Stalking

and the

Crime of Criminal Harassment

Domestic Violence Unit, Family Service Regina

Impact of Stalking

- Physically dangerous
- Emotionally devastating
- Socially destructive

The Domestic Violence Stalking Project

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Goal:

Seek options to reduce the duration and impact of stalking for victims

Statistics

Criminal Harassment Cases

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Saskatoon Police Service	185	212	256	222	188
Regina Police Service	32	32	33	19	32
%	17%	15%	13%	9%	17%

Domestic Violence Stalkers

- Desire to control;
- Inability to accept rejection;
- Sense of entitlement;
- Vengeful attitude; and
- Assume little or no responsibility.

"Stalking...one of the primary risk factors for attempted and actual murder of female partners."

Statistics Canada, Measuring Violence Against Women, 2006

Filtering System

Victim/Target



Community Agencies & Professionals





Court – Prosecutors & Judiciary

Visible/Measurable Change

- Learning Events
- Community Presentations
- Informational Handouts
- "Resource Manual"
- "Stalking Log"
- "A Handbook for Police and Crown Prosecutors on Criminal Harassment"

- Training Package
- "Are You Being Stalked?"
- "Stalking Checklist"
- FSR Website
- CARE Program

Lessons Learned

- Accountability and Responsibility
- Need for Ongoing Victim Support
- Appreciation for Collaborators

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A Handbook for
Police and Crown Prosecutors
on Criminal Harassment

http://canada.justice.gc.ca/ eng/pi/fv-vf/pub/

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