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CYBERSTALKING

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Introduction

The main aim of the paper is to analyse cyberstalking and its various elements. It has been found that cyberstalking is a complex principle much more evolving and dangerous than traditional stalking. Cyberstalking from the stalkers and victim's perspectives puts the offence at a different level of cognizance than when simply regarded as a cyber-crime. Cyber stalking culcates a lot of moral, ethical, social, legal and psychological aspects. The paper went through articles and papers to better understand this unique offence.

Cyberstalking is much more heinous than the traditional form of stalking and twice difficult to tackle with legal measures otherwise. Cyberstalking laws in India are also ineffectual compared to its traditional counterpart. The current study has concluded certain guidelines and suggestions to enact a better stalking measures through law enforcement and other agencies to provide a better, safe and protected environment in cyberspace.

Stalking

Stalking is usually associated with sexual harassment and sexual assault. However, today it has widened in its nature far surpassing the sexual element. Often used to perpetuate a relationship real or imaginary it's also used for the purpose of revenge or due to anger and jealousy or to commit a criminal offence or a civil wrong. Stalking in the simplest sense is a situation when someone stalks another person. It involves following the other person in an unwanted and repeated manner by disrupting the other person's life. It is an intrusive



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