

Stalking Victims News

Feel Safe Again, Inc... "Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!"... Vol. 5, Issue 2 - May 2008

Dear Friend,

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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*We Strongly Encourage You to Contact Your Legislator Today in Support of SB 1002 (An Act to Prevent Harassment)...Which is Still in Committee! We Also Look Forward to Seeing Everyone at Our 9th Annual Memorial Day Cookout Fundraiser on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please Have a Safe Holiday Weekend!*  
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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](mailto:VictimsofStalking@yahoo.com).

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

[www.feelsafeagain.org](http://www.feelsafeagain.org)

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WHDH - Hank Investigates: Fear Factor
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May 13, 2008, Boston, MA - Women in danger. Terrified! Panicked! In fear for their lives! But why can't the police protect them? You'll be shocked at what some people are getting away with. Hank Phillippi Ryan reveals the "Fear Factor."

Footsteps following her home, this woman is terrified. \*\*\*Our sister Sandy is featured in this story\*\*\*

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<http://www1.whdh.com/features/articles/hank/BO78383/>

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'Cyber-bully' Accused of Driving Girl to Suicide Faces 20-Year Term by Rupert Cornwell
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May 17, 2008, Washington - A Missouri woman accused of pretending to be a smitten teenage boy on MySpace and driving a 13-year-old girl to suicide with cruel messages faces federal charges that could lead to 20 years in jail.

Prosecutors say Lori Drew, 49, and others created the fake persona of a 16-year-old boy to woo her neighbour Megan Meier for weeks on the social networking site, then suddenly ended the relationship, telling her the world would be better off without her.

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/cyberbully-accused-of-driving-girl-to-suicide-faces-20year-term-829932.html>

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Are Smiley Face Killers Stalking Male Students? by Randi Kaye
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May 21, 2008, Albany, NY (CNN) - At the age of 21, Christopher Jenkins appeared to have everything going for him. The University of Minnesota senior was good-looking, had a near perfect grade-point average and had a future in business. Then, suddenly, he vanished.

He was last seen celebrating Halloween at a bar in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2002. Jenkins' friends said he left about midnight. Four months later, his body was found in the Mississippi River, still wearing his Halloween costume.

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[http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/05/21/smiley.face.killer/index.html?section=cnn\\_latest](http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/05/21/smiley.face.killer/index.html?section=cnn_latest)

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Civil Justice for Victims of Crime in Massachusetts
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There will be a free training seminar for criminal justice practitioners, victim advocates, mental health therapists and other allied professionals. The seminar will explore how victims of crime can use civil lawsuits to obtain justice, hold responsible parties accountable, prevent future crimes, and obtain the financial resources victims need to rebuild their lives.

The program will cover resources and strategies for victims considering civil lawsuits, and will include a panel of attorneys to answer specific questions of Massachusetts law. Dr. Judith Herman, the renowned authority on issues of trauma and abuse will be part of the panel. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, so please go to [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org) (conference and training), for additional information and to reserve your space today.

Copy and paste link below...

<http://feelsafeagain.org/CivilJusticeForCrimeVictimsTraining-2008.pdf>

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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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*Note From The Founder...*NEW* Fundraising Opportunity!!!*
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We are launching a new and exciting fundraising opportunity! If you would like to find out how you can help our organization by simply shopping for products you use everyday, please contact us by calling (888) 99B-SAFE or e-mail [fundraiser@feelsafeagain.org](mailto:fundraiser@feelsafeagain.org) today.

A percentage of your purchase will go to our organization each and every month. If you would rather make a direct cash donation, please go to our "How You Can Help" page. Thank you in advance for your generous donation and for helping victims become survivors!

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<http://feelsafeagain.org/Help.html>

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voice: (617) 389-0002 or (603) 889-1110 or toll-free at (888) 99B-SAFE
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