

Harassment:

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Harassment means that a person is being harassed and is experiencing inconvenience as a result. The peace and quiet of this person is disturbed. What is important is that the perpetrator must have known or should have known that this behaviour would disturb the other person's peace. An example of stalking is constantly calling a person, waiting for the victim, sending flowers all the time, harassing someone with e-mails or text messages, ... The behaviour does not have to be repeated, which means that even a single act can be experienced as stalking. For example, one letter or text message with a worrying content can already be seen as stalking.

In the case of stalking, the victim's peace of mind must be disturbed. This is different from making the victim feel scared or threatened. Threatening someone is a more serious crime.

Whether something is experienced as stalking is subjective. What is experienced as stalking by one person may be perfectly acceptable to another. The judge must take into account the factual circumstances and the personality and attitude of perpetrator and victim.

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