

Stalking Victims News

Feel Safe Again, Inc... "Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!"... Vol. 5, Issue 1 - Jan. 2008

Dear Friend,

Sorry for the delay...this was a busy month! Happy New Year!!! Welcome to your next issue of "Stalking Victims News!" As always, I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

This is a bi-monthly newsletter, with the most current and up-to-date information about stalking and the effects it has on victims.

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*Remember...January is National Stalking Awareness Month!!! Please show your support to victims of stalking by wearing a silver awareness ribbon and/or making a tax-deductible donation so we may continue to help victims in need! Click on the link below...to go to our "How You Can Help" page.*  
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***"REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE WITH FREEDOM AND PEACE"***  
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Feel Safe Again, Inc. was officially established September 2003, incorporated in December, and publicly announced January 2004 during a press conference at the Statehouse in Boston. We are a statewide grassroots 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization for Victims of Stalking.

Our goal is to provide potentially life-saving information and support group services to victims and survivors of stalking. Our hope is that no other victim has to live their life in fear. We want to help you "Feel Safe Again" by teaching you how to be safe again. Together we CAN make a difference!

If you are interested in online support, click on the link below to our website. You can join our support group at VictimsofStalking@yahoo.com.

Copy and paste link below to our Web site...

www.feelsafeagain.org

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***Acton Senator Seeks Wider Law vs. Stalkers by Cara Hogan, Sun Correspondent***  
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BOSTON, January 25, 2008 -- Sandra Berfield, a waitress from Everett, died in the explosion of a home-made bomb delivered to her house in 2000. The man who delivered the package had

terrorized and stalked her for two years. Massachusetts legislators passed Sandy's Law that same year, placing Berfield's name on a bill that raised penalties for stalking. But seven years later, victim-advocate groups say the law needs to be changed.

Victims of stalking shared their stories of violence and intimidation yesterday as part of the fifth annual Stalking Awareness Month this January to convince legislators to support a new bill which would protect citizens fully from stalkers.

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***Feel Safe Again, Inc. First Annual Stalking Conference and Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner***  
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We are collaborating our efforts with the Massachusetts State Police, the Stalking Resource Center, and AWARE to offer our "1st Annual Stalking Conference." It will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Devens Common Center in Devens, Massachusetts, from 8:30am-5:30pm, which will be immediately followed by a reception and book signing from 5:30pm-6:00pm, and then our "4th Annual Benefit Dinner" from 6:00pm-11:00pm.

All New England States Welcome to Attend... Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut This training event is recommended for victim service providers, law enforcement professionals, fire and rescue professionals, emergency medical technicians, attorneys, judges, legislators, mental health professionals, youth counselors, and others involved in supporting victims of crime, as well as victims and survivors of stalking.

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<http://www.feelsafeagain.org/conference.html>

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***Rhonda Saunders - International Advisor & Consultant on Stalking***  
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Although "Stalking Alert" pertains to the California Stalking Law...it is an excellent Website with valuable resources, including a Victim Survival Stalking Handbook.

For the past 24 years, Ms. Saunders has been a criminal prosecutor. She established S.T.A.T. (Stalking and Threat Assessment Team) for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and the L.A. Stalking Task Force. Ms. Saunders is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of stalking, workplace violence and criminal threats. She has lectured to prosecutors, law enforcement, and victim advocacy groups in such places as Alaska, New Mexico, Louisiana, New York, Washington, D.C., Kassel, Germany and London, England.

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***Arsonist's Case Tests Limits of Washington Public Records Act by Gene Johnson***  
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SEATTLE (AP), January 28, 2008 - Allan Parmelee has a lot of time on his hands - another 19 years, for having the cars of two lawyers firebombed.

He's using it to dig up information about the people who sent him to prison, including judges and prosecutors, as well as pretty much every other public employee he's encountered in his legal odyssey.

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***Inspirational Thoughts***

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"If you become a victim...don't allow the traumatic experience to further victimize you; you can shape your attitude to give you the courage to get back up again." ~*Author Unknown*

"We truly believe knowledge is power...therefore, prevention is our ultimate goal."
Remember...YOU'RE NOT ALONE! ~*Cheryl*

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***Adopt a Bear...Help a Victim!!!***

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Please consider helping victims by adopting a "SAM" (Stalking Awareness Month) bear or making a tax- deductible donation to our organization. Please take a moment to forward this newsletter...and share this link with your family, friends and coworkers!

Adopt this adorable "Limited Edition" bear today! 10" Teddy Bear wearing a Feel Safe Again t-shirt. This cute and cuddly bear is White with a Red ribbon. (The perfect little gift for Valentine's Day!!!) Each bear comes with a silver gift bag and a Certificate of Adoption. Recommended for ages 3 years and up.

Inside Hangtag: When you are cold and lonely, Feel sadness, fear or pain; Just hold me in your arms And you will..."Feel Safe Again". Copyright 2004 © Christine C.

All bear sales will provide police departments with safety kits for victims.

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