



Date: March 16, 2016
Situation: an ex-partner
Interviewee: Professional
Agency: Domestic violence/rape crisis center

Stalking and Harassment Assessment and Risk Profile (SHARP) is a research-informed risk profile tool to educate and inform decision-making about stalking or harassment. This narrative report summarizes the responses to SHARP questions and provides a basic risk profile. Please note, any documentation provided to law enforcement or prosecutors could potentially be introduced as evidence or inadvertently shared with Steve at a future time, so do not include any information that you do not want Steve to see.

The information below is reported by a professional on behalf of Susan, a 29 year old female, and an ex-partner Steve, a 30 year old male.

Course of conduct. Steve is tracking or monitoring Susan. Steve has repeatedly invaded Susan's life and privacy 30 days in a typical month. Steve has repeatedly intimidated or scared Susan. Steve has directly interfered with Susan's life. The information reported suggests Steve is stalking Susan and during this time Steve has physically and/or sexually assaulted her.

Duration, Intensity, and Frequency. Steve's course of conduct toward Susan started in March, 2015 and has continued for about 1 year, 0 months, 5 days and has been escalating recently. Steve regularly contacts or harasses Susan in more than one way. Steve engages in this course of conduct in multiple locations other than through the phone or computer. In a typical month, Steve initiated unwanted contact with Susan on 30 days, approaches and confronts Susan directly on 5 days, and significantly interferes with Susan's life on 20 days.

Threats. Steve has threatened to harm or kill Susan and he has described in detail how he plans to harm her. Steve has also made threats by leaving objects, making gestures, or in ways other than direct threats. Steve has threatened to destroy Susan's property, harm her pets, or to sabotage her in some other way. Steve has also threatened to harm others close to Susan such as her children, friends or family. Additionally Steve has had his friends or family members threaten, intimidate, stalk, and/or attack Susan. Susan is concerned there are some upcoming events that may escalate Steve's stalking, harassing, and threatening behavior.

Fear/Concern for Safety. Based on Steve's actions, Susan is extremely afraid or concerned for her safety and is extremely afraid or concerned for the safety of her children, family members, or friends. Susan believes that Steve is extremely capable of harming her or others close to her. Susan has made significant life changes for safety reasons because of Steve's actions. Susan is

also extremely afraid or concerned about a significant financial or social impact Steve has or might have on her life.

Resistance and Persistence. Steve has been directly and clearly notified that the harassment and stalking should stop. Steve has also been directly and clearly notified that there should be no contact with Susan. Steve has persisted in contacting, threatening, and/or engaging in other unwanted behavior even after he has been clearly notified the harassment and stalking is unwanted. Steve has a court order (e.g., protective order, restraining order, or other court order) banning him from contacting, harassing, or being violent toward Susan. Steve has violated that court order. Steve is aware that the things he is doing to Susan upset her.

Context. Steve has a history of being violent toward Susan and others and controlling and extremely jealous toward Susan. Steve has been severely violent toward Susan in the past (e.g., threatened or used a weapon, choked, severely assaulted, and/or forced sex). Steve has a criminal history, drug or alcohol problems, and serious mental health issues. Steve is currently on probation/parole. Steve has a history of thoughts about or attempted suicide. Steve has guns, has an obsession with weapons, and has been in the military or law enforcement. Steve is using or capable of using technology to stalk, harass, threaten, or harm Susan.

Steve indicates he feels he has been rejected, humiliated or degraded by Susan and he is seeking revenge or blames Susan for ruining his life. Steve seems unconcerned about severe consequences of his behavior such as going to jail or dying.

Susan believes that there have been limited or no consequences for Steve's stalking, harassment, or threatening behavior. Susan feels that she is more vulnerable to Steve's stalking, harassment, or threat, because there are things about the environment that limit her ability to be safe. Steve and Susan must interact in close proximity because they work or attend school at the same place and they live and/or work in the same area. Susan does not feel her home is safe. Steve and Susan have a child or children in common and/or child visitation/custody/support issues. Additionally, Susan feels isolated and that she has limited or no access to resources and safety measures.

Susan has responded to Steve's stalking, harassing, and threatening behavior. People being stalked, harassed, and threatened will do whatever necessary for their own survival and the survival of others. However, they may not always know what to do to keep themselves and others close to them safe.

Risk Profile: Based on the information reported, there are several factors that suggest a serious risk profile for this stalking course of conduct. Please note that the risk profile could change in the future and it may be helpful to reassess the situation using SHARP. Below is the summary of the 12 serious risk factors that are present in this case out of the 12 serious risk factors assessed:

- Steve has been stalking Susan for about 1 year, 0 months, 5 days. Steve approaches Susan and confronts her frequently, regularly contacts or harasses her in multiple ways, bothers her at multiple locations, and significantly and regularly interferes with her life. During this time Steve has assaulted Susan physically and/or sexually.
- Steve's behavior is increasing in frequency and severity and there are some upcoming

events that could escalate Steve's stalking, harassing, and threatening behavior even more.

- Steve has threatened to harm Susan and those threats contain graphic details about how he plans to harm her. Steve has made threatening gestures or left threatening objects. Steve has threatened to destroy property, harm pets or sabotage Susan in some other way. Steve has threatened to harm others close to Susan. Susan believes Steve is capable of harming her and others close to her. Susan has made significant changes to her life for safety reasons because of Steve's actions.
- Steve has violated a court order banning him from contacting, harassing, or being violent toward Susan.
- Steve indicates he is seeking revenge or blames Susan for ruining his life. Steve seems unconcerned about severe consequences of his behavior such as going to jail or dying. Steve has a history of thoughts about or attempted suicide. The consequences for Steve have been limited which can escalate and intensify the stalking, harassing, and threatening behavior.
- Steve has a history of being controlling, extremely jealous, and physically violent toward Susan. Steve has been severely violent toward Susan in the past.
- Steve has involved others in threatening, intimidating, stalking, and/or attacking Susan.
- Steve has a history of being physically violent toward others.
- Steve has guns, has an obsession with weapons, and has been in the military or law enforcement.
- Steve may be using, or capable of using, technology to stalk, harass, threaten, or harm Susan.
- Steve has a criminal history, drug or alcohol problems, and serious mental health issues. Steve is currently on probation/parole.
- Steve and Susan have a child or children in common and/or child visitation/custody/support issues. Steve and Susan work or attend school at the same place. Steve and Susan live and/or work in the same area and Susan feels that her home is unsafe. Susan also reports feeling isolated and having limited or no access to resources and safety measures.

Unique aspects of the situation: Steve is escalating and Susan is feeling more and more afraid for her life.