

James (00:00):

If you've been following the Kim Kardashian and Kanye west story, you know, that he's an ex-husband that is, I think literally stalking her. And a lot of people are making jokes about that. And I think it's pretty serious. So I asked Jeanie Thompson, the director of youth programming and community outreach at women's shelter and support center here in Rochester to please in and give us some insight on all of this Jeanie, thank you so much for joining me today. This is the Y 1 0 5 FM early morning show at James Ray and this very kind of thing. Maybe not on such a public scale is not uncommon.

Jeannie (00:34):

Oh, it happens all the time. You know, Kim Kardashian, she lives her life under the microscope and you change who you are according to the life that you're living. And so, you know, everything that she does is magnified. And so this will be too right. And unfortunately she's going through domestic violence and it isn't always physical. It starts out emotional. It starts out, um, psychological abuse. And so some people get that. They see those red flags and decide to get out. Um, but we know the most dangerous time for any victim is that time period. They're getting ready to leave and just after they've left, it doesn't necessarily stop there.

James (01:13):

And I think a lot of people don't recognize it as such, but he he's stalking her in a very modern way.

Jeannie (01:19):

Oh yeah. You know, social media is crazy for stalking what

James (01:24):

She's going through. How do you compare it to what your average woman might be going through?

Jeannie (01:29):

Well, we see it. We're seeing it happen. You know, it's all over the media, uh, you know, for Susie Jones that might be going through something in our neighborhood. We have no idea, right. Because it's not in the paper there aren't cameras out following her around. Um, thank goodness. Right. You know, but yeah, it happens all the time,

James (01:46):

But her leverage level of privilege doesn't seem to be helping her in this situation.

Jeannie (01:50):

No, it doesn't, you know, we've, we've had, you know, extreme situations where we've had to help people relocate and, you know, do all these massive things to try and hide so that they can live their life. And for Kim, that's not a possibility.

James (02:05):

Now, Trevor Noah talked about this, uh, the other day I watched a bunch of his videos on it. Right. And he is a secondary victim because he was in a house with domestic violence, correct.

Jeannie (02:15):

A primary victim is the person that's, you know, under attack, so to speak. And the secondary victims are all those family members, um, that are also the fallout.

James ([02:24](#)):

And what Trevor points out is something that I think is so important. We, we lose sight of the fact that this is a real thing happening. We don't have to like Kim Kardash and we don't have to appreciate her points of view or anything, but we'd have to recognize that she's going through something in a more, uh, public way than most people have to, but it's the same kind of sphere. It's no matter how much money she has. Correct.

Jeannie ([02:49](#)):

You know, it, isn't always about how much money you have. And, and we work with survivors or victims that are going through this that are very well off. Um, and you know, maybe they don't need to go to shelter because they can afford to go to the holiday in for a few days. Right. Um, or they can relocate someplace else out of state a little easier. However, um, uh, an abuser usually has control of the money. So even if they're well off, um, they find that those credit cards or ATM cards are canceled the minute they choose to. Right. So then they have no access to that money.

James ([03:20](#)):

The fear they feel inside, no matter your socioeconomic level, we're

Jeannie ([03:24](#)):

All vulnerable. Right. We are all vulnerable. And we don't like to look at our vulnerability. We just don't. And so, you know, we look at other people and go, oh, they're, they're dramatic or they're out in the public. And that's not me. We want, we wanna separate our cell was from how close we are to that same vulnerability.

James ([03:41](#)):

Right. And we, I think a lot of us know that it takes a lot of times for a person to leave a domestic violence situation. But I don't think we think about ourselves and how we present it. Sometimes we're saying things like, oh, it's no big deal. He's just talking. Right. So it, can you give some suggestions on what should we be doing?

Jeannie ([04:00](#)):

You know, we actually have a support group for friends and family members of, um, a victim in your life because they don't need somebody else telling them what to do. Their abuser's been doing that for years. What they need is that friend and family member to listen, to support them and care about them. Um, as they make their decisions, even if they're not the perfect decision or not the decision you would make, it's still their choice. Right.

James ([04:23](#)):

Overall, I think what we're learning from Kim Kardashian and Kanye west is that it's something to take seriously, whether or not he is dealing with a mental health issue. That's not her concern. Her concern is her safety,

Jeannie ([04:34](#)):

Her safety. Yep. Number one. And it's complicated when, um, an abuser and a victim have children together. Um, because they're gonna be co-parenting these kids on some level for the rest of their lives. And so it's trying to find a safe way for everyone involved for that to happen. Right.

James ([04:52](#)):

Well, I appreciate your time today. Is there anything you'd like to say that I haven't asked you about yet?

Jeannie ([04:56](#)):

If you see something, say something, you know, that goes across the board, um, and you know, somebody in a situation have 'em call our crisis line where they're twenty four seven five zero seven two eight five ten ten five zero seven two eight five ten ten. Is

James ([05:10](#)):

There a way they can text the shelter?

Jeannie ([05:12](#)):

Um, actually, yes, we do have a text line available as well. What's that? Um, well you can find it right on our website. Women's shelter.org here.

James ([05:19](#)):

Let me, uh, let me pull that up real quick so we can say it right now. Um, 5 0 7 2 5 1 8 7 0 4. There is a text line to get ahold of the women's shelter and ask for help. 5 0 7 2 5 1 8 7 0 4. I know you probably can't stop and write it down right now, but it will be up on the Y 1 0 5 FM app. Very soon. Jeanie Thompson, director of youth programming and community outreach at the women's shelter, the Rochester women's shelter and support center. Thank you so much for hanging out with us today. Sure.