

Webinar: Stalking and the Intersection with Domestic Violence

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The Stalking Resource Center is a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime. The mission of the Stalking Resource Center is to enhance the ability of professionals, organizations, and systems to effectively respond to stalking.

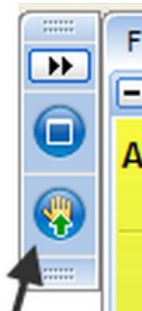
The Stalking Resource Center provides training, technical assistance, and resource materials for professionals working with and responding to stalking victims and offenders.

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Overview

- Define stalking
- Prevalence of stalking
- Stalking dynamics
- Intersection of stalking and domestic violence
- Effect on victims
- Q & A

Raise your hand
if you have
worked with a
stalking victim or
offender
previously?



Defining Stalking

Behavioral

Statutory

Stalking

A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Stalking: Fear

What is difficult about this aspect of the crime of stalking?

- Subjective
- People don't admit to being fearful
- People react differently to fear
- Sometimes have to prove offender's intent
- All about the context of the behaviors

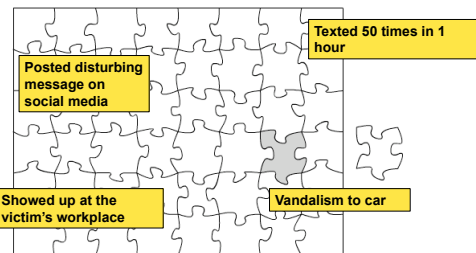
Understanding Stalking – Fear

- Something may be frightening for the victim but not to you
- Stalking behaviors often have specific meaning that is only understood between offender & victim
- Stalking criminalizes otherwise non-criminal behavior

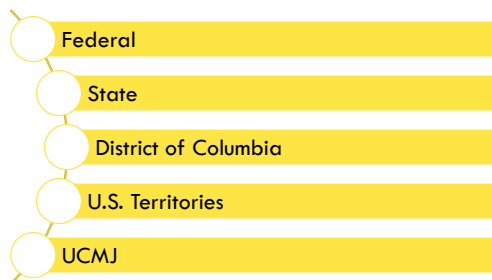


Context & Fear

Context is critical in stalking cases



Statutes



Sisseton - Wahpeton Sioux Tribe

§65-01-01. Policy and Intent.

It shall be and is hereby established as the policy and intent of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe to prohibit Harassment and Stalking, without regard to whether the persons involved are family members, were or are married, cohabiting, or involved in a relationship. To provide protection for those who have suffered threats of harm and to impose legal intervention and penalty to violators of this law.

Nez Perce Tribal Code

§4-1-41. Stalking.

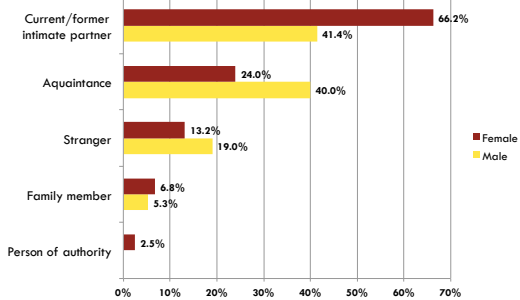
It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully, maliciously and repeatedly follow or harass another person or member of that person's immediate family.

Poarch Band of Creek Code of Justice

§8A-2-5 Stalking

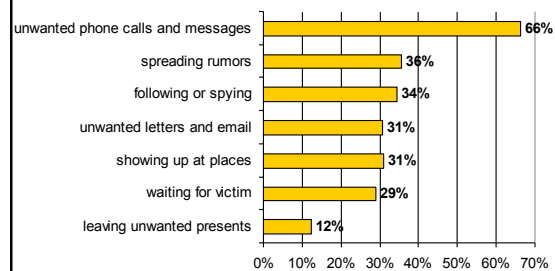
A. A person who intentionally and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a credible threat, either expressed or implied, with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily harm is guilty of the crime of stalking.

Victim Offender Relationship



- The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010 Summary Report (2011)

Stalking Behaviors



- Stalking Victimization in the United States, BJS (2009)

Use of Technology to Stalk

- Phones – calls, SMS, MMS
- Fax machines
- Cameras
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Location based services
- Computers
- Spyware
- Email & IM
- Social networking sites
- Assistive technologies



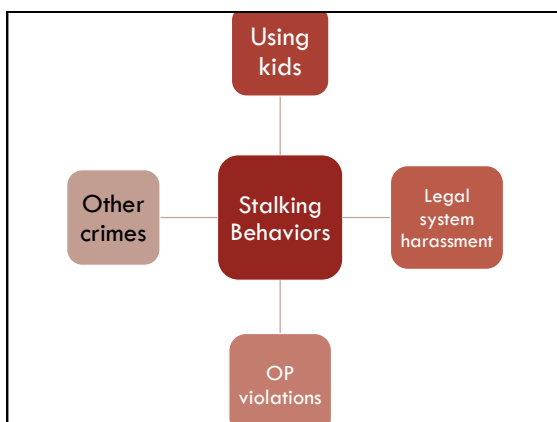
Pattern of Behavior

2/3 of stalkers pursue their victim at least once per week

78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach

Weapons used to harm or threaten victims in about 20% of cases

- The RECON Typology of Stalking (2006)



Stalking by Proxy

- Third party stalking
 - Unintentional
 - Intentional
- 50% - 60% of partner stalking victims say others were involved in stalking

- Logan et al. (2006)

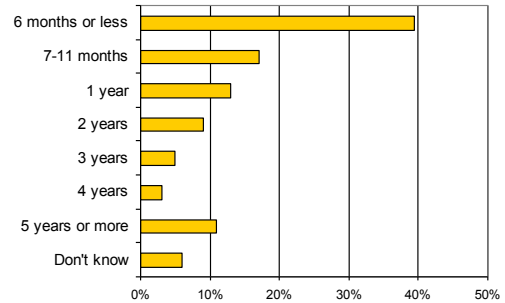
Recidivism

- Domestic violence reabuse occurs in 24% to 60% of cases
 - The majority of offenders do so within 6 months of beginning probation and/or a batterer program
- Occurs in 60% of stalking cases
 - Time between intervention and recidivism was about 2 months
 - Ranged from 1 day to 6 years

- Klein et al. (2005)

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Duration of Stalking



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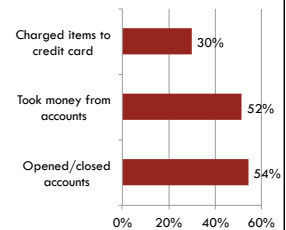
Stalking and Other Crimes

Stalking and Other Crimes

□ Among stalking cases...

- 24% involve property damage
- 21% involve a direct attack on the victim
- 15% involve an attack on another person or pet

□ Identity theft



- Stalking Victimization in the United States, BJS (2009)

Stalking & Domestic Violence



Stalking and Other Violence

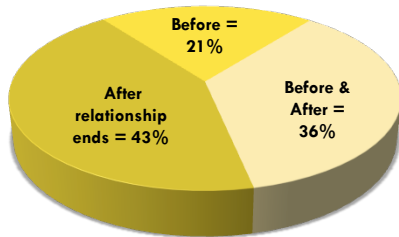
81% of stalking victims who were stalked by an intimate partner reported that they had also been physically assaulted by that partner.

- National Violence Against Women Survey (1998)

3/4 of women who experienced stalking-related behaviors experienced other forms of victimization (sexual, physical, or both)

- Stalking acknowledgement and reporting among college women experiencing intrusive behaviors (2007)

Point in Intimate Relationship when Stalking of Women Occurs



- National Violence Against Women Survey (1998)

Intimate Partner Stalkers: Increased Risk for Victims

- More likely to physically approach victim
- More insulting, interfering and threatening
- More likely to use weapons
- Behaviors more likely to escalate quickly
- More likely to re-offend

The RECON Typology of Stalking, Mohandie et al (2006)

Intimate Partner Stalking Risk

- More separation attempts than victims of intimate partner violence alone
- Intimate partner stalkers are more likely to assault third parties than non-intimate stalkers

- Logan et al, *Stalking victimization on the context of intimate partner violence* (2007)

- Sheridan and Davies *Criminal Behavior and Mental Health*, (2001)

Intimate Partner Stalking Violence

- Greatest risk of violence is when the stalker:
 - issued direct threats of violence
 - was jealous of the victim's relationships with others during the relationship
 - user of illegal drugs
- Where there is evidence of the presence of all of these factors, the risk of stalking violence is heightened.

- Women's Experience of Violence During Stalking by Former Romantic Partners (2005)

Lethality

- 76% of femicide cases involved at least one episode of stalking within 12 months prior to the murder
- 85% of attempted femicide cases involved at least one episode of stalking within 12 months prior to the attempted murder

Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide, McFarlane et al. (1999)

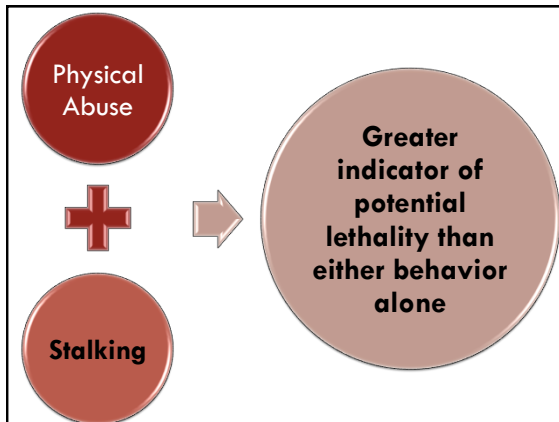
Lethality

67% of the femicide victims had been physically abused by their intimate partner in the 12 months before the murder



89% of the femicide victims who had been physically abused had also been stalked in the 12 months before the murder

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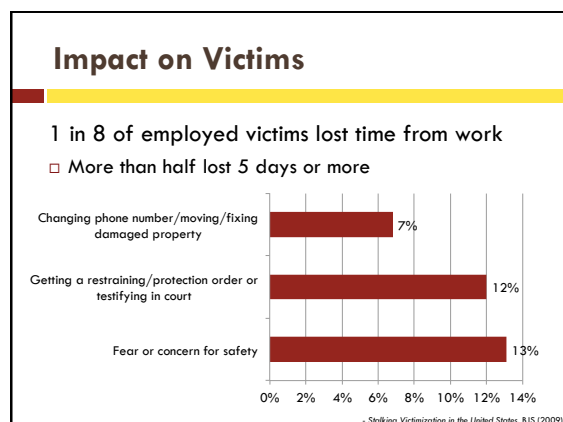
What do you think stalking victims are most afraid of?

Please choose:

- A. Bodily harm
- B. Not knowing what will happen next
- C. Death
- D. Losing one's mind

- ## Impact on Victims
- Afraid of:**
- 46% not knowing what would happen next
 - 30% bodily harm
 - 29% behavior would never stop
 - 13% harm or kidnap a child
 - 10% loss of freedom
 - 9% death
 - 4% losing one's mind
- Stalking Victimization in the United States, BJS (2009)

- ## Impact of Stalking
- Minimization; Self-blame
 - Guilt, shame or embarrassment
 - Frustration, Irritability, Anger
 - Shock and confusion
 - Fear and anxiety
 - Depression
 - Emotional numbness
 - Flashbacks
 - Isolation/disconnection from other people
 - Difficulties with concentration or attention
 - Feeling suicidal
 - Decreased ability to perform at work or school, or accomplish daily tasks
 - Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
 - Sleep disturbances, nightmares
 - Sexual dysfunction
 - Fatigue
 - Fluctuations in weight
 - Self-medication with alcohol/drugs
 - Feeling on guard most of the time - hypervigilance



"It's not easy to describe the fear you have when you see the stalker, or signs of the stalker, everywhere you go. I have given up all hopes of ever having a safe life. For the rest of my life, I will be looking over my shoulder, expecting to see him there."

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Training

- In person training
- Webinars

Technical Assistance

- Individual & organizational assistance
- Fact sheets, brochures, manuals, guides
- Policy/protocol development & consultation

Resources

- Videos
- Online resources
- Stalking Awareness Month materials

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