

Stalking Victims News

Feel Safe Again, Inc... "Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!"...Vol. 3, Issue 2 - March 2006

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 Would Like To Thank All Of The Speakers, And Guests Who Attended Our Second Annual Benefit Dinner. Once Again, We Raised Much-Needed Funds And Public Awareness. Thank You For Your Continued Support!***  
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**"REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE WITH FREEDOM AND PEACE"**  
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Feel Safe Again, Inc. was officially established and publicly announced January 2004. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization for Victims of Stalking.

Our goal is to provide 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 website...

www.feelsafeagain.org

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**The Use of Technology to Stalk**  
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Although this information from the "Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse" was published in June 2005, I thought it was an excellent resource, and wanted to share it with others.

Survivors report that stalkers are using many forms of technology - old and new - to control, coerce, and intimidate them during and after relationships. Some stalkers inundate former intimate partners with "dozens of emails and instant messages, often using automated senders and anonymous remailers that make it hard to identify the source" (Lamberg, 2001, Cyberstalking: A Growing Threat section, para 2). Other stalkers use technologies such as caller ID during a relationship to monitor their partner's calls, and to locate her after she has fled.

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**Celebrity Stalking**  
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Although some experts may tell you celebrity stalking is just an occupational hazard, it should never be considered socially acceptable. The editor of Gawker.com said anyone using the blog's celebrity sighting map to hunt a star is "a really bad stalker." I have to ask..does this mean that there are "really good stalkers out there?" Or maybe, it means that some stalkers are better at harassing their victims than others? We don't describe murderers or rapists as "really good or really bad." Why? Because what they did was wrong, no matter how they did it. They committed a crime.

This site has launched a new feature called "Gawker Stalker" which shows the locations of readers' celebrity sightings, by using a Google map of Manhattan. The editor also said, anyone who wants to hurt a star would have "much better ways" to find their prey. Should we justify their actions, or excuse this potentially dangerous behavior? What are your thoughts?

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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...**  
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Please join us during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
"Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" - April 23-29, 2006

- St. Paul's Church, Concord, NH - Tuesday, April 25th, Press conference at 11:00am, memorial service at 5:30pm, followed immediately by a vigil.
- Massachusetts Statehouse, Boston, MA - Thursday, April 27th, 9:00am-3:00pm, speaker, Kim Meston.

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