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In 85% of attempted & 76% of completed intimate partner femicides, stalking occurred in the year prior to the attack.

McFarlane, J., Campbell, J.C., Wilt, S., Ulrich, Y., & Xu, X. (1999.) Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide. Homicide Studies 3 (4), 300-310



# **Stalking Precipitated Homicide**

The most common use of the criminal justice system prior to (attempted or completed) intimate partner homicide was reporting partner stalking.

, J., Campbell, J.C., & Watson, K. (2001). The Use of the Justice Syst



al Justice Review 26(2): 193-208



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 Multidisciplinary Case Review
Assess real cases in your community.
Confidentiality agreements
Redact information
Client participation
Must be grounded in trauma-informed practices!
Incorporate stalking lens into current reviews and MDT's. Create plan to audit past reviews/case files/reports
Communicate findings with ALL stakeholders and community.
Specifically identify stalking behaviors













### **First Hurdle**

- \* What can you do within your agency to respond to this report and/or support this victim?
- \* Is the victim receiving a robust response from your community based on this report?
- \* What limitations do other agencies in your community have in responding to this victim?
- \* What questions do you have about this incident?
  - \* Who in your community is best positioned to obtain additional information from the victim?
  - \* How likely is it that these partners would be notified/mobilized based on this report?

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VICTIM ADVISED ON TODAY'S DATE AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 HOURS WHEN SHE GOT INTO HER CAR TO HEAD TO WORK, HER CAR DOORS WERE LOCKED AND ON THE DRIVER'S SEAT WAS A CORONA BEER BOTTLE CAP. VICTIM STATED YESTERDAY SHE CELEBRATED HER TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BEING SOBER AND SHE HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM PEOPLE IN HER AA GROUP CONGRATULATING HER ON HER TWO-YEAR SOBRIETY. SHE BELIEVES THAT SUSPECT PLACED THE BEER CAP IN HER CAR TO MESS WITH HER EMOTIONALLY AS SEEING ANYTHING RELATED TO ALCOHOL IS A TRIGGER TO HER. SHE BELIEVES THAT SUSPECT IS MONITORING HER MESSAGES AS THAT IS THE ONLY WAY SUSPECT WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE ANNIVERSARY.

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#### Second Hurdle

- \* What is the significance of the context? \* Recognition of victimizations
  - \* Understanding the gravity of the behavior
- \* How could your community improve the response to the victim after the first report to ensure we understood context?
- \* What gaps are still present in your community's ability to respond to this report?
- \* Are there still important questions that need to be answered about this situation? What is the best way to answer those questions?

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## In your Agency/Community

- \* How would your agency respond to the initial report?
- \* What services are available to the victim in this case?
- \* Is there a process for mobilizing a system-response to these types of reports?
- \* Where are the gaps?

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