

Cyberstalking/Cyberbullying

Cyberstalking Examples

From 2012 to 2013, Republican activist Adam Savader hacked online accounts belonging to 15 women, to obtain nude photos of them. He was charged with **cyberstalking** of these mostly college age victims who he knew personally from school and work. Savader threatened to send the nude photos to the victims' friends and family unless they cooperated in sending him more photos. In one text, Savader threatened, "Let's make this simple. ... You have until noon. I am not bluffing. Don't be stupid. Once I send pics of you they cannot be unsent." Although Savader apologized publicly when he was charged, the judge said he knew right from wrong, and sentenced him to 30 months in prison.

In 1999, Gary Dellapenta became the first person to be charged under California's new anti-cyberstalking law. Dellapenta apparently took out ads that advertised sexual services provided by a woman who wouldn't agree to see him romantically. The ads provided the woman's address and several men showed up at her home. Dellapenta was convicted and received a six-year prison sentence.

Cyberbullying Examples

David Knight : Burlington, Ontario

David Knight was oblivious to a website created all about him. For months, there had been a website that made fun of David and his family. They said things along the lines of that he was a pedophile, he's gay and dirty. The website invited others to actively be involved with bashing this boy. Along with the website, people were sending him hateful emails telling him how much they don't like him.

Ryan Halligan: Poughkeepsie, New York

An autistic thirteen year old that's sweet as can be just trying to make it through the days became a prime target of cyberbullying. Going through his days, and like any boy, he had that one crush. This girl that he had his eye on, had stuck up for him for a while but soon became the main bully. She pretended to like him and then made fun of him and said, she would never like a guy like him. As his pain got worse, he had a pen pal that was encouraging him to end his life. Ryan became so hurt, then he hung himself.