

HELP BUILD A CASE

No one wants or deserves to be stalked. Help stop your stalker! Report to your local law enforcement agency that you are being stalked. Help police stop your stalker by providing important information:

- ☑ Call the police for complaint numbers when your harasser calls, or you suspect danger.
- ☑ Keep a journal (as shown on the other side of this brochure) with details about all contacts made by the stalker — such as time, place, what was said/done, witnesses, etc.
- ☑ Record and keep all threatening telephone calls; get a caller ID system with an answering machine, or other recording device.
- ☑ Ask the telephone company for help to trace calls you receive.
- ☑ If possible, videotape or photograph the stalking action; Keep a camera (preferably with the date-stamp feature) handy so that if the stalker comes near, you can take a picture as proof that he/she was in your vicinity. Photograph all vandalism.
- ☑ Talk to witnesses about their willingness to testify. Ask for affidavits.

☑ Consider purchasing or renting a surveillance camera. These can be placed strategically inside the home or apartment to film the areas around the doors and cars where stalkers are likely to leave “gifts” or letters, or damage property.

☑ Write down the license number and description of the stalker’s vehicle, and of the stalker. Give them to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and the police. Tell your neighbors, co-workers, receptionist, security staff, key people of organizations to which you may belong, etc. what is happening. Prepare them for the possibility that the stalker may look for you at home or work. Ask them to alert police if they see the suspect near you or looking for you. Don’t wait until he/she shows up at work or a social setting to explain the situation to everyone; do it early on, do it *before* he/she might show up so your friends and colleagues can be your extra set of eyes!

☑ Keep copies of all legal proceedings in a file for future reference.

☑ Get personal protection order (PPO) documents from the Circuit Court clerk, our web site, shelters or other domestic violence programs, and apply for a PPO at the Circuit Court.

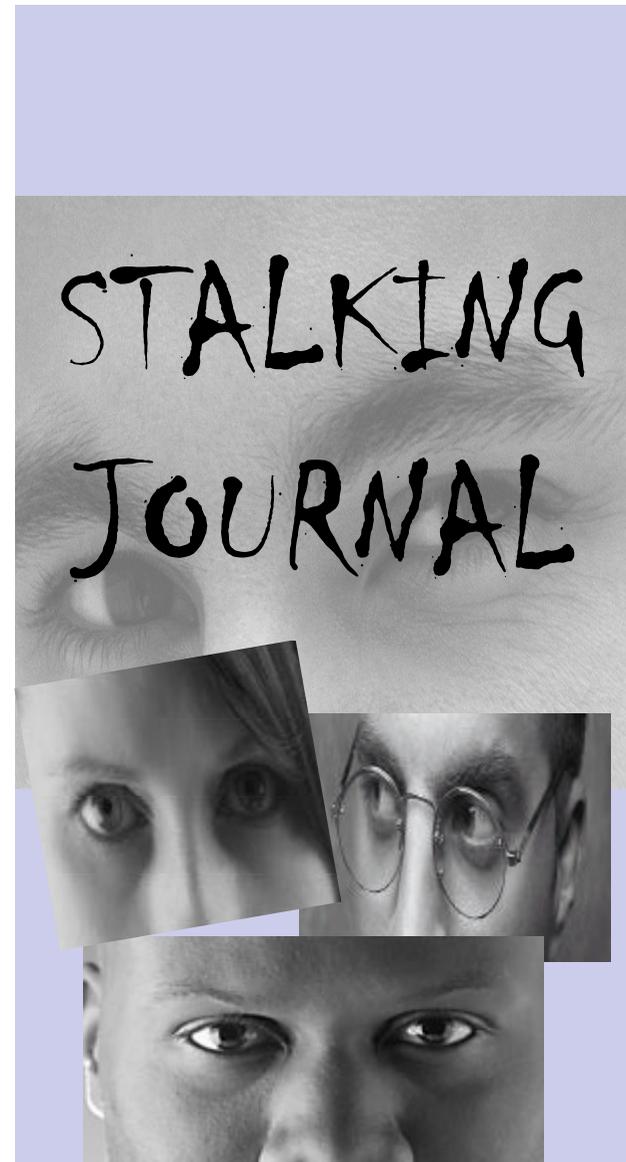


HELPFUL INFORMATION ON OUR WEB SITE

Need more information about how to get Personal Protection Orders (with downloadable PPO forms), resources available to help you (such as counseling or housing alternatives), plus victim resources in our area, plain-English definitions of legal terms and a description of the process of a criminal case, etc.?

Visit our office website:

www.prosecutingattorney.info



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Date/ Time	Brief Description of Incident	Witnesses/ Evidence (e.g., letter)	Police Dep't + Complaint #

STALKING

Under Michigan's anti-stalking laws, a person can be charged with Stalking for intentionally and repeatedly contacting you against your wishes, that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested, and that actually caused you to feel the same.

The stalker's repeated course of unconsented conduct can include:

- Following you or appearing within your sight.
- Approaching or confronting you in a public place or on private property.
- Appearing at your work place or residence.
- Entering or remaining on property you own, lease or occupy.
- Contacting you by telephone, mail, email or other electronic communication.
- Placing an object on or delivering an object to property you own, lease or occupy.
- Threatening you with harm or death.