

Stalking Victims News

Feel Safe Again, Inc... "Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!"... Vol. 6, Issue 3 - May 2009

Dear Friend,

This newsletter was purposely held in order to include these important hearing dates. 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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**\*\*\* PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! \*\*\*** *A public hearing has been scheduled for An Act Relative to the Enhancement of Public Safety (SB911) on June 25, 2009, at 11:00am in room B-2, as well as for An Act to Relative to Sexual Assault and Stalking Restraining Orders (SB1611) on June 30, 2009, at 1:00pm in room A-1 at the State House in Boston, Massachusetts. If you are willing and able to testify on behalf of these bills, please contact each legislator's office listed above. If not, you can always submit written testimony to the Public Safety, and Judiciary Committees.*  
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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 nonprofit 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VictimsofStalking@yahoogroups.com).

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

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

## ***Is Twitter Setup For Easy Stalking? by Mike Moran***

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WebProNews - No, it's not just the bird. And, no it's not my opinion. One of my teenagers told me that Twitter is creepy. And I saw a recent post by Paul Dunay where his fourteen-year-old's friends "wanted nothing to do with [Twitter]." Given the meteoric rise of Twitter, how can it be that at least

some members of the digital generation have such negative reactions? These very same kids are active in Facebook beyond all bounds of time management, so they are not cyber- shy. I think it has to do with Twitter's user experience.

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<http://www.webpronews.com/blogtalk/2009/06/10/is-twitter-setup-for-easy-stalking>

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***The Stalking Resource Center Postpones Training***  
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The Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime and the Battered Women's Justice Project Present: Intimate Partner Stalking Advanced Training for Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, and Victim Service Providers.

This training has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a future date. If you have any questions, please contact the Stalking Resource Center at src@ncvc.org.

A free conference for grantees of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

This training will build on participants' foundational knowledge of intimate partner stalking by providing concrete skills and tools to use in the investigation and prosecution of intimate partner stalking cases and when providing services to victims.

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<http://www.ncvc.org/src/Main.aspx>

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***High-Tech Stalking by Christa Miller***  
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May 2009 Issue, Law Enforcement Technology at Officer.com - GPS devices, IP sniffers and even identity theft are used to harass victims. How do investigators get evidence to build a case?

When they hear the term "stalking," many people think of an obsessed fan standing for days outside his or her favorite star's house. But stalking affects a variety of people in many life situations - and in recent years, has gone high-tech. Disgruntled employees pose as their bosses to post explicit messages on social network sites; spouses use GPS to track their mates' every move. Even police and prosecutors find themselves at risk, as gang members and other organized criminals find out where they live - often to intimidate them into dropping a case.

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[http://www.officer.com/print/Law-Enforcement-Technology/High-Tech-Stalking/1\\$46944](http://www.officer.com/print/Law-Enforcement-Technology/High-Tech-Stalking/1$46944)

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***Accused Craigslist Killer Indicted by Matt Collette***  
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The Boston Globe, Boston, MA - Philip Markoff, the 23-year-old medical student who allegedly killed a masseuse he met on Craigslist, has been indicted and will be arraigned tomorrow morning in Suffolk Superior Court, according to District Attorney Daniel F. Conley.

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http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2009/06/accused_craigsl_1.html

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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.” “We will continue to fight for victims' rights, and encourage them to feel empowered by giving them a voice!” Remember...YOU'RE NOT ALONE! ~*Cheryl*

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*Note From The Founder...\*NEW\* In Loving Memory Prayer Cards*  
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We are pleased to announce that we created and launched a new "In Loving Memory" page.

If you would like to include, remove, or edit a name on our memorial page, please send us an e-mail. Prayer cards are also being offered with your loved one's name and a poem titled "Until The End Of Never" written by the founder. Please be sure to go to our Online Store to place an order.

Copy and paste link below...

http://feelsafeagain.org/loving_memory.html

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