

LWR Fall 2021 Week 7

We will work on this in-class research problem during both class meetings in Week 7.

Dog Show Stalker?

Jordan and Sydney are professional dog handlers in Southern California, well-respected for their showing of Weimaraners at famous events like the Westminster Kennel Club dog show. The two have always been friendly rivals, but after losing to Jordan last year, Sydney's behavior began to change.

- Four times when Jordan took his dogs to the grooming salon, Sydney's car was already there even though she lived nowhere in the area. Each time, she watched him and the dogs arrive, then drove away laughing.
- Around that same time, Jordan received 10 or 20 phone calls where the caller played audio of dogs angrily barking.
- Once the caller said in a quiet voice, "You'll never make it to Westminster again."
- After losing to Jordan yet another time Sydney yelled, "I will end this one way or another!" Another competitor overheard and told Sydney her comment was inappropriate, to which she replied, "What? It's not like I was threatening to kill anyone."

Did Sydney's actions amount to enough of a credible threat to constitute criminal stalking in California?