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8.2 Defendant Kevin Ellis and Sarah S. attended the same high school and met while they both were sophomores. They shared a table at lunchtime, and Sarah allegedly felt sorry for Kevin because he did not have a lot of friends. During the spring of their junior year, Kevin sent Sarah an e-mail revealing that he had a crush on her. Sarah responded that she had a boyfriend and that there was "no chance" they could ever be anything other than friends. Kevin waited outside her classes to talk to her and bought her a number of small gifts and continued to send her e-mails. Sarah occasionally included the defendant on e-mails she sent to a large group.

Kevin during the summer break called Sarah twice at her home. The second time, she quickly ended the conversation, and the defendant sent Sarah several e-mails. Sarah responded that she wanted to be friends, but "you need to back off a little bit." Kevin replied with an expletive-filled angry e-mail that asked why she was punishing him and asking how she could want to be friends and yet not want to talk to him. Defendant sent her an additional e-mail in which he asked Sarah to give him a chance to be her friend again. Kevin approached her several weeks later and apologized and asked if they could do something together. Sarah responded "perhaps." He then e-mailed Sarah, who stated she was unavailable. Kevin explained that he was only trying to be her friend. At some point over the summer, Sarah requested that Kevin never call her at home again. Kevin, following an after-school sporting event, approached Sarah and her brother and asked for a ride to his car in an adjacent lot, which they refused. In October, Kevin spotted the victim along with her brother and mother at a shopping mall and approached the victim's brother in the checkout line and attempted to engage him in a conversation.

Sarah's father was the chief of police and approached Kevin and told him not to contact or harass Sarah. Kevin approached Sarah the next day at school,