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Vanessa described the chilling progression from the occasional letter to almost daily efforts to meet her. Mae describes stalker nightmare

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Superstar violinist Vanessa Mae has spoken out about the terror of being stalked.

In her first TV interview since 57-year-old David Martin was jailed for a ten-year-reign of harassment, Vanessa has described the chilling progression from the occasional letter to almost daily efforts to meet her.

Describing her ordeal, 25-year-old Vanessa said: "The letters were very frequent. They were every couple of months and then it became every week."

Martin kept a diary of the 25-year-old musician's movements between her two luxury west London homes and even followed her when she took her dog for a walk.

"It then became a situation of him shadowing me and trying to get verbal contact on the street I was walking on. That's when I realised I had to get the police involved on a different level this time - they had to take it seriously," she says.

"It was something that was potentially threatening. If you think someone could forget about it, then I'm happy to forget about it, but this was a stalker who's still obsessed after ten years and he was demanding more from me.

Martin, from Brighton, was first arrested on October 17, last year while carrying a lock knife outside one of Vanessa's homes.

"He was affecting my life and my work, when I was coming back late from the studio, whether I was just going out with my friends and being harassed by a stalker - I wanted something to be done about it," she says.

Martin was imprisoned earlier this year after breaching a restraining order when he was spotted near the star's Kensington home.

Amazingly, a jail term of just three months means Martin is now free.

[Aug 24: Vanessa Mae's stalker walks free](#)
[Dec 24, 2003: Obsessed Mae fan given a restraining order](#)

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Russia mourns Beslan school siege victims

Russia is holding two days of official mourning for the Beslan school siege victims as their families bury them. A suspected hostage-taker has been paraded on Russian TV. (Picture: Reuters)

Cot death probes to give mums more sympathy

An independent commission has recommended sweeping changes to the way cot deaths are investigated so that mothers such as Angela Cannings are not assumed to be guilty.

Mae describes stalker nightmare

Superstar violinist Vanessa Mae has spoken exclusively to ITV about the terror of being stalked.

Clinton undergoes heart surgery

Former US President Bill Clinton is undergoing heart bypass surgery at a New York hospital, according to reports.

Child dies in theme park accident

An investigation is under way after a 7-year-old girl died when she tripped over at a children's theme park.

Chips are down for unhealthy school dinners

Fatty, salty foods are set to be off the school menu in favour of more nutritious meals in a bid to get pupils to eat more healthily.

