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Know More, Do More:

Recognizing and Responding to Stalking on Campus

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Introduction

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STALKING IS:

CRIMINAL

TRAUMATIC

DANGEROUS

CRIMINAL

- FEDERAL LEVEL
- ALL 50 STATES, D.C., & U.S. TERRITORIES
- TRIBAL CODES
- UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE

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.

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Blaauw, E., Arensman, E., Winkel, F.W., Freeve, A., & Sheridan, L. (2002). The Toll of Stalking. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence 17*(1): 50-63.

"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."

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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"Stalking is homicide in slow motion."

– *Patrick Brady, Criminology Dept.*
University of West Georgia

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

Reporting Stalking

- Less than 40% of victims report to law enforcement
  - One study showed fewer than 6% of intimate partner stalking victims reported

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

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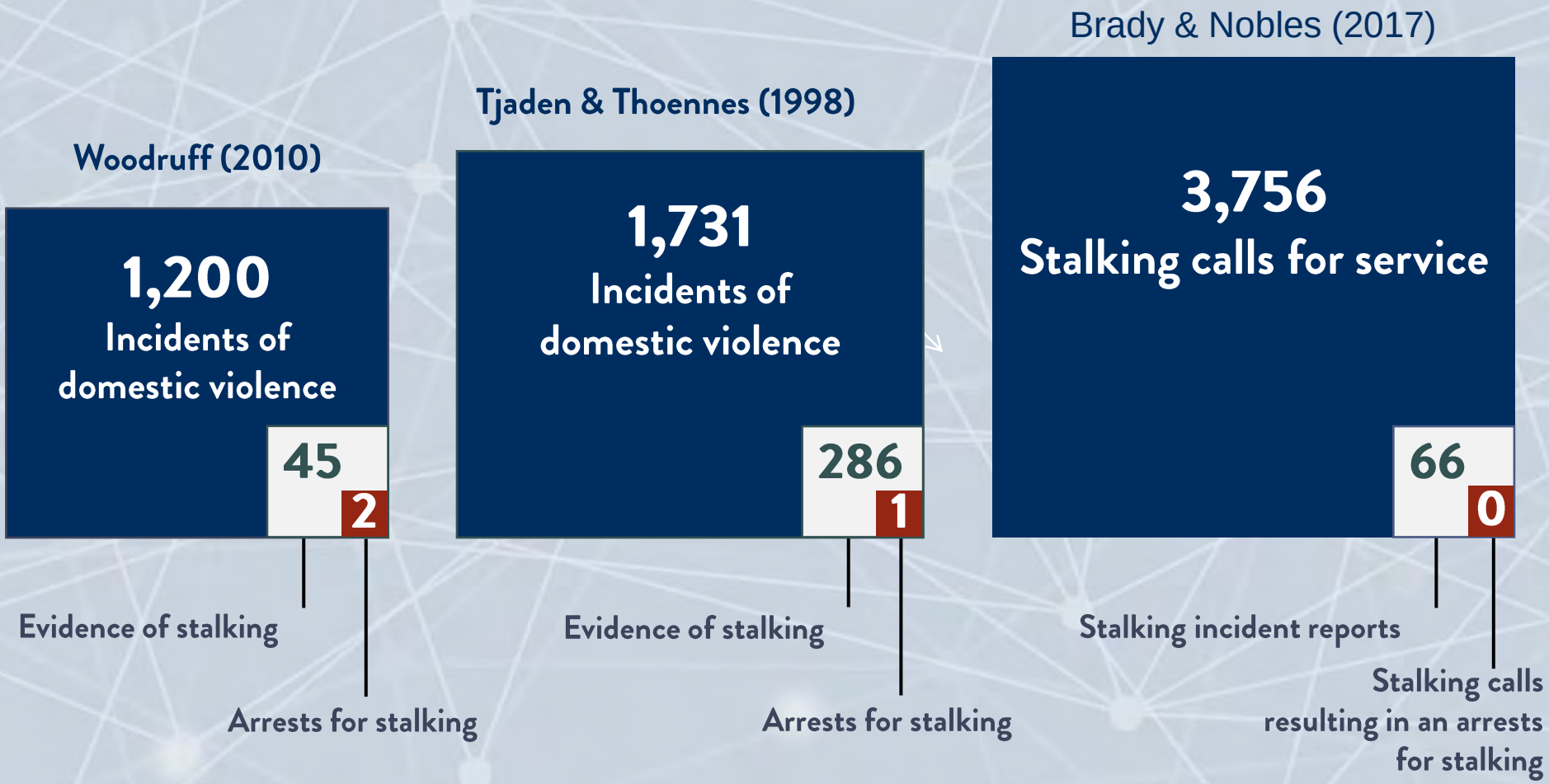
Domestic Violence Crimes Study

* 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.

Stalking within Domestic Violence



Understanding Stalking

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Defining Stalking

BEHAVIORAL

LEGAL/STATUTORY

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

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.

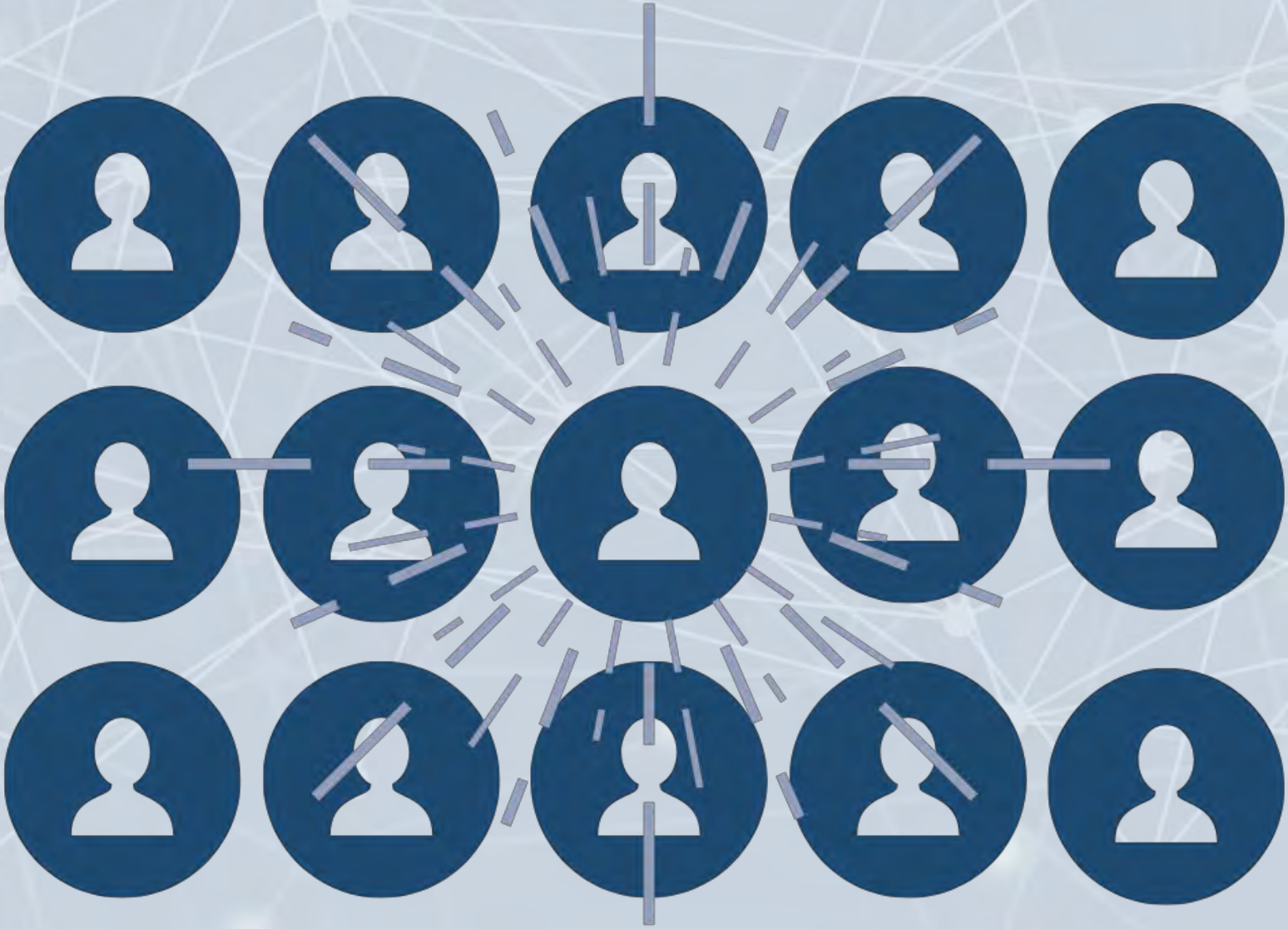
A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel **FEAR** for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

A pattern of behavior...

* Not a single incident or "one off" event

* Called a "course of conduct" in most statutes

...directed at a specific person...



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or suffer substantial emotional distress.

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CONTEXT IS CRITICAL

in stalking cases.

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?

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

California Stalking Statute

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Clery Definition of Stalking
34 U.S.C.A. § 12291(a)(30)

Engaging in a **course of conduct** directed at a **specific person** that would cause a **reasonable person** to **fear** for his / her safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress

CAL. PENAL CODE § 646.9 (WEST 2021). STALKING

(a) Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or willfully and maliciously harasses another person and who makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her immediate family is guilty of the crime of stalking, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

Safety is not limited to only physical safety.
***People v. Borelli*, 91 Cal. Rptr. 2d 851 (Cal. Ct. App. 2000).**

Credible Threat

* a verbal or written threat, including that performed through the use of an electronic communication device, or a threat implied by a pattern of conduct or a combination of verbal, written, or electronically communicated statements and conduct
* made with the intent to place the person that is the target of the threat in reasonable fear for his or her safety or the safety of his or her family, and made with the apparent ability to carry out the threat so as to cause the person who is the target of the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety or the safety of his or her family.
* It is not necessary to prove that the defendant had the intent to actually carry out the threat. The present incarceration of a person making the threat shall not be a bar to prosecution under this section.
* Constitutionally protected activity is not included within the meaning of "credible threat."

CAL. PENAL CODE § 646.9 (WEST 2021). STALKING

Stalking is aggravated to a felony if the offender:

* Violates a temporary restraining order, injunction, or any other court order;
* Has previously convicted of a willful infliction or corporal injury; intentional and knowing violation of court order to prevent harassment, disturbing the peace, or threats or acts of violence; or criminal threats; or
* Was previously convicted of stalking.

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

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.”

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.

Stalking Victimization by Sexual Orientation

BISEXUAL

1 in 3 women

1 in 14 men

LESBIAN/GAY

1 in 5 women

1 in 9 men

HETEROSEXUAL

1 in 6 women

1 in 20 men

Chen, J., Walters, M. L., Gilbert, L. K., & Patel, N. (2020). Sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence by sexual orientation, United States. Psychology of Violence, 10(1), 110–119.

College Student Victims: Marginalized Populations

Students who identify as transgender, nonbinary, or genderqueer experience the highest rates of stalking.

Students with disabilities were twice as likely to experience stalking as students without.

Black students and Native American students were over 30% more likely to experience stalking than their counterparts.

Davis, G.E., Hines, D.A., & Palm Reed, K.M. (2021). Routine Activities and Stalking Victimization in Sexual Minority College Students. Journal of Interpersonal Violence: 1-29.

Reyns, B. W., & Scherer, H. (2018). Stalking victimization among college students: The role of disability within a lifestyle-routine activity framework. Crime & Delinquency, 64(5), 650-673.

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Fedina, L., Backes, B. L., Sulley, C., Wood, L., & Busch-Armendariz, N. (2020). Prevalence and sociodemographic factors associated with stalking victimization among college students. Journal of American College Health, 68(6), 624-630.

Stalking Dynamics

Women are more likely than men to experience stalking.

The majority of victims report that the offender is male - regardless of the victim's sexual orientation.

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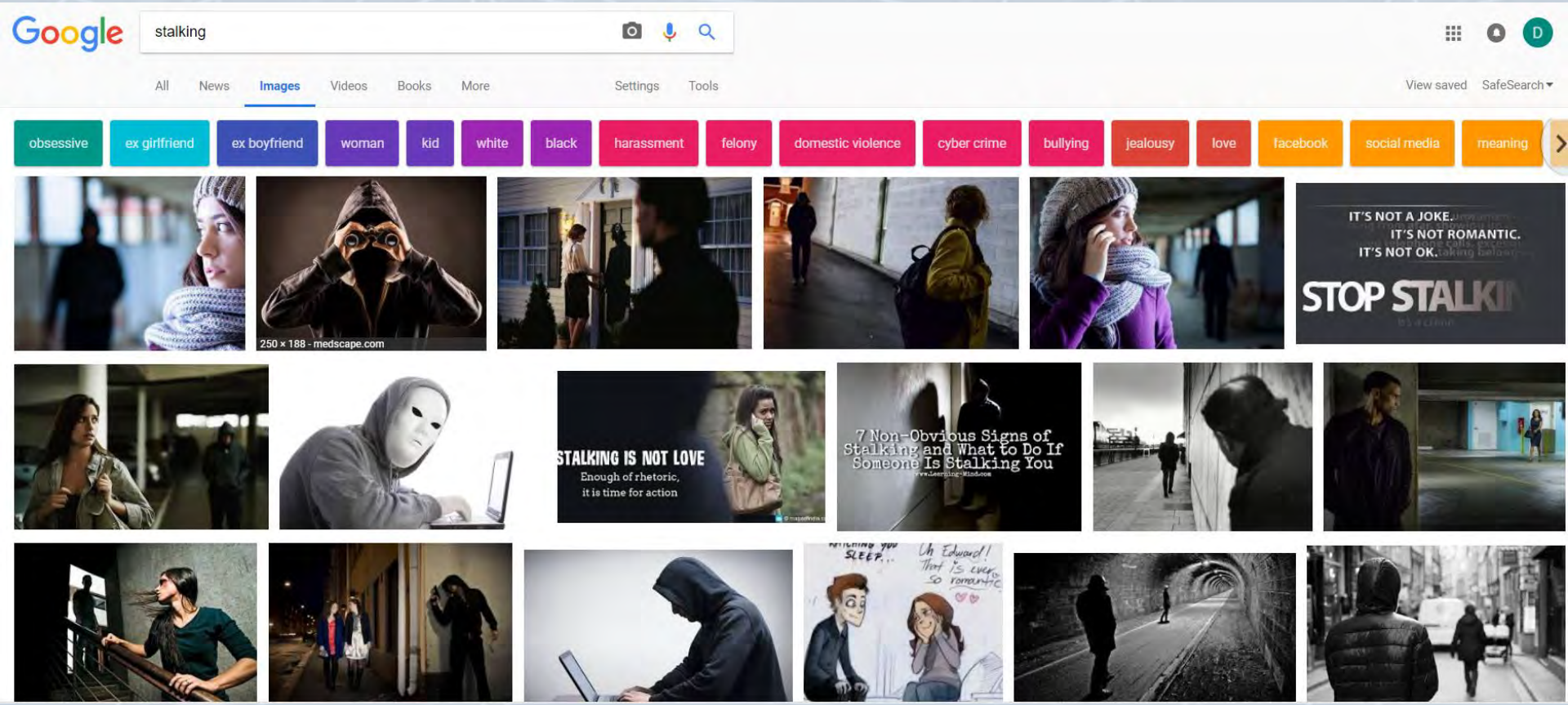
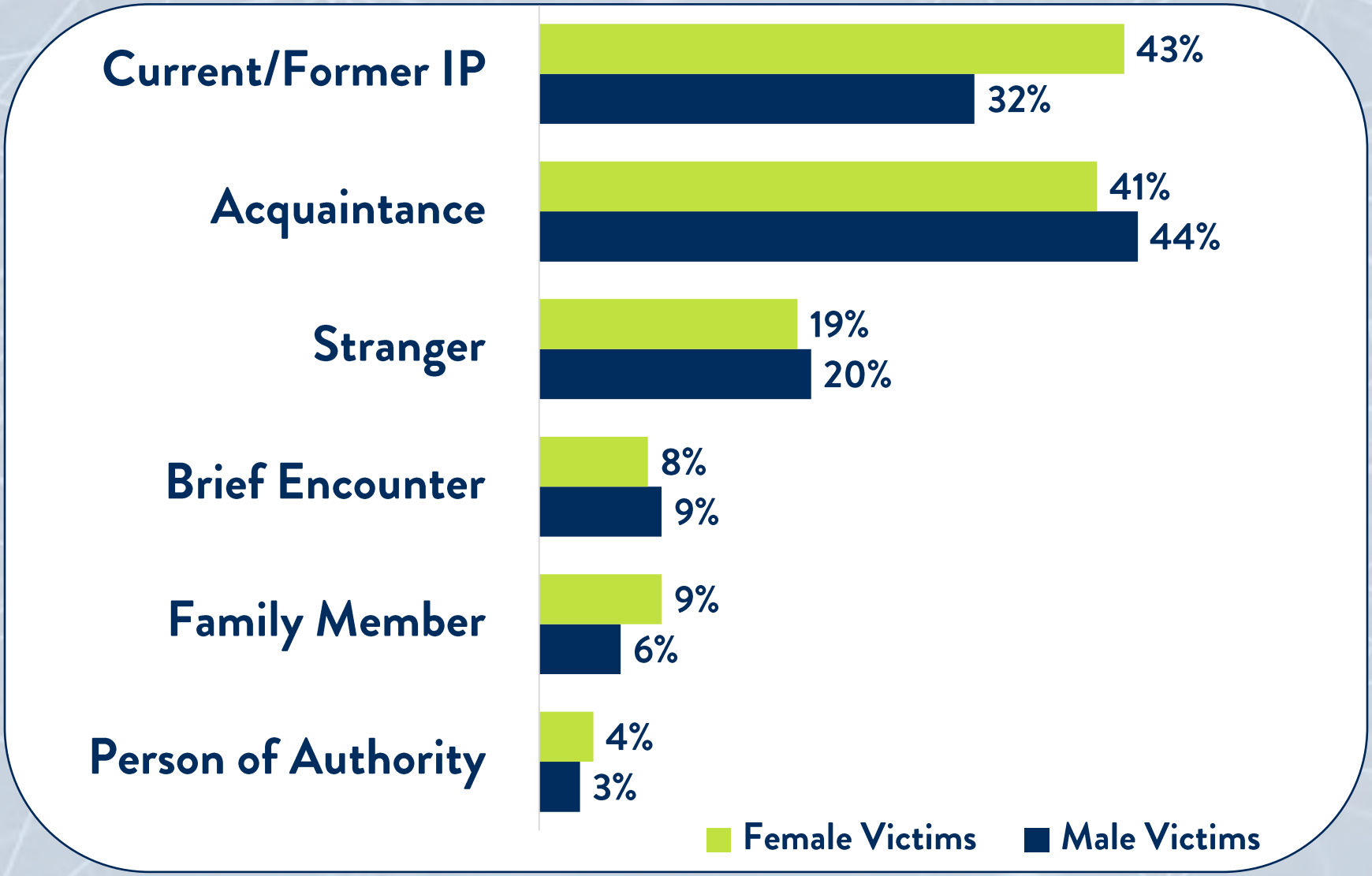


Victim and Offender Relationships



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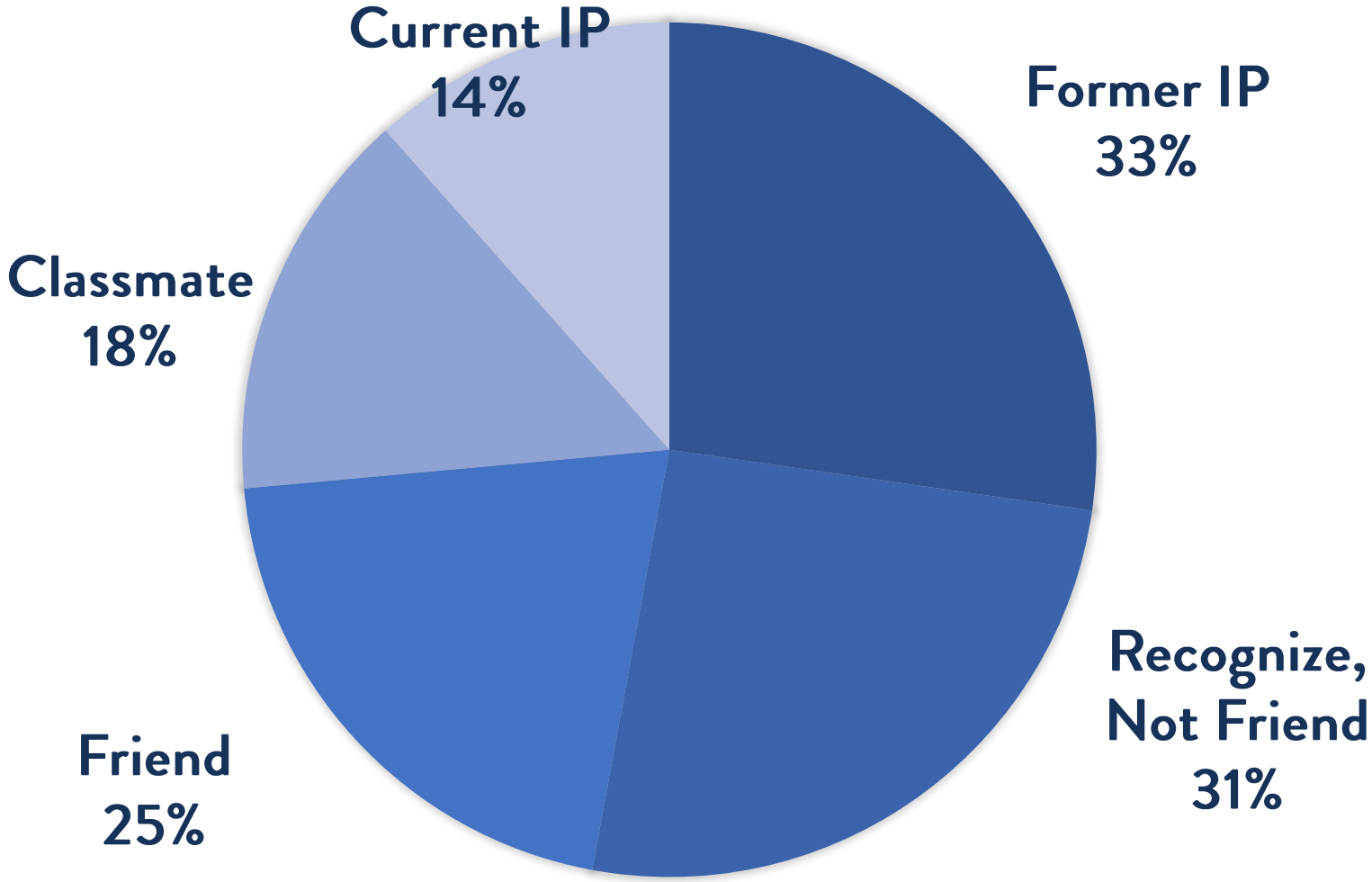
College Victim/Offender Relationships



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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 9:24 PM, JULY 13, 2018, BY SARAH BUYNOVSKY, *UPDATED AT 08:20PM, JULY 13, 2018*

UConn student accused of stalking women he didn't know

By Matthew P. Knox
mknox@journalinquirer.com Sep 13, 2018 0

Woman Files Workplace Sexual Harassment Lawsuit Against UC Irvine

POSTED 2:40 PM, DECEMBER 3, 2018, BY NISHA GUTIERREZ-JAIME AND KAREEN WYNTER, *UPDATED AT 02:47PM, DECEMBER 3, 2018*

Understanding Stalking: Stalking Behaviors

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“I know it sounds crazy, but…”

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.

SURVEILLANCE

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

LIFE INVASION

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

INTIMIDATION

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

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

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?

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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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Resources to help identify stalking at STALKINGAWARENESS.ORG

Potential Relevant Charges: CA

* Title 7 Ch 6. Falsifying Evidence, and Bribing, Influencing, Intimidating or Threatening Witnesses [132 - 141]
* Title 8 Ch 4. Robbery [211 - 215]
* Title 8 Ch 6. Assaults With Intent to Commit Felony, Other Than Assaults With Intent to Murder [220 - 222]
* Title 9 Ch 2.5. Spousal Abusers [273.8 - 273.88]
* Title 9 Ch 8. Indecent Exposure [314]
* Title 13 Ch 2. Burglary [458 - 464]
* Title 13 Ch 4. Forgery and Counterfeiting [470 - 483.5]
* Title 13 Ch 7. Extortion [518 - 527]
* Title 13 Ch 8. False Personation and Cheats [528 - 539]
* Title 15 Ch. 1.5. Invasion of Privacy [630 - 638.55]

Changing Behaviors

* 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach

* 66% of stalkers pursue their victim at least once per week

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Co-Victimizations: Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence

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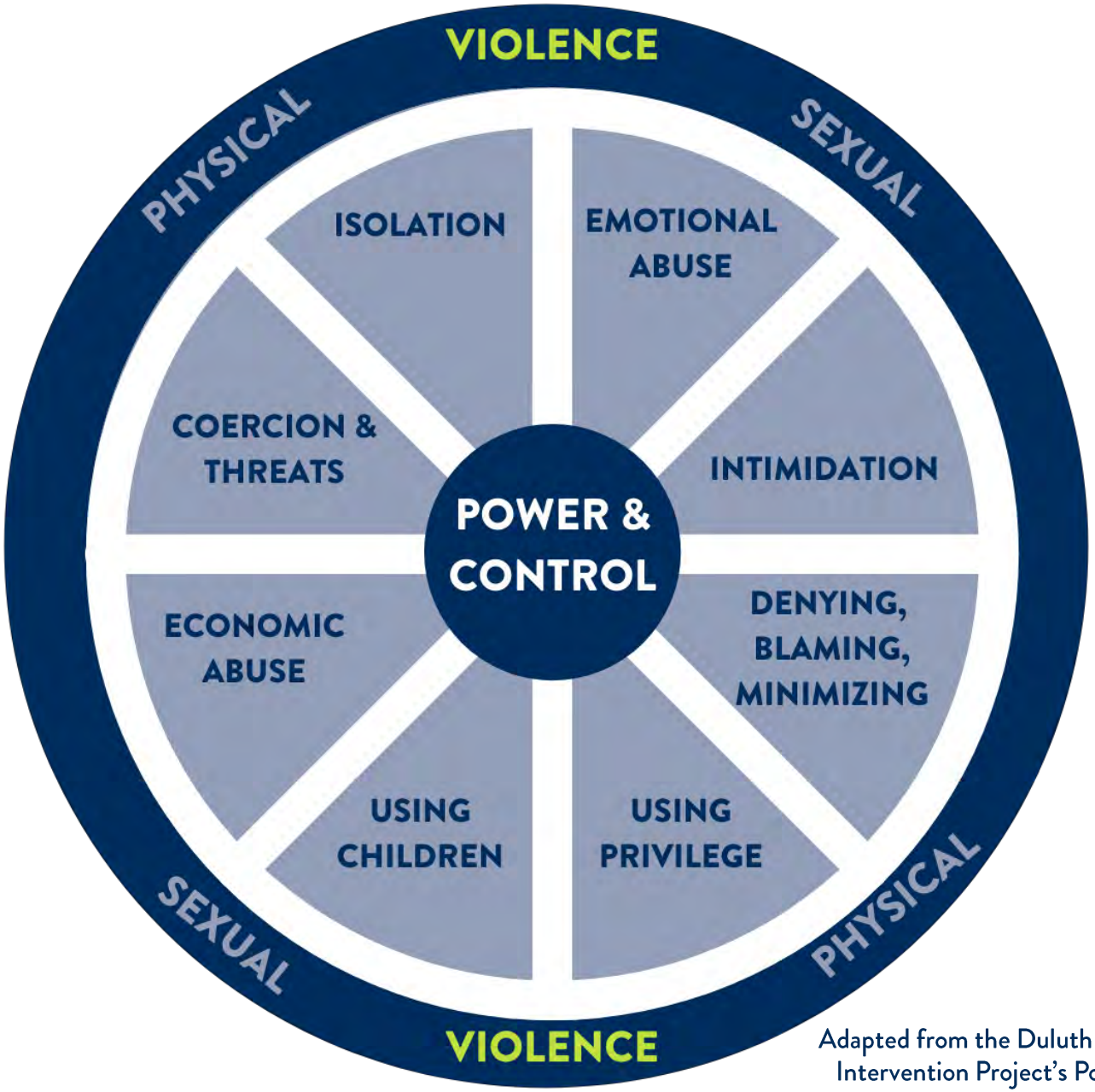
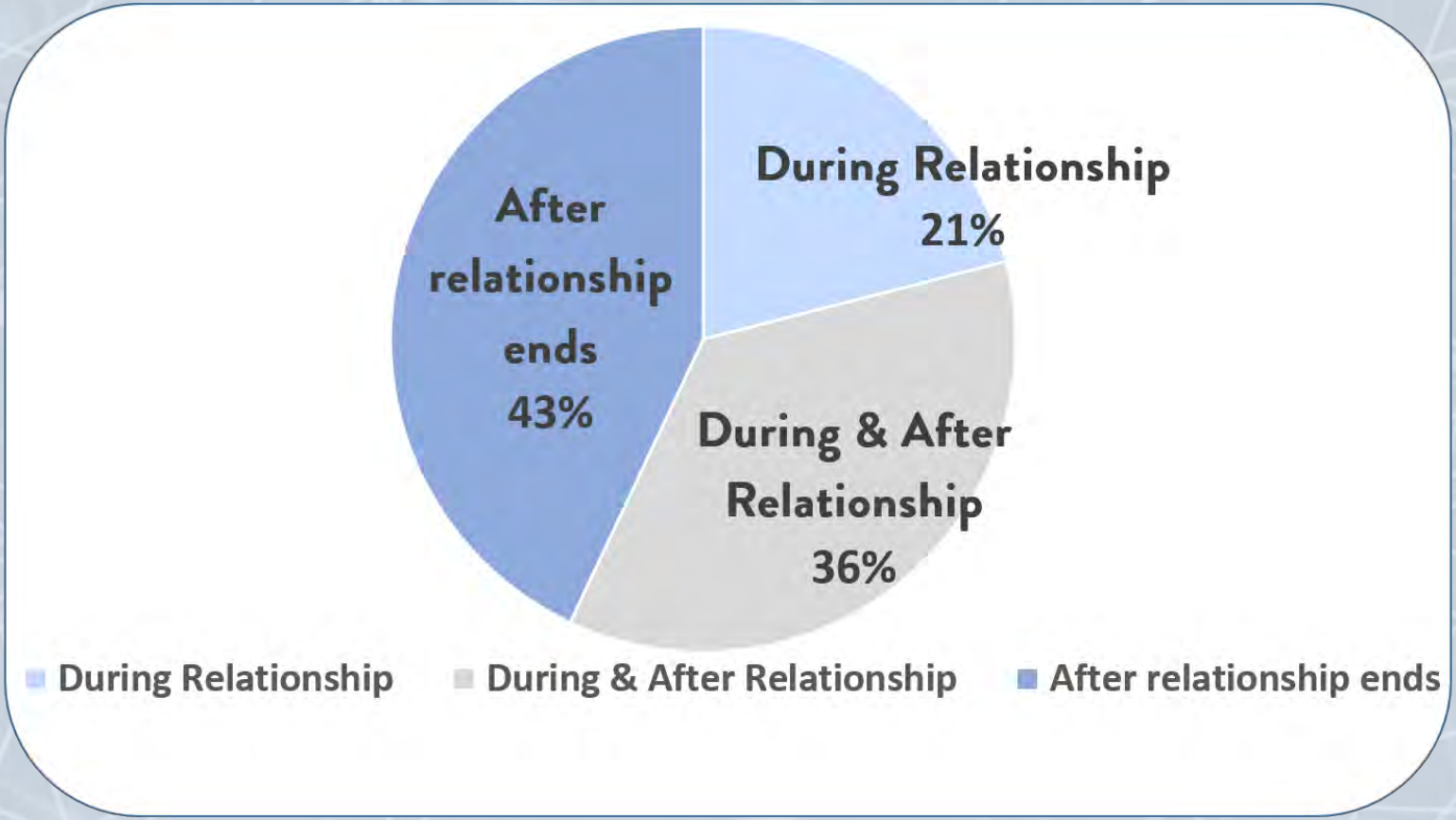


Adapted from the Duluth Model Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Power and Control Wheel

Point When Stalking Occurs



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

WHY?

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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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.

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.

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) Threated 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) Threated 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. & Stith, 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.

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

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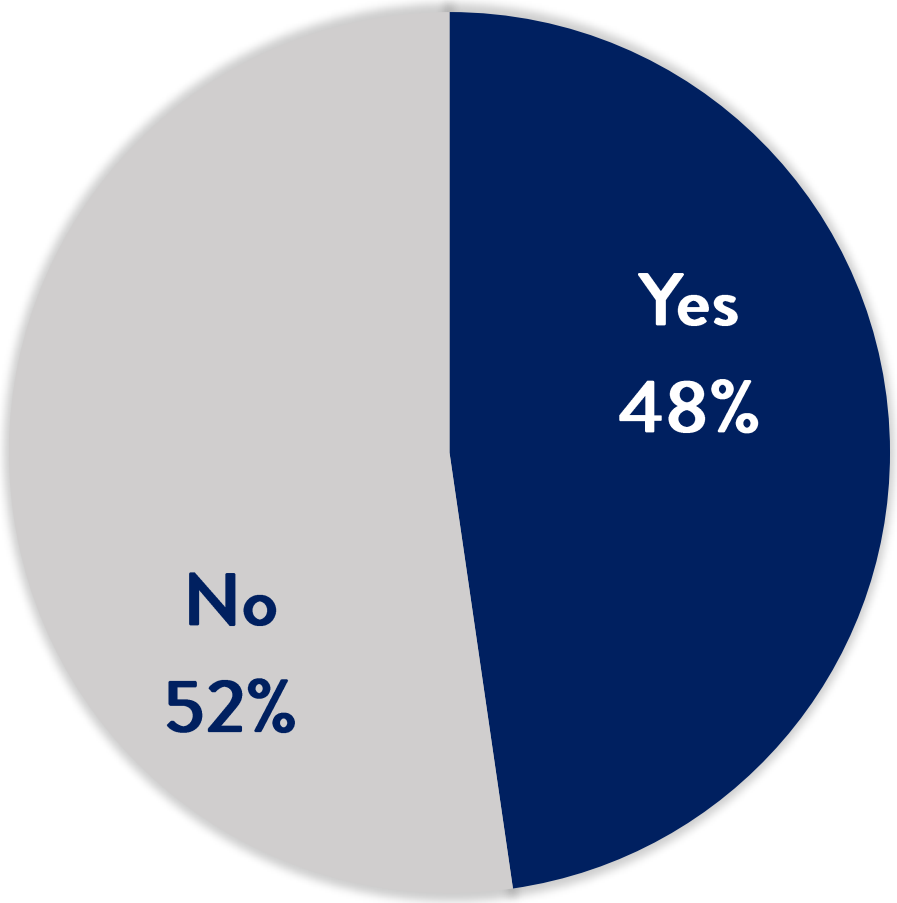
Sexual Assault Survivors Who Also Experienced Stalking (Ages 18-24)



Brady, P. Q., & Woodward Griffin, V. (2019). The Intersection of Stalking and Sexual Assault Among Emerging Adults: Unpublished Preliminary Results. mTurk Findings, 2018.

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.

Some offenders use stalking strategies to groom for sexual violence.

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

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

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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SEXUAL
VIOLENCE
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
STALKING
ASK SURVIVORS ABOUT CO-
OCCURRING VICTIMIZATIONS.

Why Name Stalking?

Charging & Prosecution

Safety Planning

Victim Empowerment

Consider

* 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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How does your organization address stalking?

Complete the
STALKING RESPONSE CHECK LIST
to assess your efforts and for new ideas!

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I'm totally stalking you on Insta and saw your new photos! So cute!
LOL, OMG thanks!

Stalking is Shown As...

ROMANTIC





FUNNY

HEROIC




EDGY

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

How do Victims Cope?

Move INWARD

Move AWAY

Move TOWARDS

Move AGAINST

Move OUTWARD

Spitzberg, B.H. & Cupach, W. (2007) The State of the Art of Stalking: Taking Stock of the Emerging Literature. Aggression and Violent Behavior 12(1): 64-86.

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

Student Accommodations

Housing

Bus/
Transportation

Lunch Period/
Dining Hall

Class Schedule

Extra-curriculars

Risk Assessment

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Victim perceptions of risk are a strong predictor of re-assault, equal to or even better than risk management tools

TK Logan & Robert Walker, *Stalking: A Multidimensional Framework for Assessment and Safety Planning*, 18(2) Trauma, Violence & Abuse 200-22 (2017)

Narrative Report & Risk Profile

Safety Planning Suggestions

14 Risk Factors in Stalking Cases

BIG PICTURE

- Course of Conduct
- Escalation, Triggers
- Nature and context of threats
- Threat follow-through, capability

STALKER HISTORY

- History of abuse to victim
- History of abuse to others
- Guns, weapons & training
- Criminal history, mental health, substance abuse

STALKER MINDSET

- Resistance & Persistence
- Stalker Motive
- Proxy Stalking

VICTIM VULNERABILITY

- Fear, life impact
- Use of Technology
- Victim Vulnerability

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


abc nightline


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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.

The Use of Technology to Stalk

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Technology does not cause stalking.

Stalkers cause stalking.

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Technology & In-Person Stalking

The majority of stalking victims experienced both in-person stalking and technology-facilitated stalking.

Messing, J., Bagwell-Gray, M., Brown, M.L., Kappas, A., & Durfee, A. (2020). Intersections of Stalking and Technology-Based Abuse: Emerging Definitions, Conceptualization, and Measurement. Journal of Family Violence 35(1): 693-704.

SURVEILLANCE

- Smart home devices
- Tracking software/GPS
- Cameras/recordings
- Monitoring activity online
- Access to accounts

LIFE INVASION

- Unwanted contact online, texts, calls
- Impersonating victim
- Hacking victim accounts

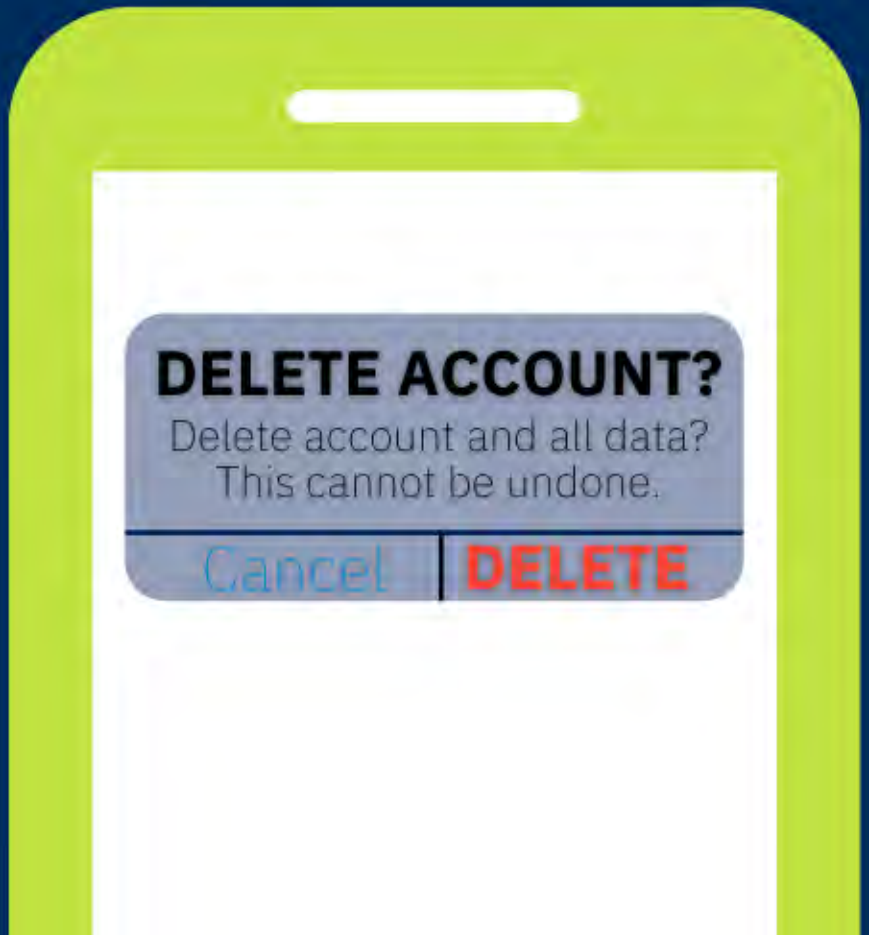
INTERFERENCE

- Posting private photos or info
- Spreading rumors
- Doxing, swatting
- Controlling accounts
- Posing as victim and creating harm

INTIMIDATION

- Blackmail
- Sextortion
- Threats - release false private info
- Threats - interfere with property, employment, other
- Threats - harm online

Should victims just log off?



"...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., Keatley, 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.

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.

Text Screenshots

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

Spoofing

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Spoofing


How can you remain anonymous when you call someone? The best way is by using SpoofCard. With SpoofCard you can change your CallerID to

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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 tweak 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.

Your Number

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Enter the number you are calling from

Destination Number

1

Enter the number you would like to call

Spoof Number

Voice Pitch

Adjust the pitch of your voice

Soundboard

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."

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

Location Tracking

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How Do Stalkers Track Location?

Property Tags

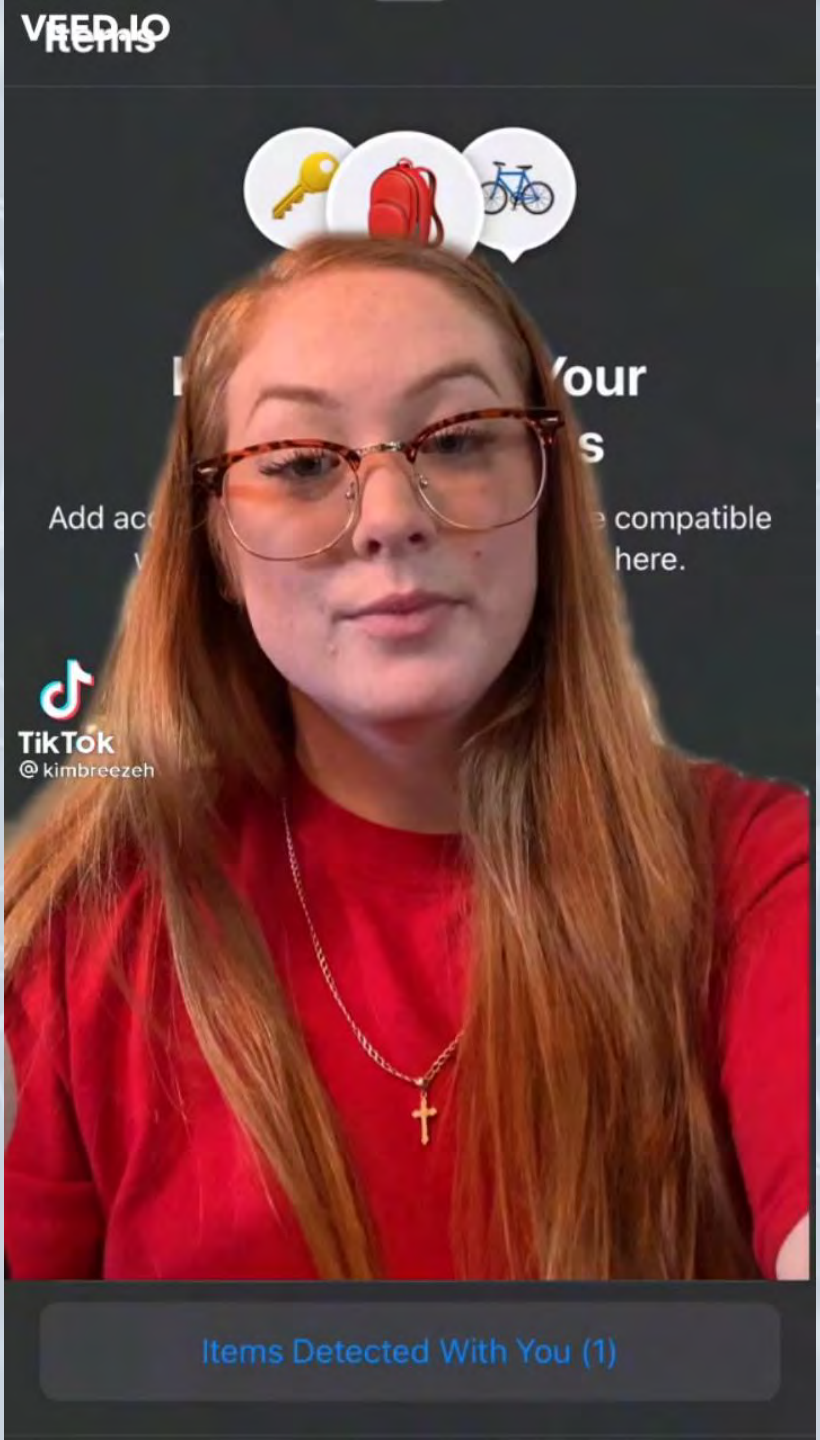
Family Tracking Devices

Access to and/or Shared Victim Accounts

Social Media Maps/Check-ins

Installed Stalkerware

Proxy Stalking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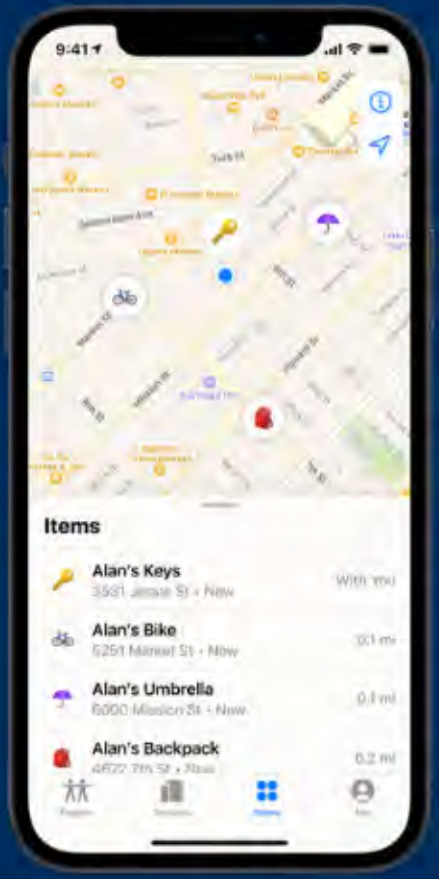
Air Tags

Note: notification time is now a few hours, not 3 days

Understanding AirTags

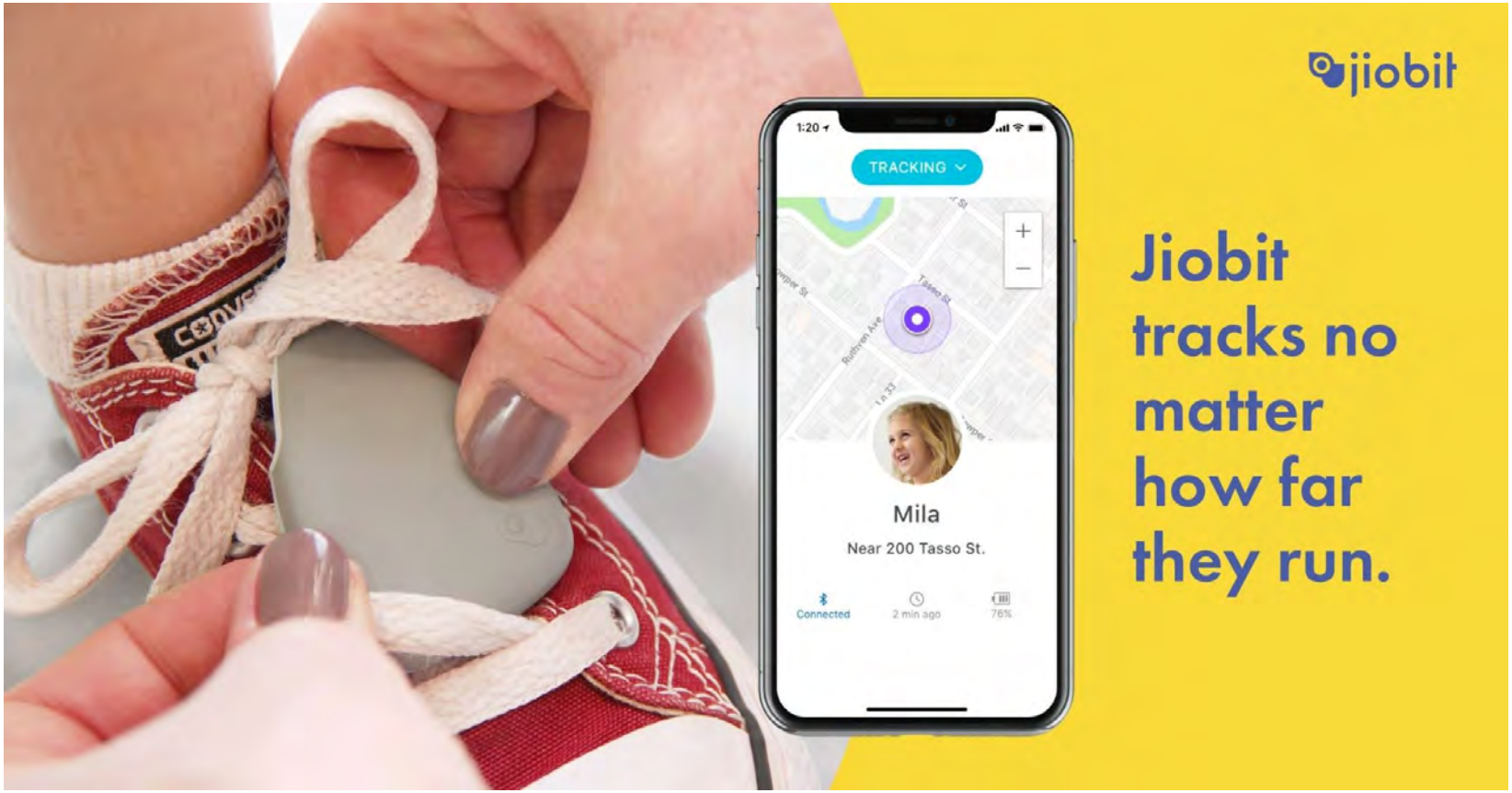


- Shows current location, not location history
- Frequency of the location update varies
  - Depends on other devices in range
- While Tile requires people to have downloaded the Tile app for the location tracking to "ping," AirTag "pings" off any Apple device within 800 feet

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

Child Trackers



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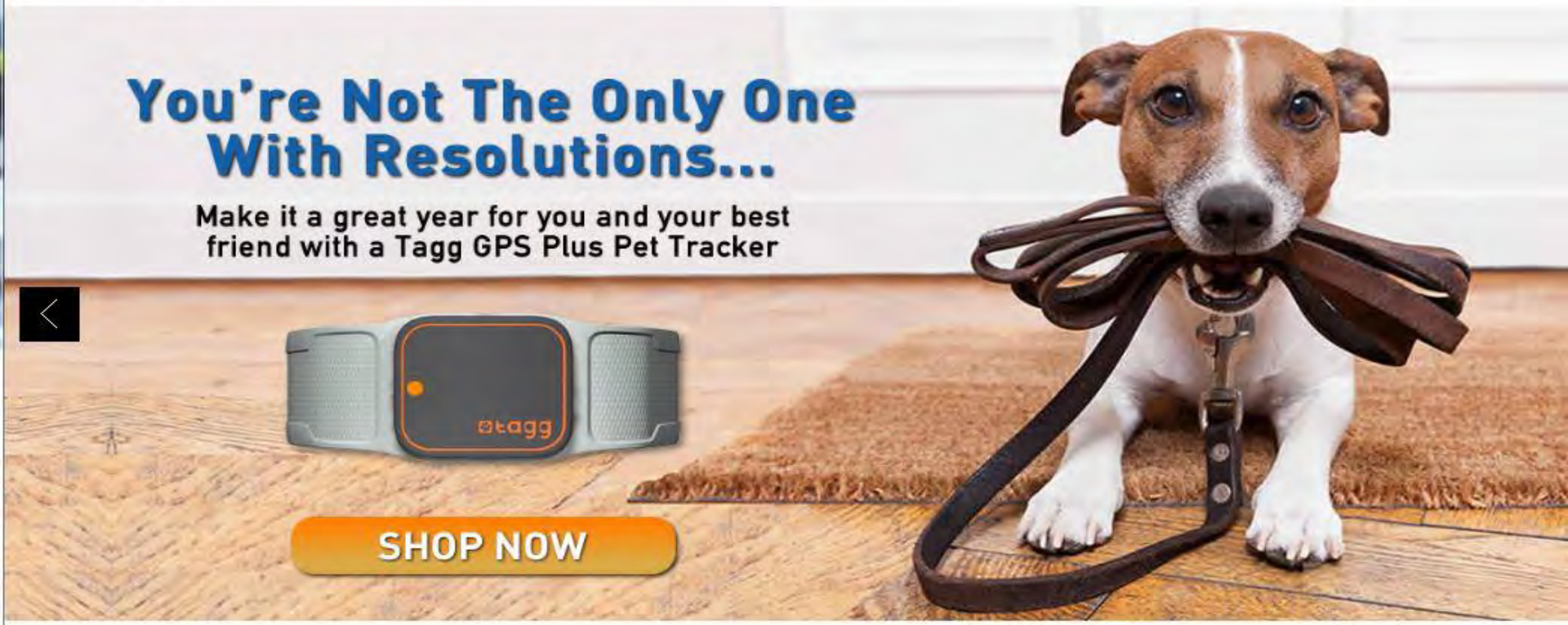

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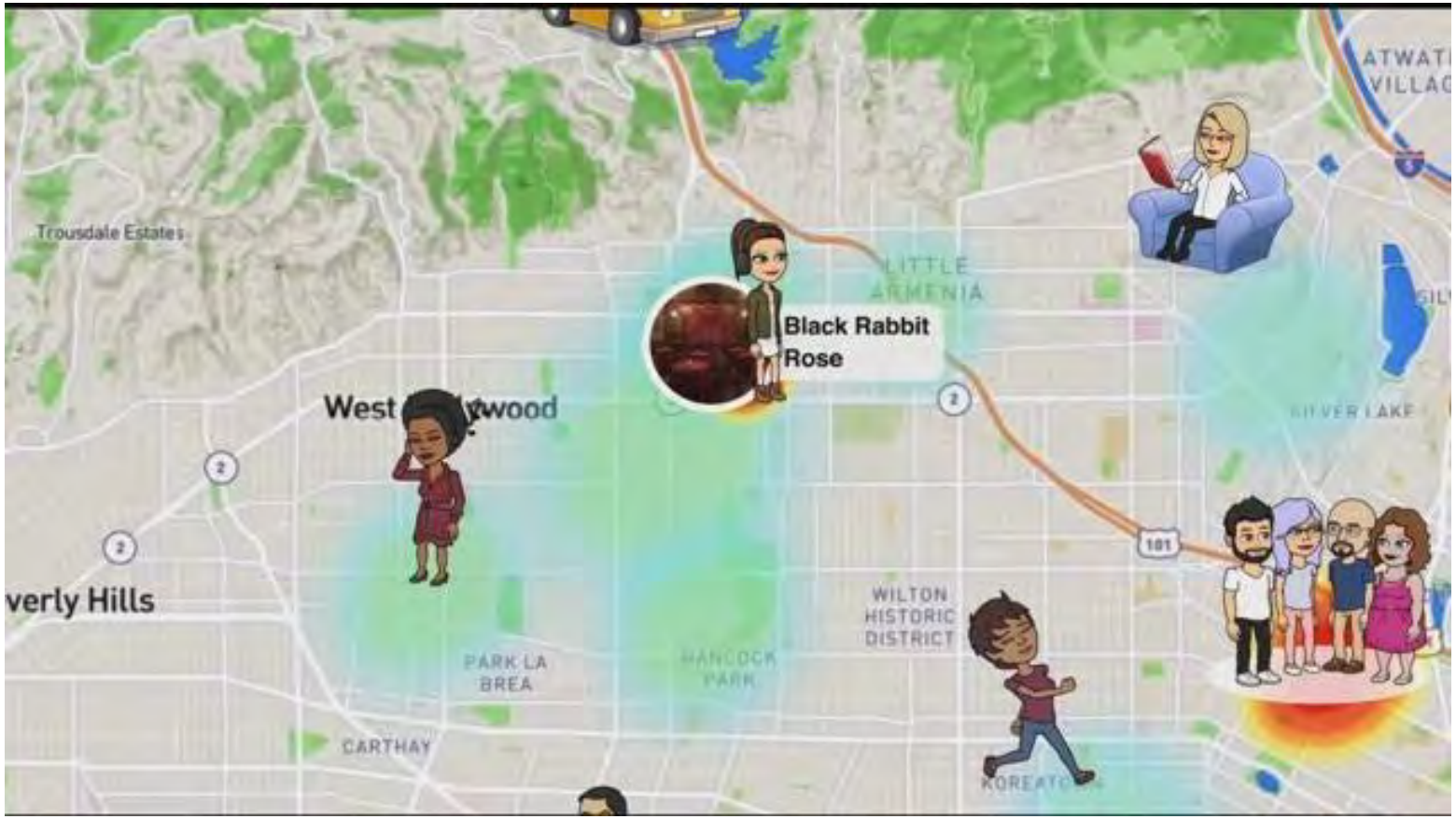
GPS Documentation & Evidence

Computer	Phone	Financial Data
• Tracking software • Tracking websites	• Apps • Websites • Call-in numbers • Texts	• Equipment purchase • Real time tracking service charge

SnapMap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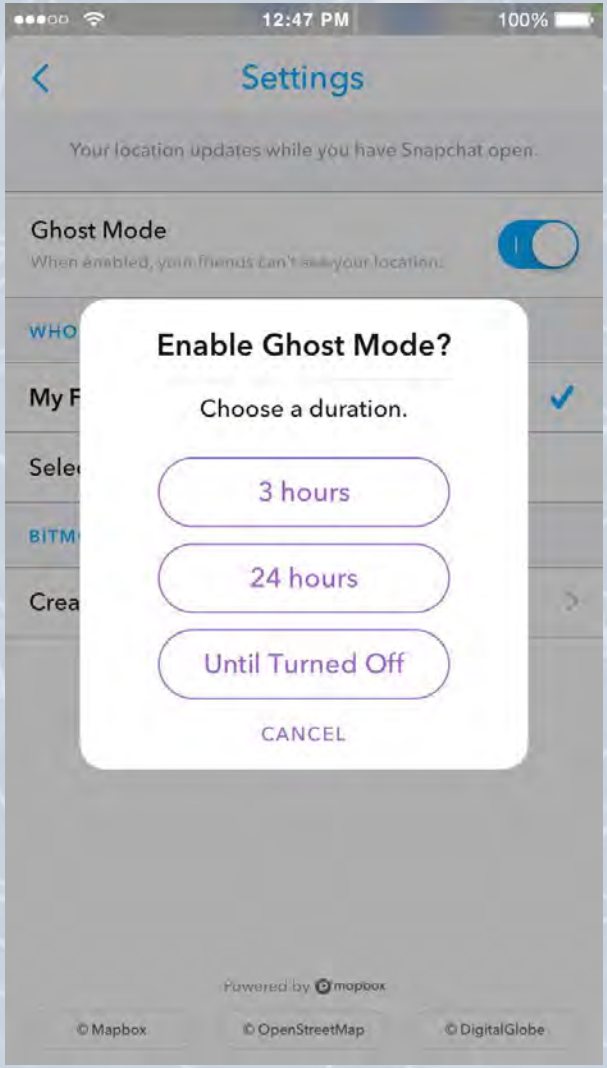
SnapChat Ghost Mode

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)



Stalkerware

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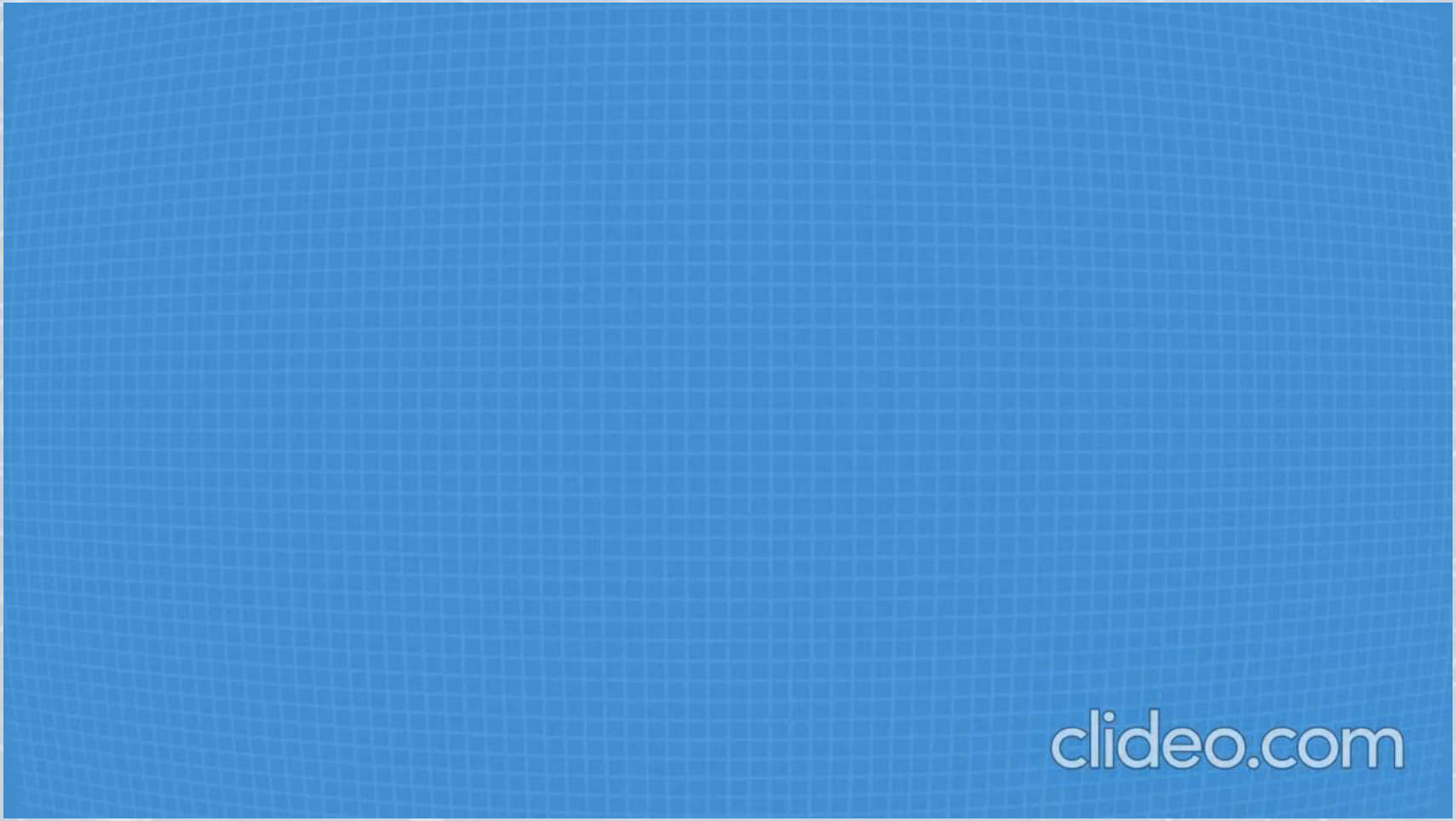
What is Stalkerware?

- 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

COALITION AGAINST STALKERWARE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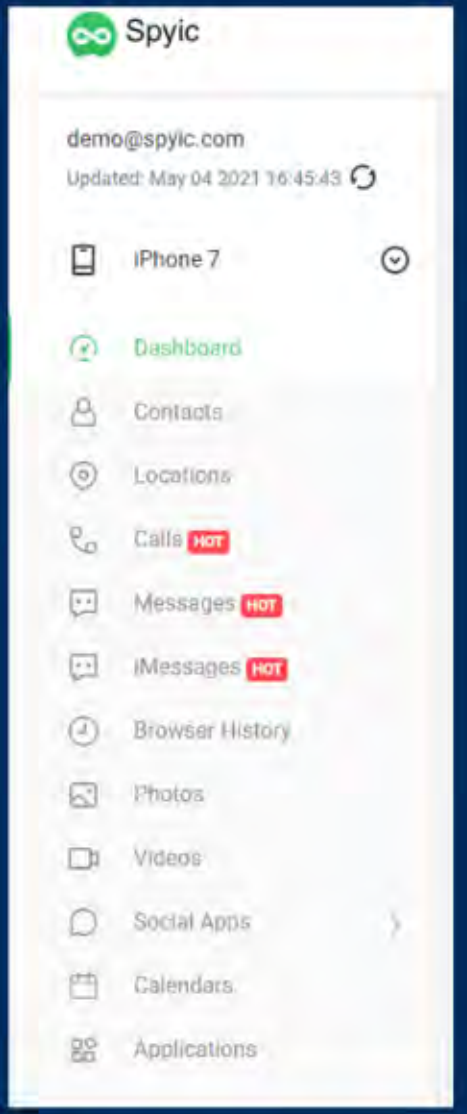
About Stalkerware

- 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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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."

[redacted] 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

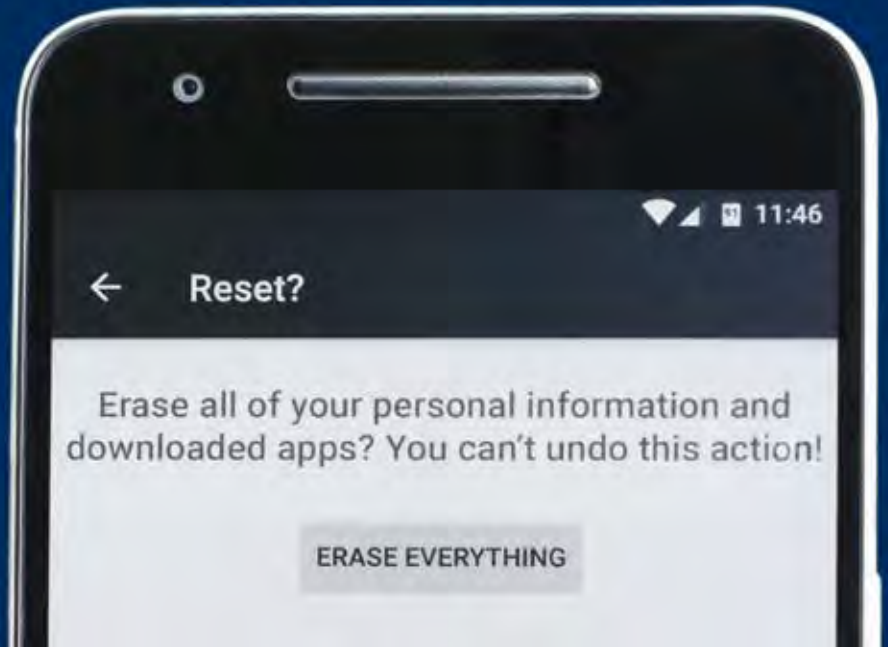
auto-tracking feature on her phone. She said "he always knows where I am at. He texts me telling me exactly where I am at!" She has blocked his profile but

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

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



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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

Social Media & Dating Websites

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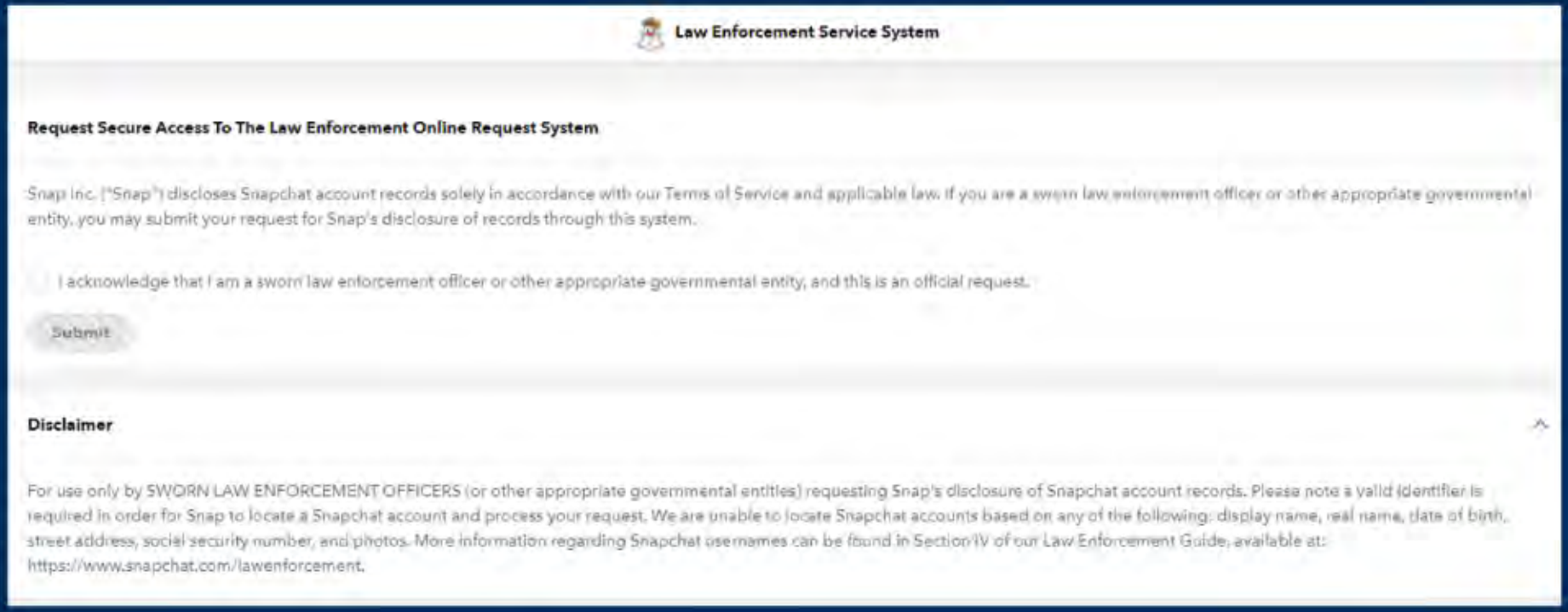
Exploiting Social Media

* 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

Portals for Law Enforcement



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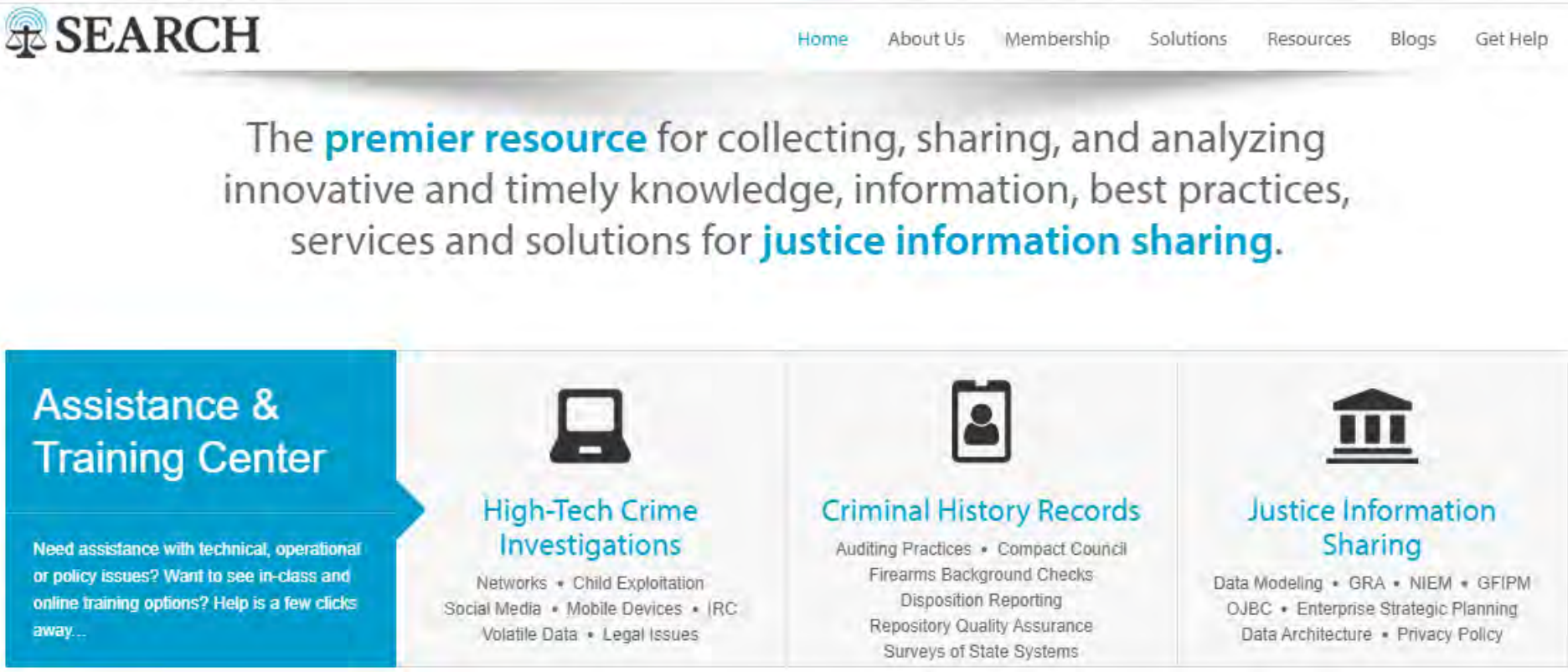
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Data Architecture • Privacy Policy

Public Data

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Find Yourself...

* FastPeopleSearch.com
* TruePeopleSearch.com
* PeopleSearchNow.com

Internet Privacy Handbook

* https://safeshepherd.com/handbook/privacy-basics

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).

Safety Planning

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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

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

Questions to Consider

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

Basic Considerations

- Trust victim instincts
- Safety planning should evolve
- Consider stalker's next tactic
- Anticipate stalker reaction
- Balance safety and freedom

Effective Safety Planning

FLEXIBLE

- Works for survivor
- Responsive to offender behavior

COMPREHENSIVE

- Considers all aspects of victim's life

CONTEXTUAL

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

Issues to Consider

Systemic Barriers

Stalker-generated Risks

Confidentiality

Victim's life situation & impact on social health

Use of Technology

Safety at Workplace or School

Victims may consider:

- Sharing a photo of the offender with security staff, colleagues/classmates, RAs, others
- Changing routines, schedule, locations
- Changing routes to and from location
- Accompaniment
- Ensuring that school/work does not post or share contact information
- Provide copies of CPOs
- Save voicemails, texts, and emails
- Work with building security to acquire records/logs of stalker's presence

Safety Planning at Home

Victims may consider:

- Informing neighbors, landlords, housemates
- Packing a bag and identifying escape routes
- Changing locks
- Personal alarms
- Game cameras or other security devices
- Photographing property damage

STALKING INCIDENT AND BEHAVIOR LOG

Date	Time	Description of Incident	Location of Incident (physical location, technology used, online platform)	Witness Name(s) (attach address and phone number)	Evidence Attached? (photos, video, screenshots, items, etc.)	Report Made To (name, office/org, badge or identification #)

CCR Strategies

Focus on risk

> Stalking & Harassment Assessment & Risk Profile (SHARP)

Frequent multi-disciplinary case review

Comprehensive and integrated approaches

Supervision strategies (restrictions, monitoring)

> Guide for Community Corrections & Probation Officers

Victim safety planning

> Safety planning guidance

CCR Response

TRAINING

> SPARC training request form
> SPARC archives

POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

> SPARC Guides: Victim Services, Prosecution, Corrections, Law Enforcement (Coming soon!)
> Individualized technical assistance

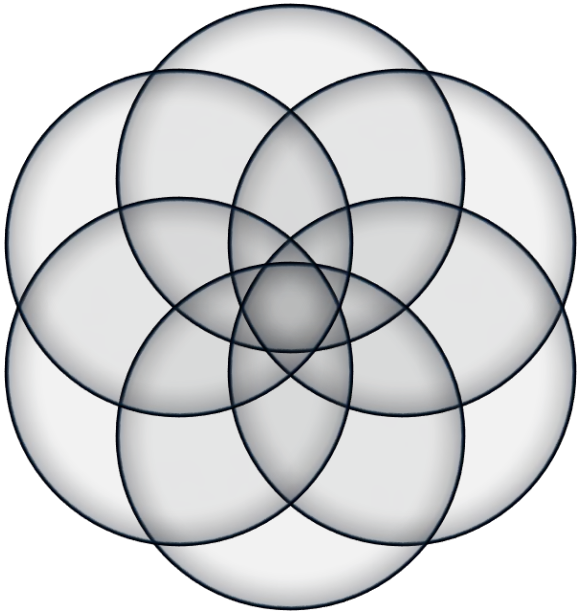
PRACTICES

> Victim Services check list

Coordination

Law enforcement

Probation/ parole/ corrections



Advocacy

Courts

Victim service providers

Prosecutors

Resources & Wrap Up

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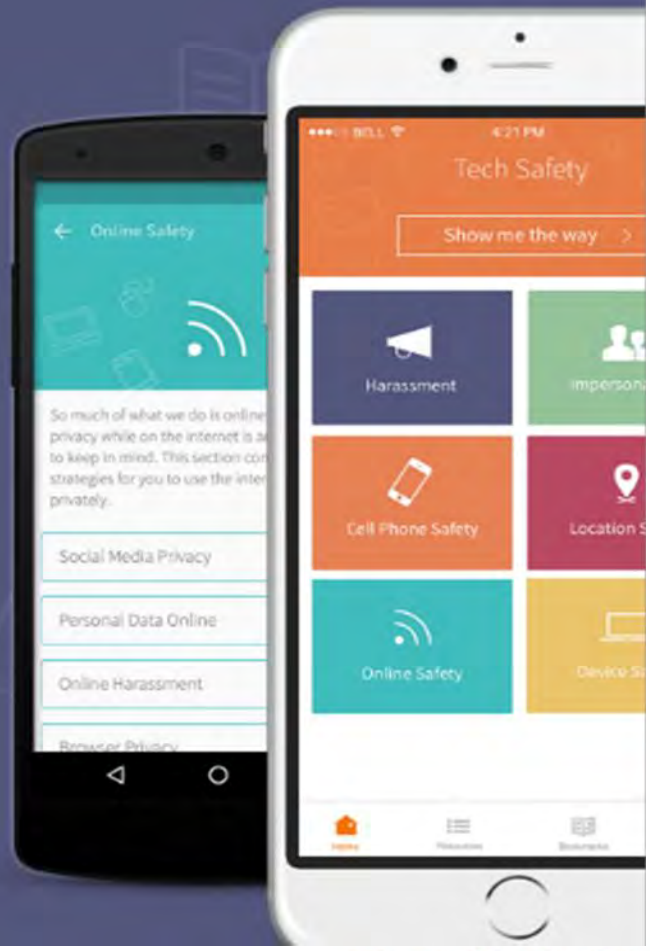
Welcome to the Tech Safety App. This app contains information that can help someone identify technology-facilitated harassment, stalking, or abuse and includes tips on what can be done.

Download on the App Store

Get it on Google play



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RESOURCES

Law Enforcement Portals

Partners in state and local law enforcement can access portals for training and resources.

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Investigative Resources

A compilation of investigative resources including tools, best practices, and documents.

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Cyber Threat Bulletins

Resources that provide updated information on cyber threats.

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Incident Reporting

Learn how to report cyber incidents.

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For Victims

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Confidential referrals for crime victims

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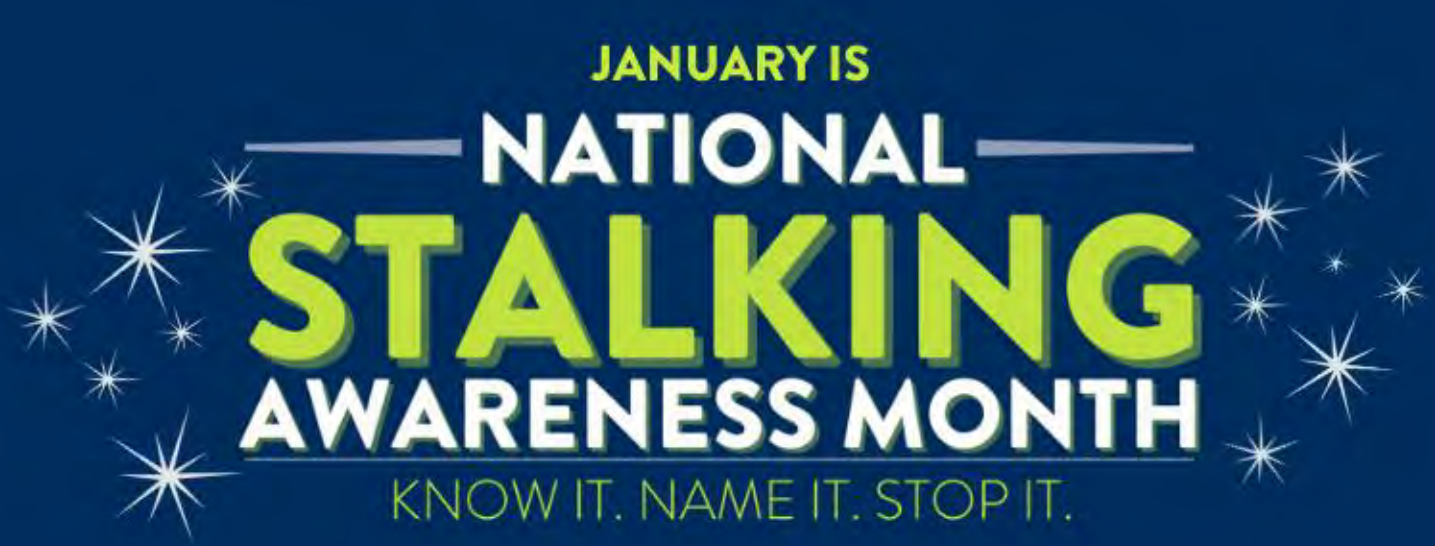

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