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"Relationship" = spouse, ex-spouse or persons who have lived like spouses; a current or former sexual or intimate partner; a parent or child; a brother or sister; other persons related by blood or marriage.

"Abuse" = Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault or incest with or without a deadly weapon; or Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or The infliction of false imprisonment; or Physically or sexually abusing minor children; or Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including following the person, without proper authority, under circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear or bodily injury.

"Harassment" = A person commits the crime of harassment when, with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another, the person: communicates to or about such other person any lewd, lascivious, threatening or obscene words, language, drawings or caricatures; communicates repeatedly in an anonymous manner; communicates repeatedly at extremely inconvenient hours; or communicates repeatedly in a manner other than specified in description above.

"Stalking" = A person commits the crime of stalking when the person either: (a) engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts toward another person, including following the person without proper authority, under circumstances which demonstrate either an intent to place such other person in reasonable fear of bodily injury or to cause substantial emotional distress to such other person; or (b) engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly communicates to another person under circumstances which demonstrate or communicate either an intent to place such other person in reasonable fear of bodily injury or to cause substantial emotional distress to such other person.