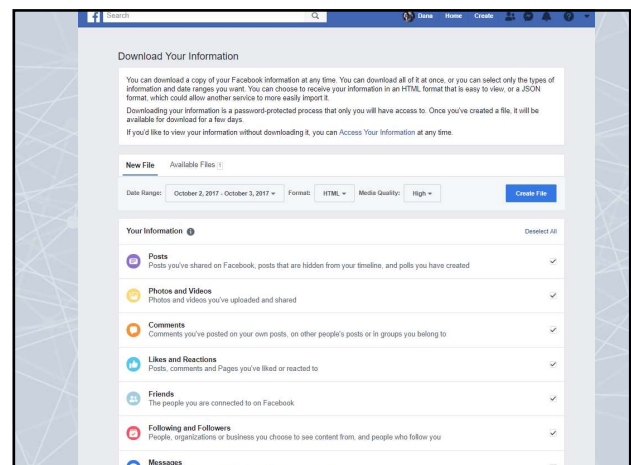
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Facebook Documentation

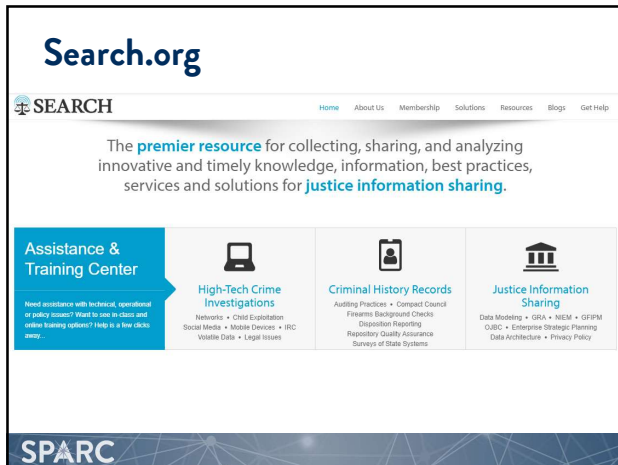
- * Capture and save screenshots (PrntScrnn)
- * Some sites offer a "download your information" service in account settings



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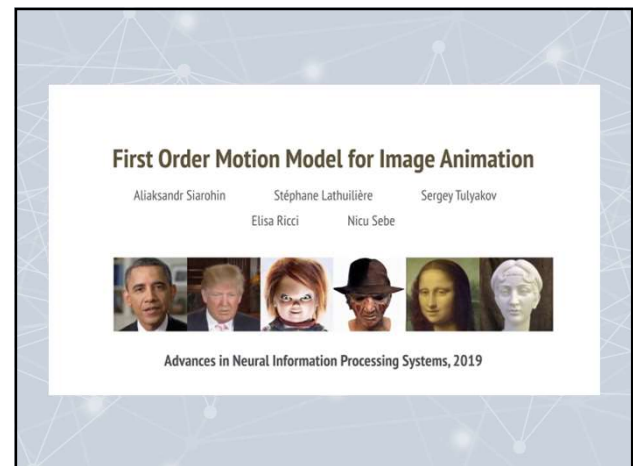
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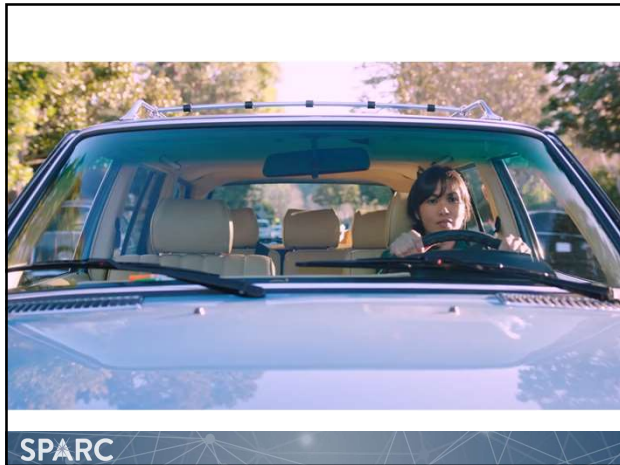
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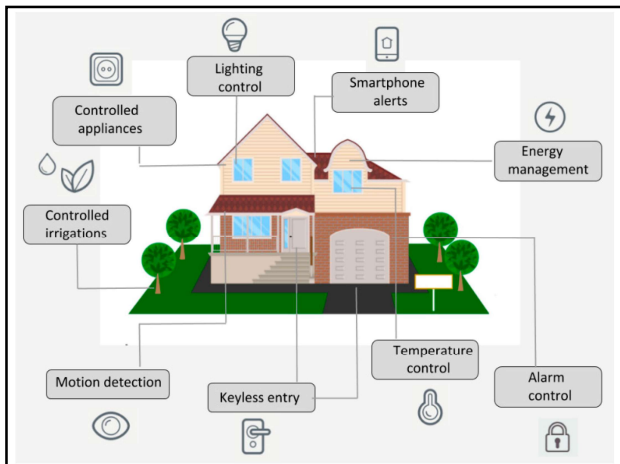
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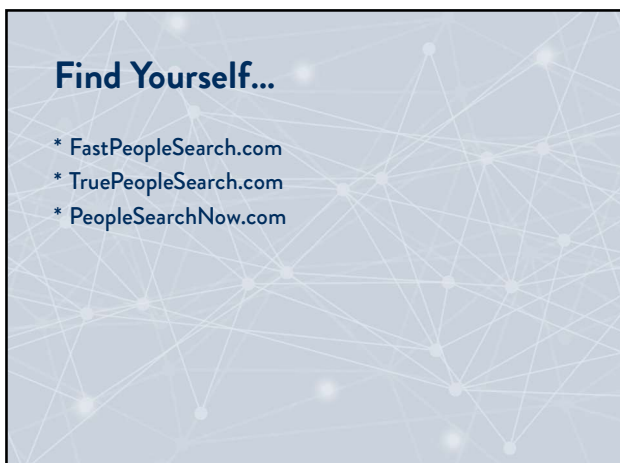
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Technology & Stalking: Big Picture

- * **Believe victims.** Offenders can misuse technology a variety of creative ways to access, contact, and monitor their victims.
- * **This technology is out there – and it's easy to use.** Offenders don't have to be particularly "tech savvy" to terrorize victims through technology.
- * **Build knowledge on privacy/sharing settings across applications and devices.** Sharing settings/defaults are often not intuitive.
- * **Ask specific questions about offender contact and knowledge.** This can better help you collect evidence and safety plan.
- * **Consider both evidence preservation and victim safety.** See if the victim has access to a safer device.
- * **Charge relevant technology-related crimes** (when appropriate and applicable).

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Safety Planning and Technology

Victims may consider:

- Secure passwords
- Hard-to-guess security questions
- Enable 2-factor authentication
- Use a second, safer device when/if possible
- Learn about settings and location-sharing defaults, set these intentionally
- Be mindful of smart device and social media usage

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Activity: Stalking Cards

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Discussion Questions

- * Choose up to 5 cards, one at a time. Consider each card as part of a pattern of behavior/course of conduct reported by the same victim.
- * **After each card you select,** discuss the following questions:
 - If you received a call about this situation, what would your reaction be?
 - Does this seem like a stalking case? Behaviorally? Criminally?
 - Is this criminal behavior? How or how not?
 - How might you collect evidence from the victim?
 - What safety planning tips would you give to the victim?

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Investigative Strategies: Evaluate the Big Picture

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Policies & Procedures

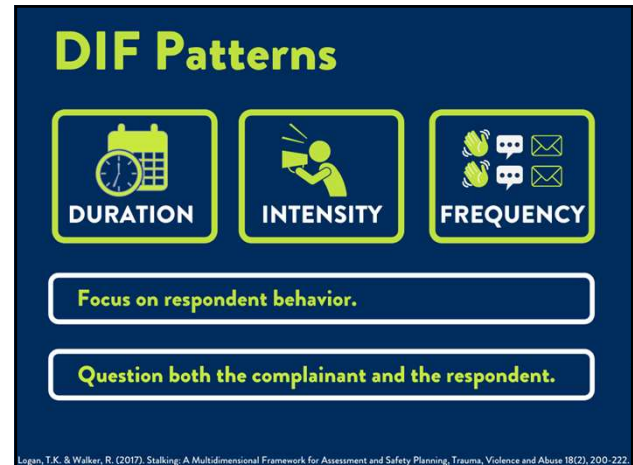
- Does your agency have a stalking policy?
- How are non-IP stalking cases identified?
 - What training exists for dispatch, patrol?
 - Incident reports, call logs
- Property crimes vs. crimes against persons
- Report reviews to screen for stalking



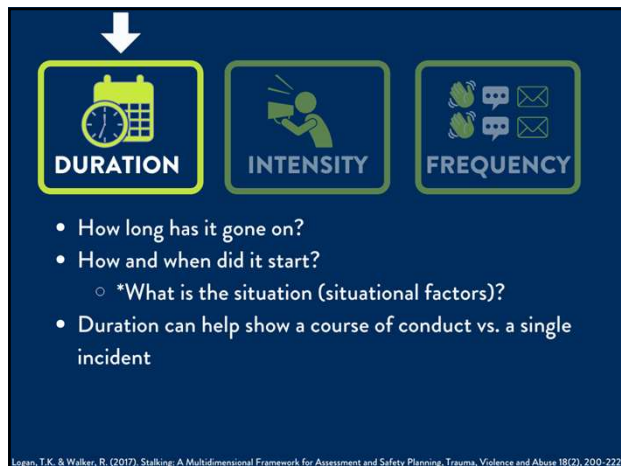
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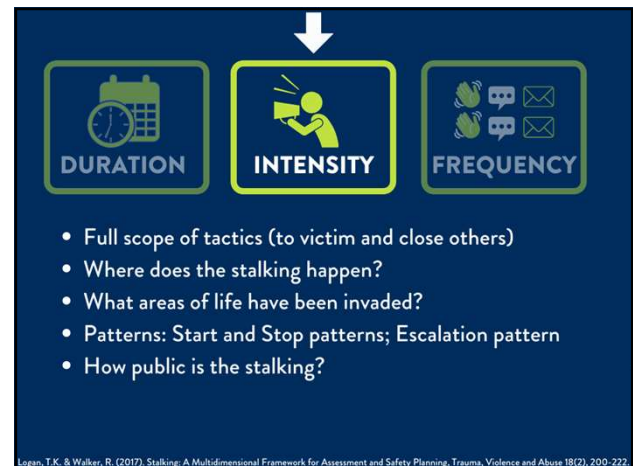
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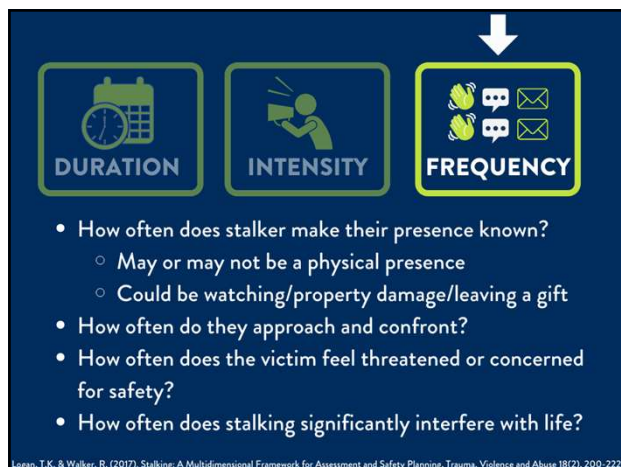
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Victim & Offender History

Is there a prior relationship between the victim and suspect?

- Dating/intimate/sexual relationship?
- Friends, classmates, co-workers, neighbors?

What was typical contact?

- Method? Frequency?

Is the suspect aware that their actions are unwanted?

- Remember, any contact by victim could increase risk.

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Context Questions

Have both parties give the context of the relationship (if applicable) or the context in which the contact occurred:

- How long have you known this person?
- How would you describe your relationship?
- Has your relationship changed? If so, how?
- What type of contact was typical in your relationship?

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Questions for Complainant

CONTACT:

- Please describe the contact(s).
- Please provide timeline or history of contact(s).
- How did you receive the contacts (email, social media, text, etc.)?
- How did you identify the sender if the contact was electronic?
- How did the contact make you feel?
- Did you communicate at all with accused person?
- Did you communicate that the contact was unwanted? If so, how?
- Has the contact increased, decreased, or ceased?

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Questions for Respondent

CONTACT & INTENT

- Describe the contact(s).
- Timeline of contact(s).
- How were these contacts sent?
- Did you receive any responses? If so, what were they?
- What was the purpose of the contact?
- Why did you continue to contact (either after asked to cease, when responses ceased, or when no response was received)?

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“This is all a big misunderstanding.”

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Document Fear and Harm

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Reasonable Fear: Evidence

Describe victim statements of fear

- Describe any accommodations made for safety

Document evidence of accommodations and/or safety measures taken:

- Time spent obtaining PO, relocation, efforts to keep address or location secret



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Questions for Complainant

FEAR & EMOTIONAL DISTRESS:

- Describe, in your own words, your emotional response when you received the contact.
- Did the contact scare you? If so, explain why in your own words.
- Did every contact scare you? If not, at what point did you become frightened?
- What did you think might happen to you as a result of the contact?



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Document Evidence of Accommodations



Changes to accounts,
numbers, and settings



Finances spent on safety
devices or accommodations



Increased Security/Privacy
Measures



Financial impacts, including
employment consequences, identity
theft, and cost of damaged property

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Document Witness Corroboration of Fear

Victim's Workplace

- Did the victim ask others to screen calls? Did they change hours? Other accommodations requested?

Locations/Services Frequented by Victim

- Were places like daycare, schools, apartment building, religious spaces, or other locations asked to make accommodations and/or informed of the situation?

Others Who Communicated with Victim

- Did they ask friends, family, or others for help with the stalker?
- Did they meet with anyone else about their safety?
- Did they call 911 and/or inform other security professionals?

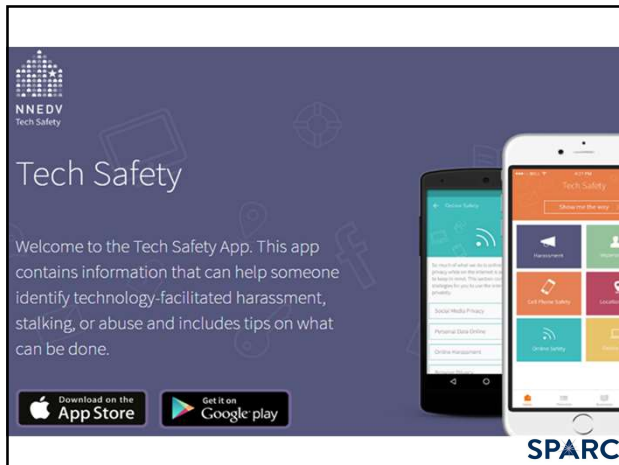
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Resources & Wrap Up

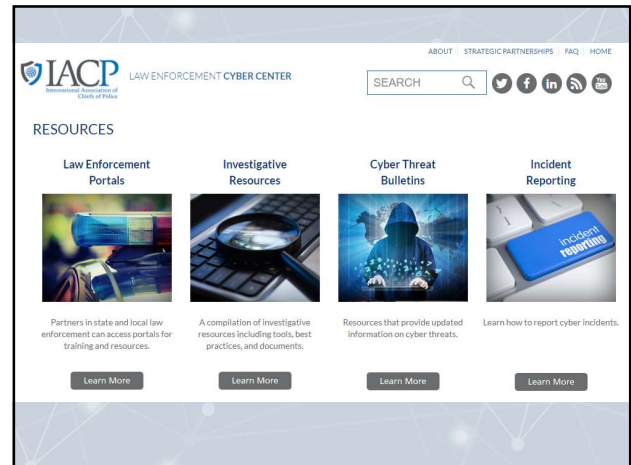
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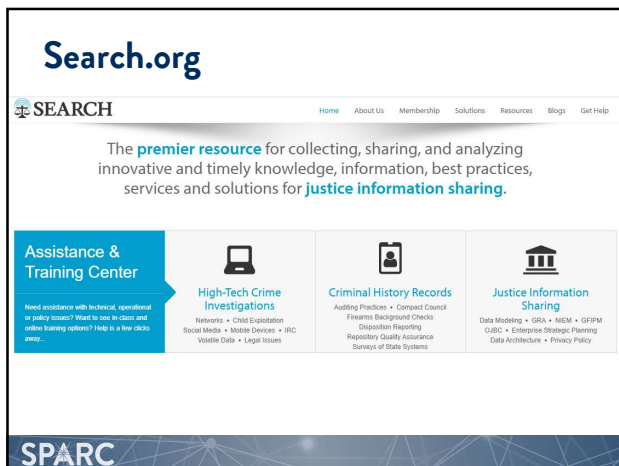
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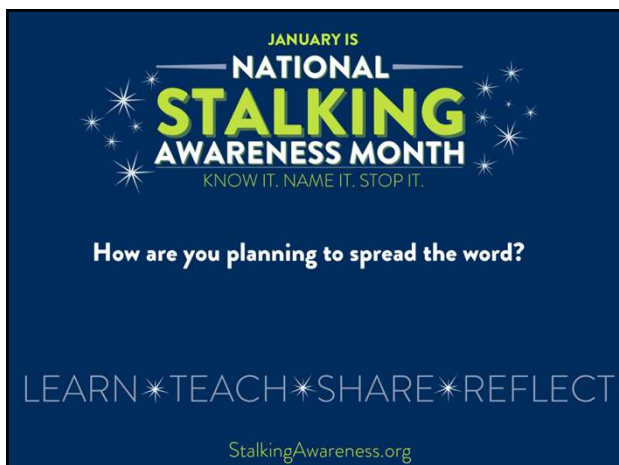
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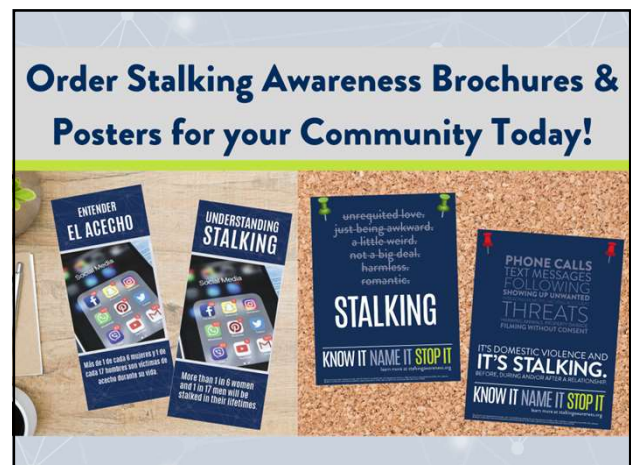
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