

Stalking Scenario #1

In September 2012, Bryan transferred into the same university as her ex-girlfriend, Fiona. Although Fiona had tried to be friends when they broke up after high school, she distanced herself while in college because Bryan often brought up suicide as a way to guilt her into speaking with him.

On Monday October 8, 2012, Bryan called Fiona for support, saying his brother was dying and that he was undergoing surgery soon. Fiona referred Bryan to the University Counseling Center instead. On Thursday, October 11, Bryan called Fiona to seek support after the procedure, but she did not answer the call. Bryan then approached Fiona on campus that afternoon when she was with his new boyfriend, Matt, again seeking her support. That Saturday, October 13, Bryan ran into Fiona at Matt's birthday party and made a scene because she had not been there for him. Bryan was drunk and ran into a busy street, blaming Fiona for her behavior. Fiona had a friend take Bryan home, but later that night Bryan attempted suicide.

Later that month, Matt started receiving emails from unknown accounts telling him to break up with Fiona. By November, these emails had turned violent and threatening. During this time Fiona continued to experience several calls, texts and emails from Bryan saying something bad would happen to him if she did not respond.

During winter break, on December 24, Bryan visited Fiona's parent's home leaving her a present and a romantic note. Bryan sent a series of messages while Fiona was staying with his parents over break alternating threats and requests for support and help. Fiona did not respond and told her parents not to accept Bryan over. On December 29, Fiona learned that Bryan attempted suicide again. On January 22, however Bryan was back on campus. Bryan started joining the same student organizations as Matt and spread rumors about Matt being unfaithful to Fiona there and to mutual friends. Bryan also showed up at social events and continued spreading these rumors and even sought to physically intimidate Matt on one occasion. Melanie began to withdraw from these groups as a result and felt unsafe on campus.

On February 2, Matt told his RA that Bryan's behavior was intimidating and creating anxiety for him around campus. Matt also sought advice from the Dean's office, reporting all the events that had occurred prior. Fiona likewise talked to the Dean and shared some of Bryan's emails threatening suicide. On February 7, Fiona's Facebook account was hacked. Bryan's block was removed and he was added as a friend. Fiona believes Bryan hacked his account because of this. On February 11, Matt returns to his dorm room to find the door ajar and his room tossed. Matt is afraid it will escalate and considers seeking support from law enforcement.