

PROFILE OF A STALKER

RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM: Sometimes stalkers are prior intimate partners; yet often they only desired a relationship with the victim who was an acquaintance, classmate, or co-worker.

STALKERS ARE OBSESSED: Stalkers tend to constantly think and/or fantasize about their victims. These fantasies may be love oriented or angry and vengeful.

REJECTION: Many stalkers have a history of failed relationships. They have difficulty communicating directly with people, and become easily overwhelmed by a real or imagined sense of rejection.

INTELLIGENCE: Surprisingly, many stalkers are intelligent. What they lack in social skills is made up in their ability to carefully plan stalking behaviors. Stalkers are often masterful at terrorizing their victims, yet all the while skirting the outside edge of the law.

MIXED-GENDER: Stalkers can be either male or female. Do not underestimate the danger of a female stalker.

MOTIVATION: Stalkers can be motivated by a belief that their victim is the only "one" they can ever "love", or desire for revenge against someone who is perceived as having "wronged" them.

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