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Introduction

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.**

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.

⚠ 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.**

McFarlane, J., Campbell, J.C., Wilt, S., Ulrich, Y., & Xu, X. (1999.) Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide. *Homicide Studies 3* (4), 300-316.

Mohandie, K., Meloy, J.R., McGowan, M.G., & Williams, J. (2006). The RECON Typology of Stalking: Reliability and Validity Based upon a Large Sample of North American Stalkers. *Journal of Forensic Sciences, 51* (1), 147-155.

"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.

Less than 40% of stalking victims report to law enforcement.

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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.

Understanding Stalking

Defining Stalking

BEHAVIORAL

LEGAL/STATUTORY

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.
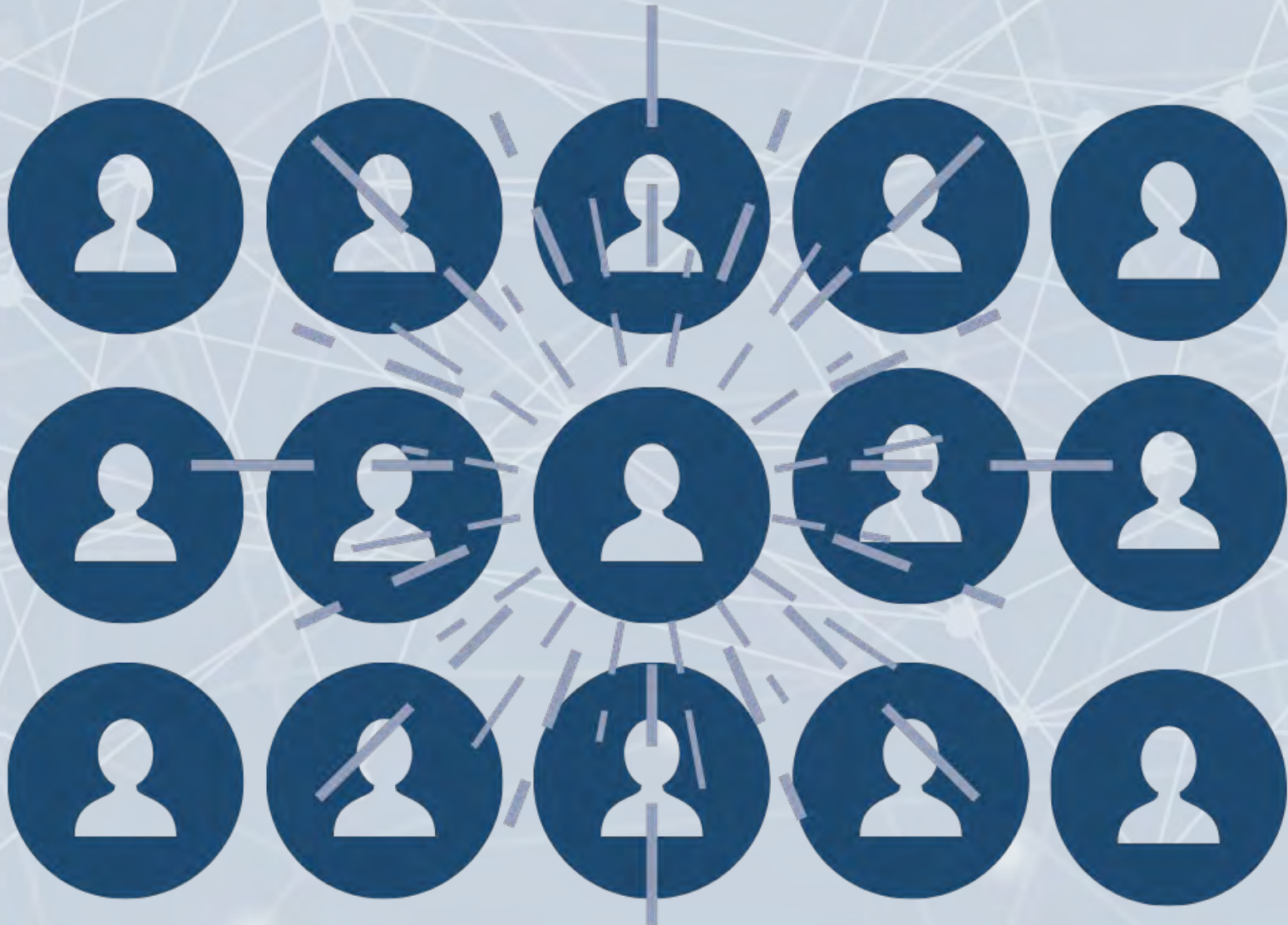
Clery Act: Stalking

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to (1) Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or (2) 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...

...that would cause a reasonable person to feel **FEAR** for their safety or the safety of others; 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

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

Local Statutes

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.211 MENACING BY STALKING.
FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR

(1) No person by engaging in a pattern of conduct shall knowingly cause another person to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or a family or household member of the other person or cause mental distress to the other person or a family or household member of the other person.

...the other person's belief or mental distress may be based on words or conduct of the offender that are directed at or identify a corporation, association, or other organization that employs the other person or to which the other person belongs.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.211 MENACING BY STALKING.
FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR

(2) No person, through the use of any form of written communication or any electronic method of remotely transferring information, including, but not limited to, any computer, computer network, computer program, computer system, or telecommunication device shall post a message or use any intentionally written or verbal graphic gesture with purpose to...violate the section

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.211 MENACING BY STALKING.

FOURTH DEGREE FELONY IF STALKING AND (PARAPHRASED):

(a)The offender previously convicted of or pleaded guilty to a stalking violation

(b)...offender made a threat of physical harm to or against the victim, or a third person induced by the offender's posted message did so

(c) offender trespassed on the land or premises where the victim lives, is employed, or attends school, or...a third person induced by the offender's posted message did so

(d) The victim of the offense is a minor

(e) The offender has a history of violence or other violent acts toward the victim or any other person

(f) offender had a deadly weapon on or about the offender's person or under the offender's control

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.211 MENACING BY STALKING.

FOURTH DEGREE FELONY IF STALKING AND (PARAPHRASED):

(g) the offender was the subject of a protection order...regardless of whether the person to be protected under the order is the victim of the offense or another person.

(h) offender caused serious physical harm to the premises at which the victim resides, to the real property on which that premises is located, or to any personal property located on that premises, or...a third person did so

(i) Prior to committing the offense, the offender had been determined to represent a substantial risk of physical harm to others as manifested by evidence of then-recent homicidal or other violent behavior, evidence of then-recent threats that placed another in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm, or other evidence of then-present dangerousness.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.211 MENACING BY STALKING.

(3) If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public children services agency or a private child placing agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, menacing by stalking is either a felony of the fifth degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children services agency or private child placing agency, and that prior offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, a felony of the fourth degree.

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

Stalking Prevalence

More than

1 in 6 women

&

More than

1 in 17 men

experience stalking in their lifetimes.

Smith, S.G., Zhang, X., Basile, K.C., Merrick, M.T., Wang, J., Kresnow, M., & Chen, J. (2018). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2015 Data Brief. 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.

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.

Cantor, D., et al. (2020). Report on the AAU Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct. Westat.

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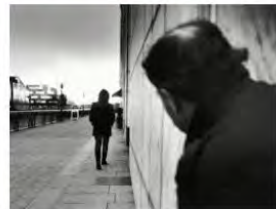
Image Results for "Stalking"

Victim and Offender Relationships

	Male victims	Female victims
Current/Former IP	43%	62%
Acquaintance	37%	26%
Stranger	17%	15%
Family member	11%	7%
Person of authority	3%	2%

■ Male victims ■ Female victims

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College Victim/Offender Relationships
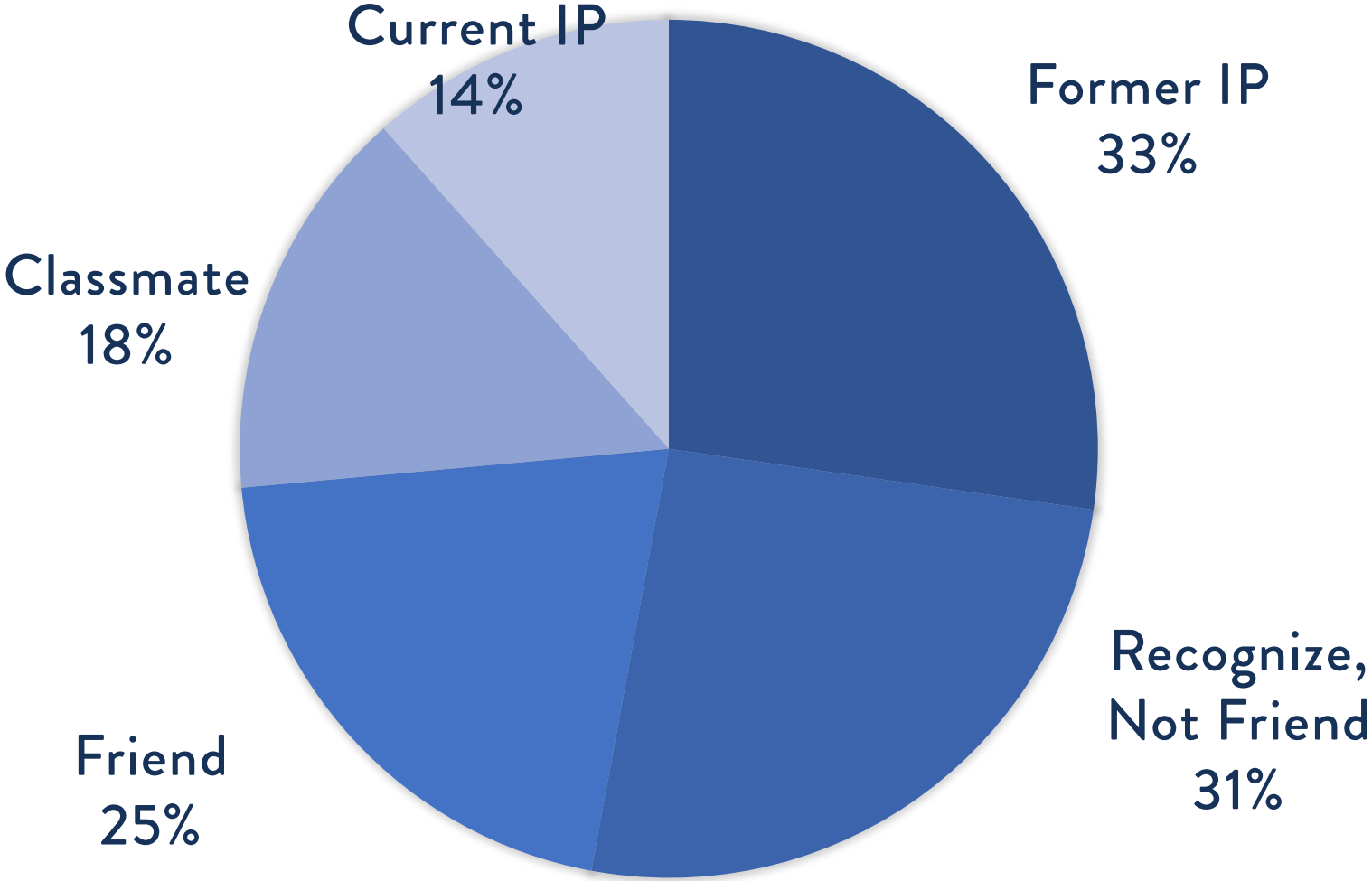
Current IP
14%

Former IP
33%

Classmate
18%

Recognize,
Not Friend
31%

Friend
25%

Cantor, D., et al. (2020). Report on the AAU Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct. Westat.

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SLII Framework

SURVEILLANCE

INTIMIDATION

LIFE INVASION

INTERFERENCE

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

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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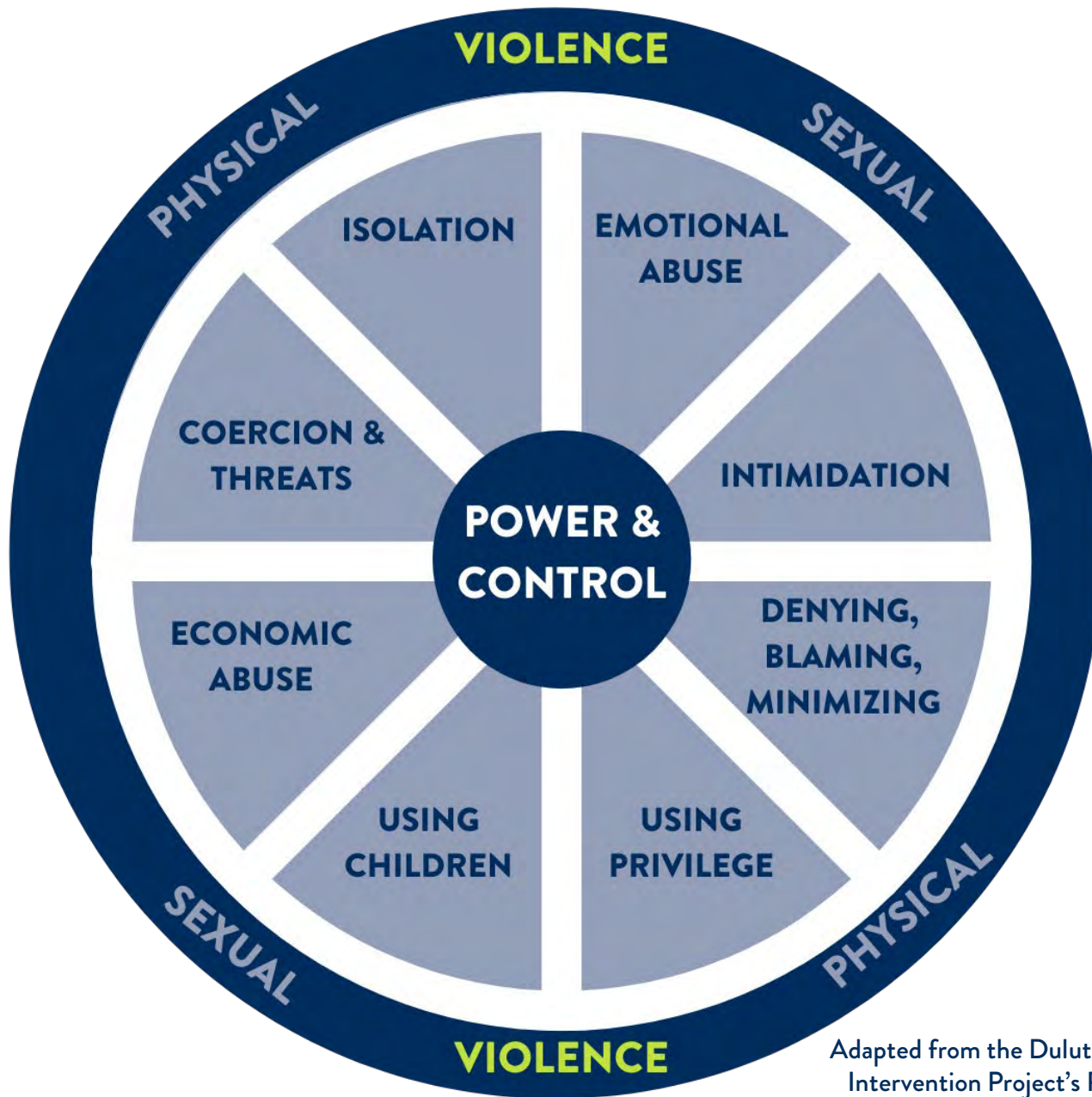
Potential Relevant Charges: OH

* 2903.22 Menacing.
* 2905.11 Extortion.
* 2905.12 Coercion.
* 2907.08 Voyeurism.
* 2909.05 Vandalism.
* 2909.07 Criminal mischief.
* 2911.13 Breaking and entering.
* 2911.21 Criminal trespass.
* 2913.02 Theft.
* 2913.04 Unauthorized use of property - computer, cable, or telecommunication property.

* 2913.49 Identity fraud.
* 2917.21 Telecommunications harassment.
* 2917.211 Dissemination of image of another person.
* 2919.27 Violating protection order.
* 2921.04 Intimidation of attorney, victim or witness
* 2927.12 Ethnic intimidation.

Changing Behaviors

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

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

Mohandie, K., Meloy, J.R., McGowan, M.G., & Williams, J. (2006). The RECON Typology of Stalking: Reliability and Validity Based upon a Large Sample of North American Stalkers. *Journal of Forensic Sciences, 51* (1), 147-155.

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

Point When Stalking Occurs

Tjaden, P. & Thoennes, N. (1998). Stalking in America: Findings from the national violence against women survey (NCJ#169592). Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/169592.pdf.
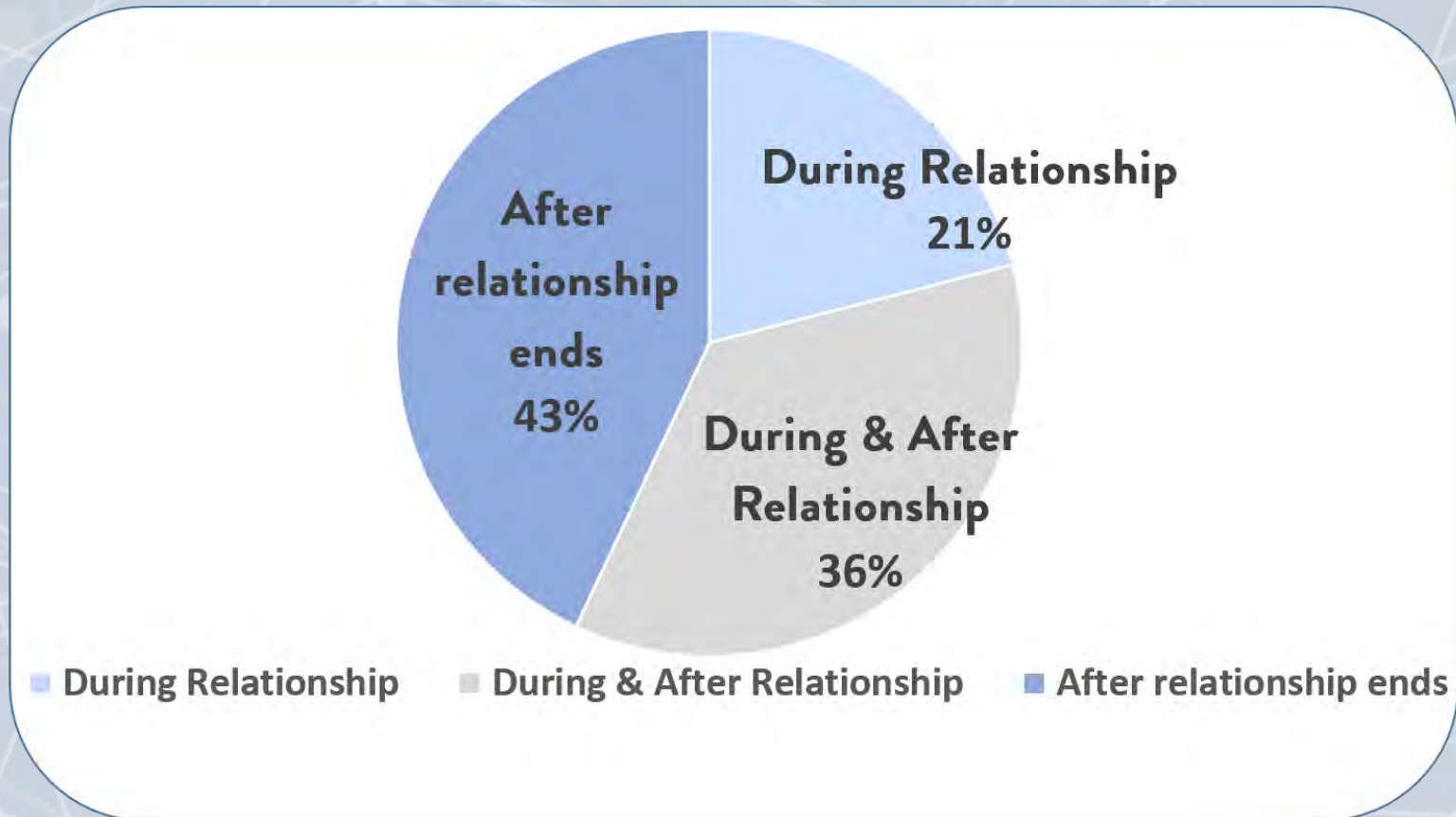
On average, intimate partner stalkers pose the greatest threats to their victims.

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

Mohandie, K., Meloy, J.R., McGowan, M.G., & Williams, J. (2006). The RECON Typology of Stalking: Reliability and Validity Based upon a Large Sample of North American Stalkers. Journal of Forensic Sciences, 51 (1), 147-155.

Leaving an IP Stalking Relationship

Women were more than 3X more likely to attempt to terminate relationship when IP stalking was present -- a more powerful indicator than firearms and prior abuse history.

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

Rai, A., Villarreal-Otalora, T., Blackburn, J., & Choi, Y.J. (2020). Correlates of Intimate Partner Stalking Precipitated Homicides in the United States. Journal of Family Violence 35(1): 705-716.

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.

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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.

31% OF WOMEN STALKED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER WERE ALSO SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY THAT PARTNER.

Tjaden, P. & Thoennes, N. (1998). Stalking in America: Findings from the national violence against women survey (NCJ#169592). Washington, DC: NIJ CDC.

Why Name Stalking?

Charging & Prosecution

Safety Planning

Victim Empowerment

The Use of Technology to Stalk

Technology does not cause stalking.

Stalkers cause stalking.

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

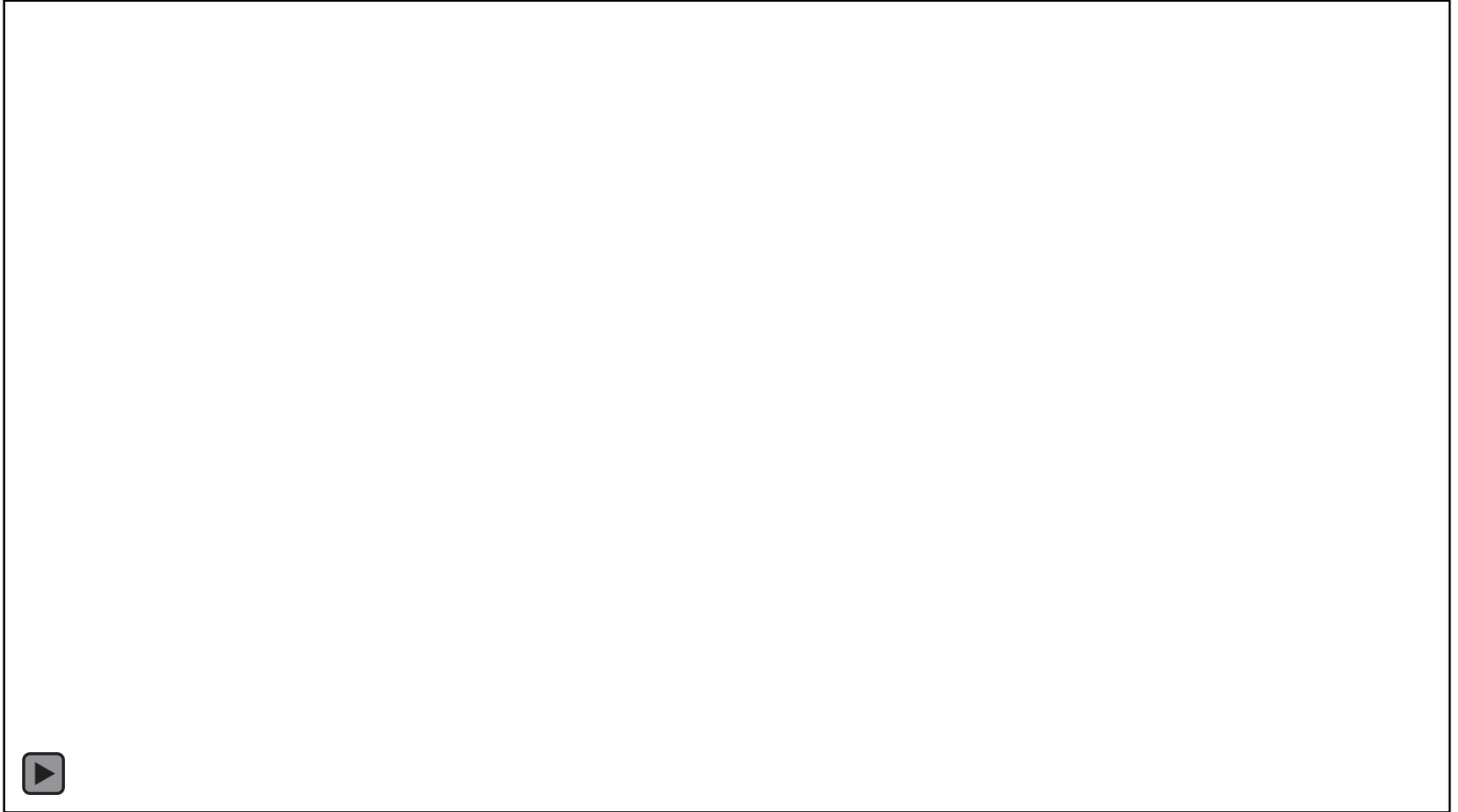# Should Victims "Just Log Off"?
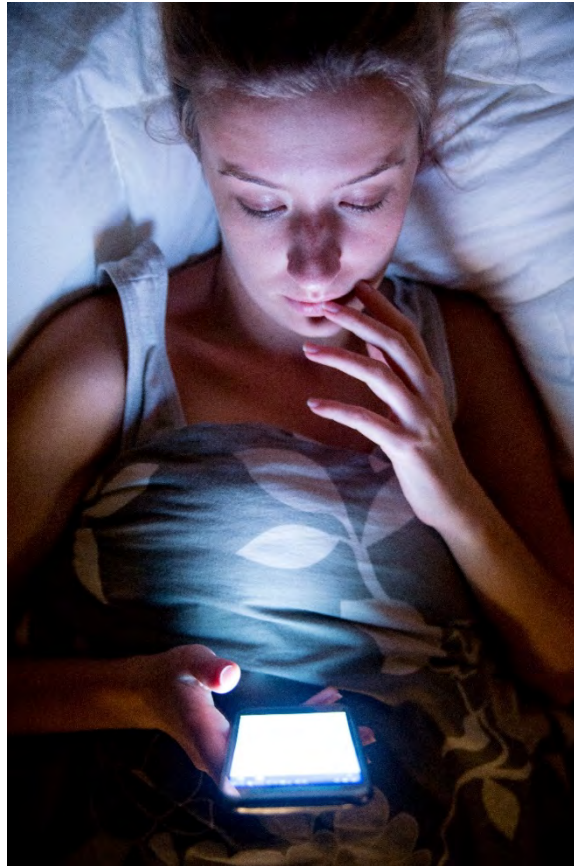
Possibility of Escalation

"...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.

Spoofing - Demo

Spoofing

Free Call   Rates   FAQ   Apps   Developers   Contact   Sign Up

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 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

1

Enter the number you are calling from

Destination Number

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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, but it is the offender calling"

* "I know it's the offender even if it doesn't sound like him/her"

* "I blocked the offender but he/she just keeps changing their number"

* "My friends 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

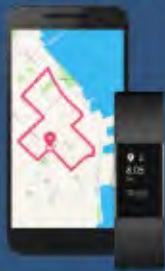# How Do Stalkers Track Location?

Property Tags

Family Tracking Devices

GPS Tracker for Dogs

Access to and/or Shared Victim Accounts

UBER
lyft

Find My

Social Media Maps/Check-ins

CHECK IN
LIKE US @
& TAG US

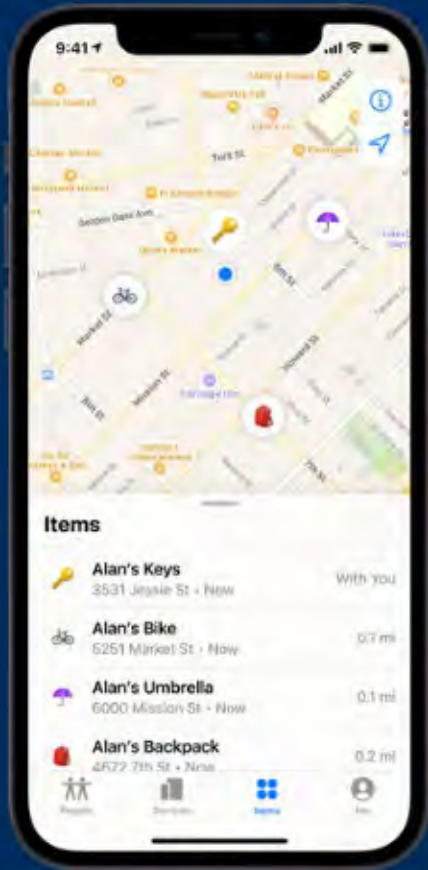## Installed Stalkerware

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Install

Proxy Stalking

Air Tags
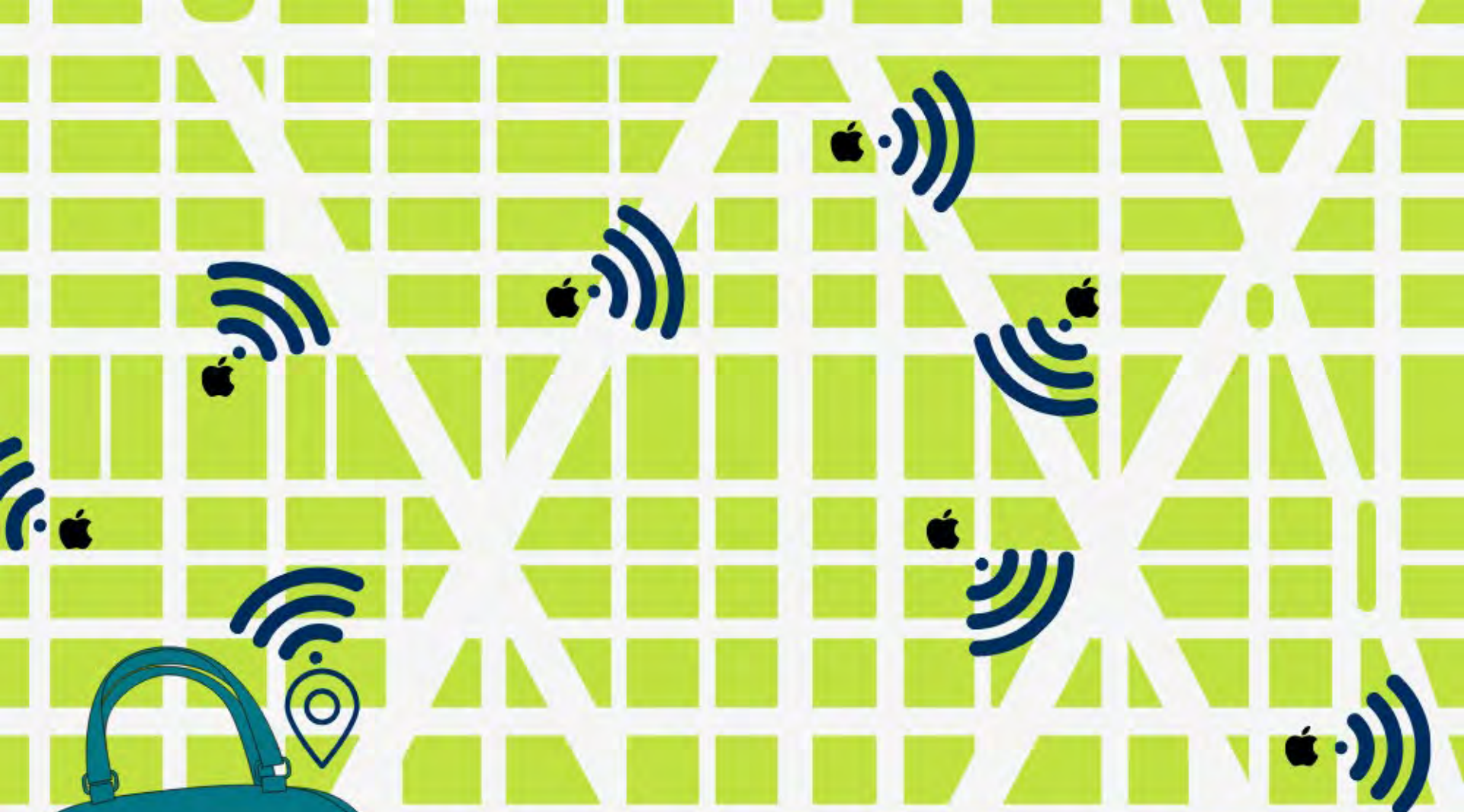
Pinging (Oversimplified)

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
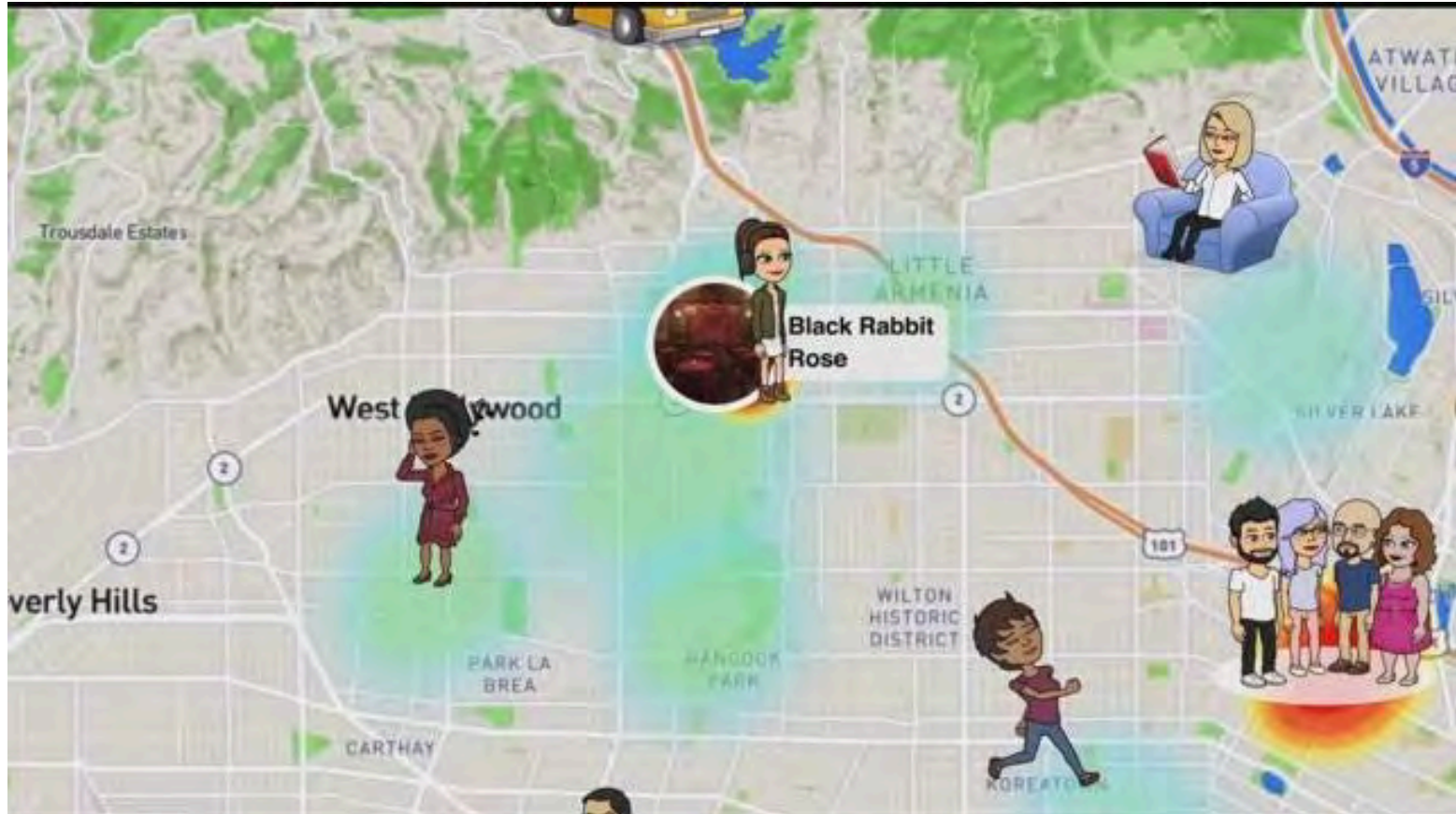
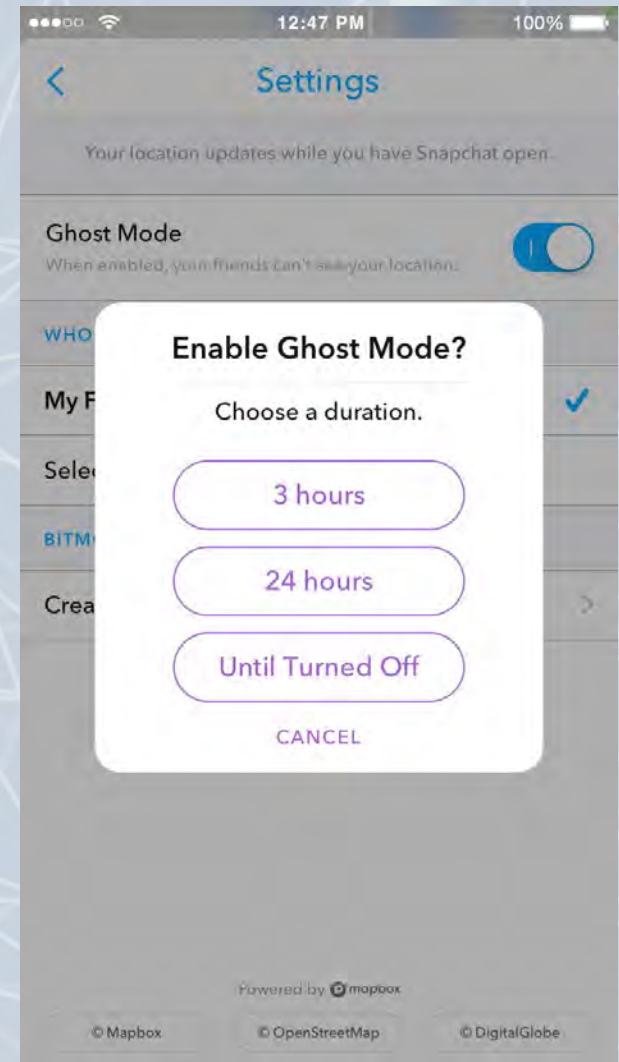# SnapMap

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)

GPS Documentation & Evidence

Computer

- Tracking software
- Tracking websites

Phone

- Apps
- Websites
- Call-in numbers
- Texts

Financial Data

- Equipment purchase
- Real time tracking service charge

Google/Apple Data

google.com
Today

Shopping

Viewed Blue by ADT Starter Home Security System

1:45 PM · Details

Shopping

Viewed SimpliSafe No Contract Wireless Security System

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Search

Searched for security system

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Montgomery Avenue Women's Center

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Searched for domestic violence shelter

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Reservations

Your past and upcoming reservations for flights, hotels, and events made using Search, Maps, and the Assistant

Manage reservations

Purchases

Your purchases, including deliveries and other online orders, made using Search, Maps, and the Assistant

Manage purchases

Payment methods

With Google Pay, you can save payment info for more secure payments online, for your Assistant and in store

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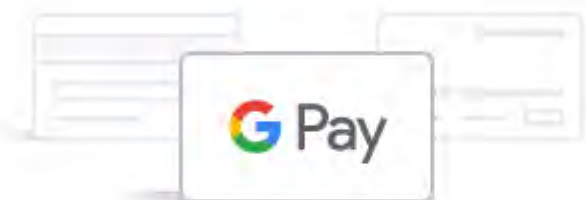
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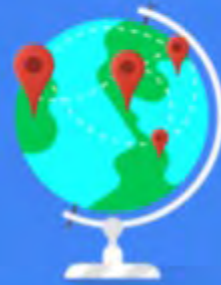
Explore your timeline

Rediscover the places you've been and the routes you've traveled in your timeline.

Only you can see your timeline.

SKIP

Good evening, Michael.

Account Settings ›

Mail	Contacts	Calendar	Photos	iCloud Drive	Notes
Reminders	Pages	Numbers	Keynote	News Publi...	Find Friends
Find iPhone					

Stalkerware

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

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
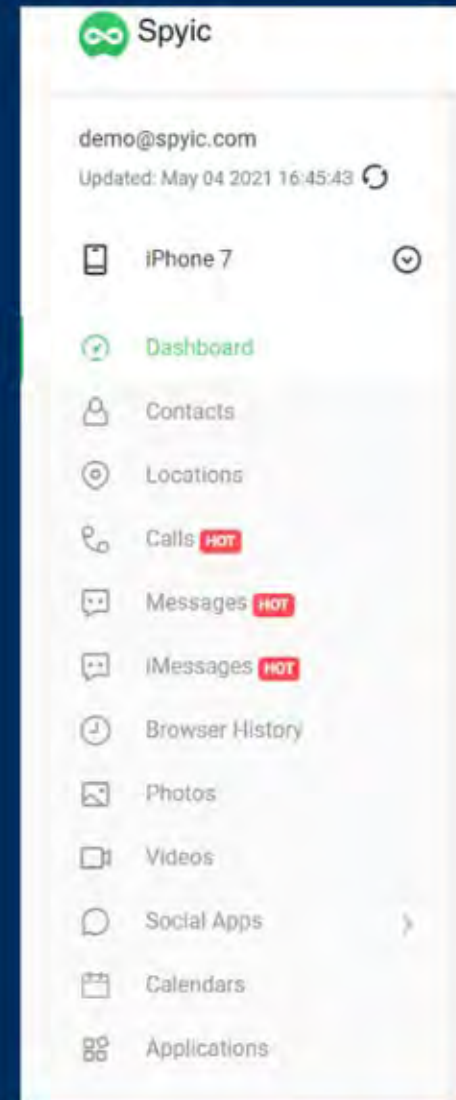
What You May Hear

* "He/She hacked my phone"
* "They're reading my texts"
* "They are listening to my calls"
* "They hacked my emails"
* "They keep showing up where I'm at"
* "They hacked my Facebook/Instagram/Snapchat..."

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

COALITION AGAINST STALKERWARE
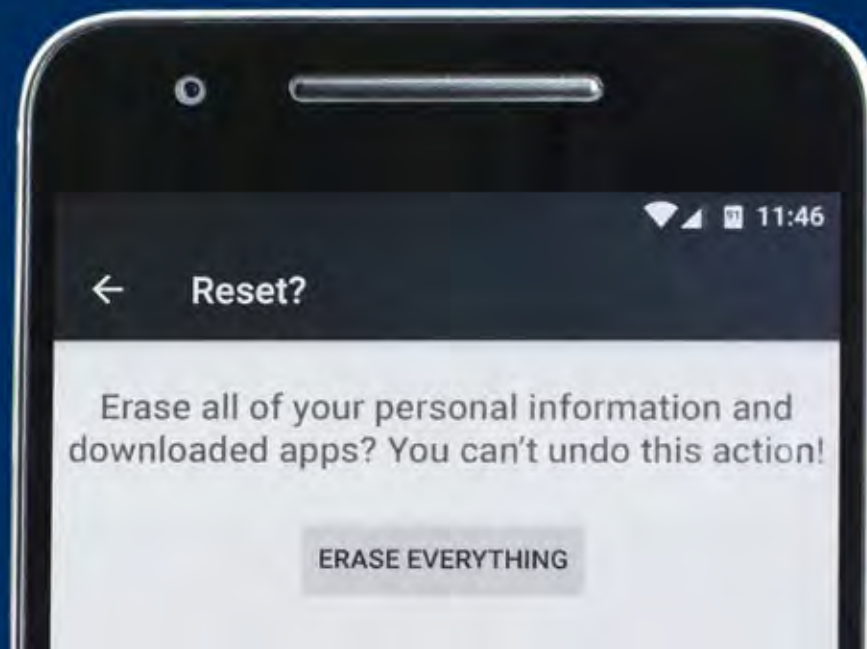
Non-Stalkerware Possibilities

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

Cameras, Recording, & Smart Devices

Many Devices
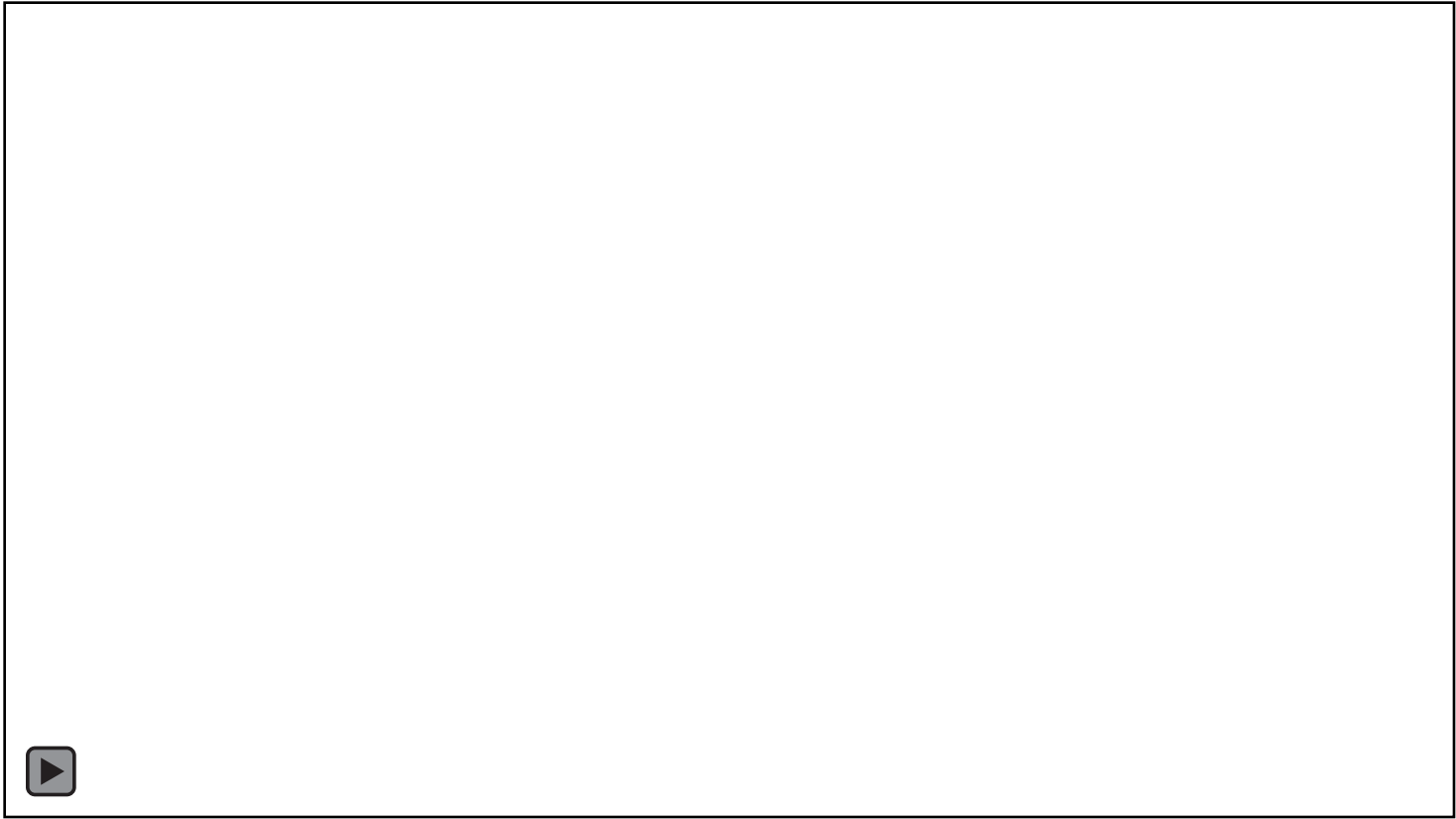
Social Media & Dating Websites

Portals for Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement Service System

Request Secure Access To The Law Enforcement Online Request System

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☐ I acknowledge that I am a sworn law enforcement officer or other appropriate governmental entity, and this is an official request.

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Public Data

Find Yourself...

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* 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).

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So much of what we do is online privacy while on the internet is a to keep in mind. This section con strategies for you to use the inter privately.

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Personal Data Online

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Tech Safety

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Harassment

Impersonation

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Law Enforcement Portals

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

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

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Resources that provide updated information on cyber threats.

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Learn how to report cyber incidents.

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Risk Assessment

Assessing Risk

Nearly **half of women who were killed** by a (current or former) intimate partner **underestimated their risk** of harm.

Campbell, J.C. (2004). Helping Women Understand their Risks in Situations of Intimate Partner Homicide. J Interpersonal Violence 19(12): 1465-1477.

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Stalking Risk Factors

BIG PICTURE

STALKER MINDSET

STALKER HISTORY

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.

October 22, 2019

* Rowland dragged her across the parking, 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.

Investigations and Hearings

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

Types of Questions for Investigators & Hearing Officers

* Context

* Repeated unwanted contact

* Fear/Interference questions

    * Concern for harm

    * Impairment of ability to perform activities of daily life

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.

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?

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?

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?

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)?

How might you demonstrate that the respondent knew
-- *or should have known* --
that the contact was unwanted?

Responding to Victims

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.

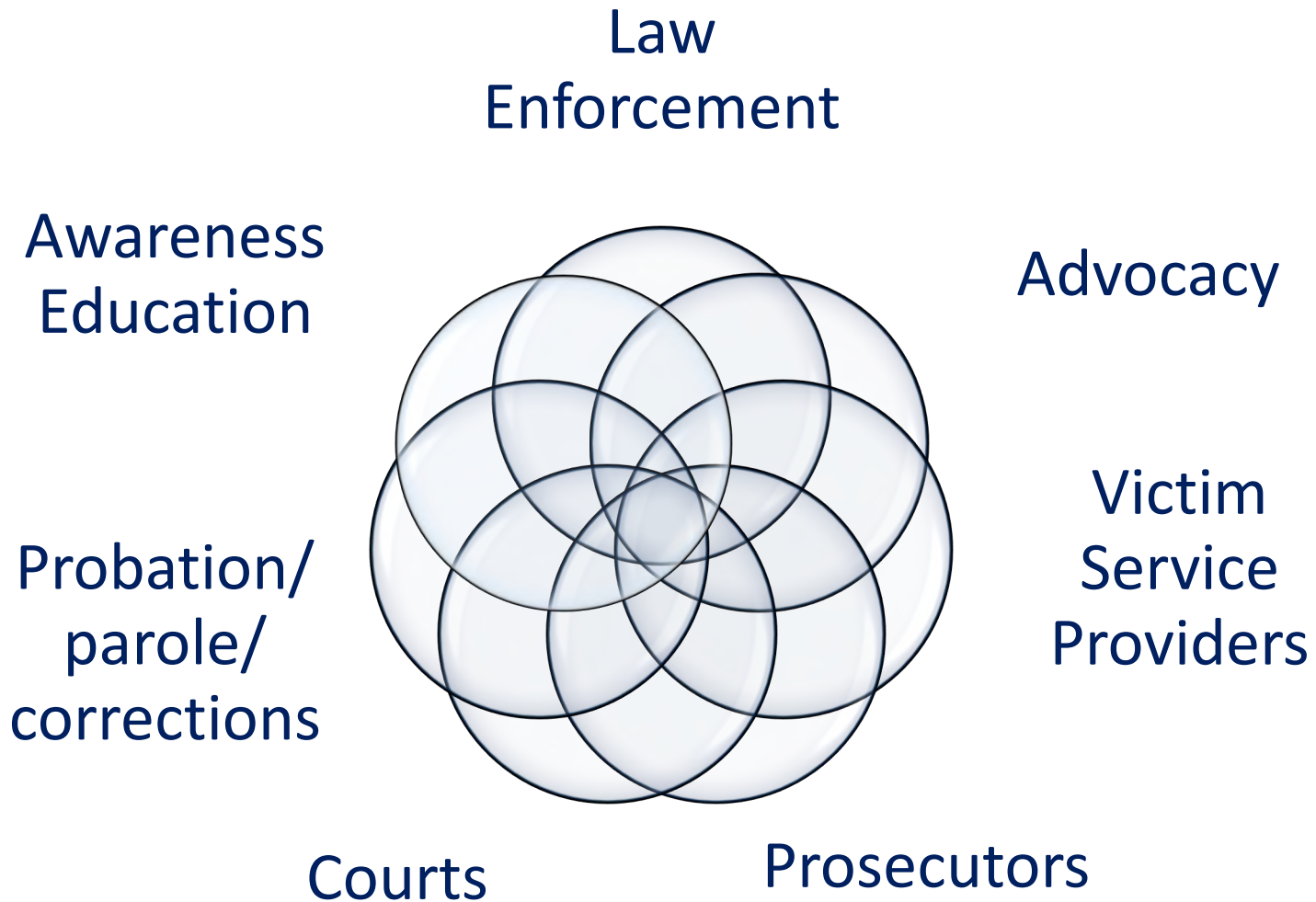# Advise Disengagement

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

STALKING INCIDENT AND BEHAVIOR LOG
FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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 #)

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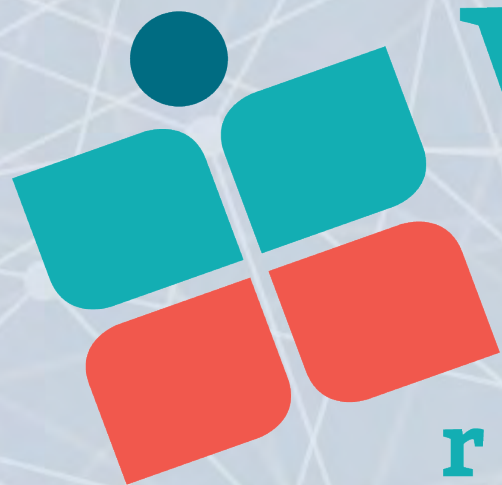
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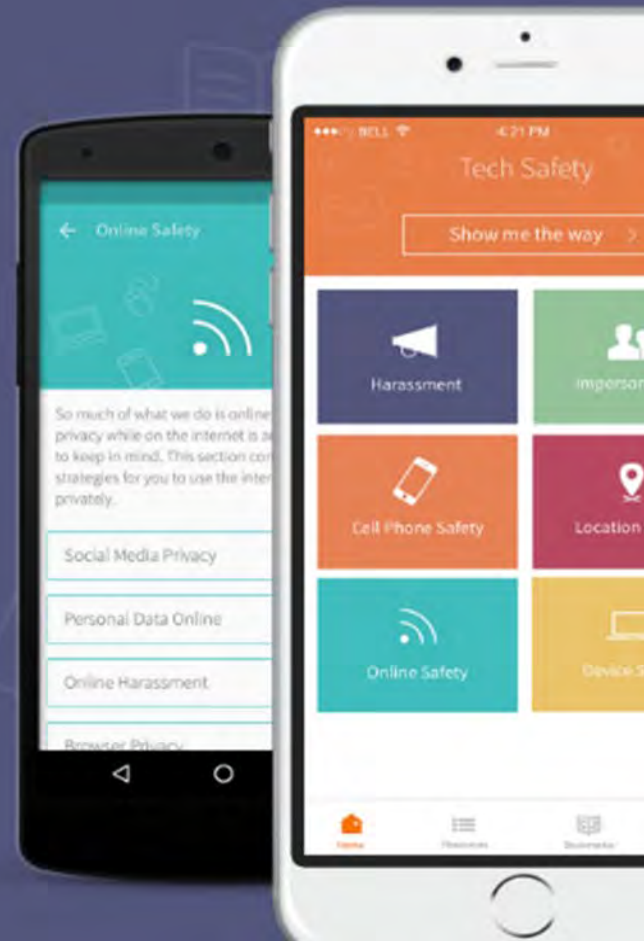
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just being awkward.
a little weird.
not a big deal.
harmless.
romantic.

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