

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO

Information for Incidences of Stalking

What should I do if I am being stalked?

Stalking is a crime of power and control. Stalking behaviors may include persistent patterns of leaving or sending the victim unwanted items or presents that may range from seemingly romantic to bizarre, following or lying in wait for the victim, damaging or threatening to damage the victim's property, defaming the victim's character, or harassing the victim via the Internet by posting personal information or spreading rumors about the victim. If you are a victim you can get help. (National Institute of Justice)

Information is also available at the following websites:

www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center/about-us

www.nij.gov/topics/crime/stalking/Pages/welcome.aspx

How do I report an incident on campus?

Victims have the right to choose whether or not reporting an incident is in their best interest. The University of Montevallo has professional staff members trained to assist all victims as they navigate their options. A student involved in a stalking situation can seek support through the office of the Provost or through the following avenues:

Title IX Compliance Officer

Ms. Barbara Forrest

Will Lyman House

205-665-6055

forrestb@montevallo.edu

Deputy Title IX Coordinator

Mr. Tony Miller, Jr.

Main Hall, Lower Level

205-665-6020

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VPESA/Dean of Students

Dr. Tammi Dahle

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What are my options?

The University is dedicated to assisting victims of stalking regardless of the option they may select. Although it will limit the University and police's ability to investigate or intervene judicially, the victim can request anonymity. Victims have the following options:

- Pursue criminal charges and a campus investigation
- Submit a police report and pursue a campus investigation
- Not pursue any investigations and/or submit a police report
- Submit a police report only
- Pursue criminal charges only
- Pursue a campus investigation only

Who will investigate the situation?

The incident investigator will depend on the specifics of the case and the parties involved. The investigation team may consist of the University Judicial Officer, the Dean of Students and Director of Human Resources/Title IX Coordinator. The team may consult with other University officials including the UMPD.

How can I contact local and campus resources?

UM Counseling Services

205-665-6245

(confidential reporting
on campus)

UM Health Services

205-665-6275

SafeHouse

205-669-1877

• Advocacy & Legal Assistance

Montevallo City Police

911, 9-911 (on campus),
or 205-665-1264

For information related to sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking see the UM website www.montevallo.edu/campus-life/campus-safety/sexual-assault-survivors-resources/