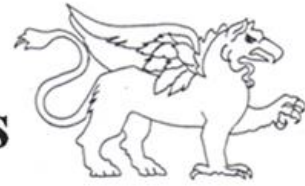




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PROJECT:
EXTREME
ONLINE STALKING

Online stalking activity has drastically increased with the rise of social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Snapchat, and WhatsApp. Unfortunately, these platforms have become playgrounds for stalkers to gather information on their targets.

It is crucial to be aware of this growing issue and take precautions to protect oneself from potential harm.

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WHAT IS CYBERSTALKING?

- Cyberstalking is defined as "the use of the Internet, or other electronic means, to harass and intimidate a selected victim."
- Common characteristics include (but are not limited to) classic "stalking" behaviour — tracking someone's location and monitoring their online and real-world activities.
- Cyberstalkers have been known to fit GPS devices to their victims' cars, use geolocation spyware on their phones, and obsessively track their victims' whereabouts through social media.
- Cyberstalking can include other behaviour intended to intimidate victims or make their lives unbearable.
- For instance, cyberstalkers might target their victims on social media, trolling and sending threatening messages; they might hack emails to communicate with the victim's contacts, including friends and even employers.
- Social media stalking can include faking photos or sending threatening private messages.
- Often, cyberstalkers will spread malicious rumours and make false accusations or even create and publish revenge porn.
- They might also engage in identity theft and create fake social media profiles or blogs about their victim.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

- While most cyberstalking victims are women, 20 to 40 per cent of victims are actually men.
- Cyberstalking goes a lot further than just following someone on a social network.
- It is the intent to intimidate, which is the defining characteristic of cyberstalking.
- Reasons or objectives identified in stalking cases:
 - Instilling fear in the victim gives the stalker a sense of emotional control over the victim.
 - To get a form of physical/financial gain, the stalker will attempt to extort the victim, again using fear to achieve the objective.
 - To move the victim into action, the stalker will use the fear of harm to the victim or the victim's family as a tool to entice the victim to act.
 - To destabilise the victim the stalker will play tricks on the victim to destabilise the victim emotionally. The stalker

might use this to prevent the victim from getting a specific promotion, doing well in a test, or succeeding in any specific area of life.

- To obtain sexual pleasure in more severe cases, the stalker might get sexual pleasure from having explicit conversations with someone who is being pushed into a state of fear.
- In these cases, the stalker might demand videos, photos, or sexual conversation from the victim.
- The stalker will often use threats of harm to the victim's loved ones as a tool to convince the victim to play along.

No matter the objective or reason, being stalked can have a drastic impact on a victim's emotional state.

One victim recalled her experience and stated:

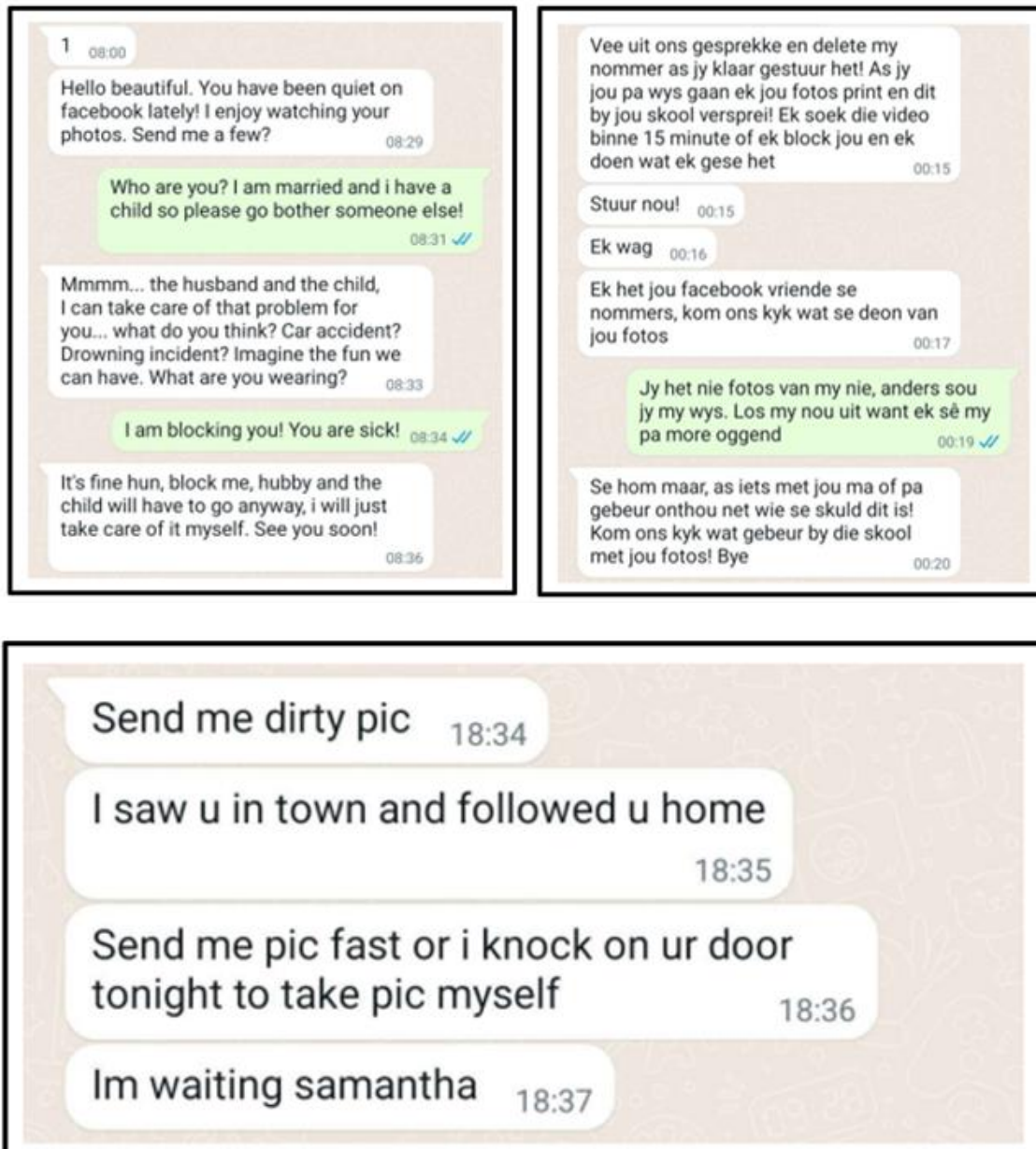
"I think there were times where I wished I was dead. To walk around, not knowing who is watching me, unsure of who is involved, unsure if the people I trust can be trusted themselves. It was torture to drive home from work, looking in the mirror to see if I was being followed. People would think that I was making up the calls, that I was seeing things. At one stage I even started doubting myself, wondering if I was not imagining things, that is the impact that the situation had on me.

I would not wish this on anybody!"

EXAMPLES OF ONLINE STALKING:

Hoekom vat jy en jou familie nie julle goed en trek uit die dorp uit voor dinge hel raak! Jy dink omdat jy geld het is jy untouchable! 🤔🤔🤔 jy moet onthou jou kinders loop huistoe elke dag en ongelukke gebeur

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WHAT TO DO WHEN A STALKER TARGETS YOU:

- Avoid talking to the stalker at all costs.
- An online stalker relies on conversation to deliver a message to the victim.
- When you realise a conversation is moving in an unwanted direction, end the conversation and block the profile or number on all platforms.
- If you continue to receive unsolicited messages or calls, block the profile or number, but keep all the prior messages and call logs on your device.
- Visit your local police station with your device in hand and report the incident.

- Stalkers often hide their identity well; in that case, you might need to appoint a professional private investigator who specialises in Cybercrime investigations to assist with the investigation.
- Avoid online dating websites entirely and talking to people you do not know.
- Online dating websites and chat sites are a breeding ground for scams, fraudsters and stalkers.

If you are a victim of online stalking, contact Specialised Security Services to assist you in securing your digital footprint.

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This group is important in delivering insights into the latest crime trends, awareness, warnings and the exposure of criminals.

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- Simply follow the link to our dedicated WhatsApp group:
 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dys4JLOFTXCBgXBdXeEvzU>
- "JOIN" to ensure you never miss our daily updates.
- You will receive automatic notifications as soon as a new project is placed.

CONTACT MR MIKE BOLHUIS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES, PROTECTION, OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.

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