

# Stalking Victims News

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*Feel Safe Again, Inc... "Be Strong, Be Safe and Be Heard!"...Vol. 4, Issue 1 - Jan. 2007*

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Dear Friend,

Happy New Year and 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 help support victims of stalking by wearing a silver awareness ribbon and making a tax-deductible donation today! Copy and paste "How You Can Help" link below.***  
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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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VictimsofStalking@yahoogroups.com).

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

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

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**Press Release...January 1, 2007**  
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Feel Safe Again, Inc., a non-profit organization for victims of stalking, would like to use this month as an opportunity to educate the public about the pervasive crime that affects nearly 1.4 million Americans a year. "We are asking the community for their help in recognizing National Stalking Awareness Month," said Cheryl Darisse, founder and president.

Stalking is typically defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. It is a criminal offense under the laws of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in 12 women and one in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime, for an average duration of almost two years. Seventy-six percent of female homicide victims were also stalked prior to their death, and more than half of these victims reported stalking to the police before being murdered by their stalkers.

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

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**Armed Rapist Targets Young Texas Men by Lianne Hart**  
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A rapist targeting young men in this refinery city has struck at least five times since April, stalking each victim in advance to make sure he's home alone, police say. The victims are in their late teens or early 20s and live with their parents. In each case the attacker has broken into the home or surprised the victim near the front door and forced him inside, Baytown Police Capt. Roger Clifford said. He has sexually assaulted the men at gunpoint or knifepoint, and has then demanded money or valuables.

"He's always been careful to make sure no one else is home when he confronts them," Clifford said. "There have been no witnesses." Reports of serial rapists targeting men are much less common than cases with female victims.

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<http://www.dfw.com/mld/dfw/news/state/16315899.htm>

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**NEW "I'm A Survivor" Fundraising Campaign**  
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We are launching our new "I'm A Survivor" fundraising campaign during January, in combination with our "End This Silent Fear" campaign to raise awareness. Last year our fundraising goal was \$10,000. We would like to raise twice that amount this year. Please help us help victims become survivors, by making your tax-deductible donation today!

We are suggesting three donation options...Gift of Hope - \$100, Gift of Support - \$500, and Gift of Freedom - \$1,000. Donations of any amount are always welcome and appreciated. On behalf of all victims...we thank you!

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<http://www.feelsafeagain.org/Help.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."  
Remember...YOU'RE NOT ALONE! ~*Cheryl*

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**Note From The Founder...Third Annual Benefit Dinner**  
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You are cordially invited to attend our "Third Annual Benefit Dinner" on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the King's Court & Banquet Hall in Hudson, New Hampshire, from 7:00-11:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes speakers, buffet, silent auction, raffle and DJ.

We are pleased to announce...our keynote speaker is Kathleen Baty, a stalking expert, survivor and the author of "A Girl's Gotta Do What A Girl's Gotta Do." Ms. Baty comes to us from California, where she advocated for the passage of the first anti-stalking law in the United States. Check out her Web site at [www.SafetyChick.com](http://www.SafetyChick.com). We also have special guest speaker Stephen Hewitt, a martial arts instructor and creator of the child safety video, "Sneaky Escapes." You don't want to miss this potentially life-saving event!

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