

In 2023, a man from Maryland, Joseph Bourabah, accepted a plea deal in court for five counts of cyberstalking. The man had used the internet to harass a person from Chesapeake. The man would create fake ads posing as his victim such as an ad for a free trampoline, saying people could just come and take it if they wanted it, when in reality the victim was not giving away their trampoline, causing their trampoline to be stolen. Many such incidents occurred, with one member of the FBI, Scott Zmudzinski, stating that there were a total of 2000 separate incidents. This is illegal under 18 U.S.C. 2261A of the international stalking act, which makes it illegal to harass, intimidate or otherwise threaten someone. This does not only cover physical stalking, but also cyberstalking.

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