

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

THE STALKER'S PROTOCOL by Cole Pierce

10-15 questions with answers that journalists can pull from

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q: In one sentence, what is your book about?

A: It's about a man who thought he'd found a mentor, instead got a multimillionaire stalker who used his own home as a weapon to destroy his life for twelve years.

Q: Why did you write this book?

A: I wrote it because I'm desperate. I've been stalked for twelve years. I've moved ten times. I have 247 videos of evidence. But I've never held a physical bug in my hand, so prosecutors won't touch it. His lawyers bury every legal attempt. This book is my only weapon left. I'm fighting for my life with the truth.

Q: Is this book fiction or nonfiction?

A: It's a thriller based on real events—creative nonfiction. The names are changed. The timeline is compressed. The ending is fictionalized. So, no settlement and no evidence that he did it. But the stalking is real. The clicks are real. The fifty clicks a day from eight locations in my bedroom are real. I'm still being stalked as we speak. He is still stalking me to this day.

THE STALKING

Q: Take us back to the beginning. When did you first know something was wrong?

A: November 10, 2014. I walked down my back stairs and heard an electrical click buried in the brick wall. I told myself it was nothing. After that, my house started clicking in several locations. Including over my bed. By then, they were everywhere.

Q: What did you find?

A: Bug detectors found bugs. There are cameras in my bedroom. My car bugged. My phone, computer, and TV hacked. Fifty clicks a day from eight different locations in my bedroom alone. They watched me sleep. They watched everything.

Q: How did you confirm it was him?

A: I confronted him face to face in October 2015. He admitted it. He said he told his staff to "mess with me to make me unsuccessful." Then he mocked my love life. He gave me specific details he could only know if he'd watched. His last words to me were: "You're not going anywhere."

THE EVIDENCE

Q: What evidence do you have?

A: 247 videos of bug detectors signaling hidden devices. A recording of 30 clicks in 30 minutes. RF signal detector readings. Non-linear junction detector evidence. Proof of man-in-the-middle attacks that require embedded devices on-site. Twelve years of documentation.

Q: If you have all that evidence, why haven't you been able to stop him?

A: Because I've never held a physical bug in my hand. The one I found in 2014 retracted into my walls and vanished. Without a device I can hand to a prosecutor. No actual bug that meets chain-of-custody documented, traced directly to him. Criminal prosecution is impossible. His lawyers know this. He's been counting on it for twelve years.

Q: What happened when you went to law enforcement?

A: They suggested psychiatric help. Every time. A judge once ruled the surveillance was real but said I couldn't prove who did it. A private investigator confirmed devices, the report mysteriously disappeared. The system is not designed for victims like me.

THE BOOK AS A WEAPON

Q: You call this book a weapon. What do you mean?

A: It's leverage. Public exposure is the only thing he can't bury with lawyers. If enough people read it, if enough people share it, maybe hiding becomes impossible for him. Maybe the stalking finally stops. That's the hope, anyway. Also, I hope it will give me money to fight and survive.

Q: Are you still being stalked today?

A: Yes. As I sit here talking to you, I am still being surveilled. Twelve years. Ten moves. They've followed me to nine of those locations. The clicks haven't stopped. The hacking hasn't stopped. Nothing has stopped except my willingness to be silent.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Q: How has this affected your life?

A: It's taken everything. My business. My relationships. My peace of mind. My father died during this, and I was delayed getting to the hospital. So I didn't see him before he died. I wasn't able to help him when he needed me the most. He died three minutes before I arrived, believing his son was insane. That's what he took from me.

Q: What keeps you going?

A: The thought that if I stop fighting, he wins. And if he wins, he'll do it to someone else. He's already done it to others. I know of fifteen targets. One didn't survive. I keep going for them.

Q: What do you want readers to take away from this book?

A: I want them to know that this happens. That it can happen to anyone. That when it does, the system will probably fail you. And that sometimes the only weapon you have left is your voice, your story, the truth. I want them to share this book. To make noise. To help me end this.

FINAL QUESTION

Q: What would you say to him if he's reading this interview?

A: I'd say: You're not going to win. You thought those words would break me: "you're not going anywhere." But you were wrong. I'm still here. I'm still fighting. And now millions of people know your name. The cameras are finally facing the other direction. After decades in self-help, you are still damaged. GO FIX YOURSELF!

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