

# Stalking Victims News

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Dear Friend,

Sorry for the delay. 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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***Massachusetts Bill SB 1037 - Which establishes a criminally enforceable protective order for victims of stalking and sexual assault is still in Committee. Please take a moment to write or call the Committee members to ask them to report this bill out favorably.***  
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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](mailto:VictimsofStalking@yahoo.com).

Copy and paste link below to our website...

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

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**Why Do They Blame The Victim?**  
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The victim "could have or should have" done something different. Why "did they or didn't they" do this or that? No one ever asks to be a victim. Then why are they often blamed for being stalked, assaulted, or even worse, murdered? Some are even judged for looking or dressing a certain way. Has this ever happened to you or someone you know?

While doing a search one day, I came across a Web site which made reference to my sister, Sandy. Although it never mentioned her by name, it was more than obvious it was her. They insinuated that she did something wrong by not "changing her lifestyle or moving." Although she was most certainly forced to change her lifestyle, she felt moving would have given her stalker complete control of her life. She

knew it would have only been a matter of time for him to find her. Stalkers have obsessive behavior, they don't just give up. I have to admit, I was more than a little shocked that information which is meant to help victims, would actually blame a victim to try to make a point. Not to mention, the example and advice given, was based on completely inaccurate information. The organization was contacted, and their example was removed.

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**Advocating for Victims**  
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No two stalking victims or their situations are exactly the same. The onset and circumstances are equally as different. Stalking isn't just a problem for celebrities, or intimate partners. Every year, there are hundreds of non-intimate and stranger stalkings, which are not given the same attention. We are committed to bringing more national attention to these victims, by educating the public with our sister's story.

I was recently asked to speak on behalf of my sister, during several training events in Massachusetts. It is important that all victims of stalking have a voice. We want to be that voice! A voice all victims can relate to, not just a celebrity spokesperson. We want to reach out to these victims, and let them know that we can relate to them, and do understand. Please contact us, if you are interested in scheduling a training event in your area.

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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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I look forward to seeing everyone at our "7th Annual Memorial Day Cookout/Fundraiser" ... come rain or shine. We will continue to gather each year "In Memory of Sandy", and for the freedom and peace of all victims.

Coming Soon...NEW merchandise is being added to our Online Store. Be sure to check back often!

Copy and paste link below to our website...

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

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