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Hello,

I watched the current affair program regarding stalking and Tony North wanted people to come forward. Well, we all live in Sydney but I do know you need stories and reasons and the reality is, stalking is treated pretty much the same way in every state.

My partner has had quite a few extreme experiences with stalkers and personally I had a stalker ex girlfriend who tried to ruin friendships and would harass me via phone calls and through other people. I have friends who have been stalked by neighbours because of disputes as well and even though reported to police, nothing has happened. More needs to be

done.

For me, obviously a male I don't get the treatment some women would get for such things by law enforcement so that is always something that made me steer clear from reporting my issues no matter how bad it's gotten for my mental health.

With my partner, she's a friendly type of person, doesn't like being rude to people and wants to help people, which some times gets her into these scenarios with stalkers (and it shouldn't be so). Currently, one of the more minor cases, she has a Facebook stalker from a group she commented in. She has blocked him but he keeps trying through other people in the group which we are all mutual friends to try and speak to my partner. She's had one gentleman who kept messaging her from her [REDACTED] group (also ex work colleague) and he was married. His wife contacted him telling her how he had printed conversations and images from Instagram in a folder. She thinks he has even made fake accounts in the past to act as another person noticed by the way he typed and I think they were even printed out. He knew some nights where she was going and everything even. She's known this gentleman for about 15 years. Now for her, she freaks out a lot about this stuff but do we know what options she has? Well I'm thinking maybe an AVO but what good will that do? It's all nice on paper and it's all good to jail or put an AVO but these people are sick in the head as well. They need rehabilitation mixed in with jail time, then analysed by psychologists to be safe enough to re-enter the community. Then once released the suspect is under constant police surveillance to ensure he doesn't act it out. Unfortunately, this will never happen as it'll be seen as a waste of resources. So at the moment, all I do is make sure when she goes home at night she's on the phone to me and while I'd call police, I may need to take the law into my own hands if I arrive before police because of fairly big hole in our system.

Anyway, hope it helps out in some way.

Kind Regards,  
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