# American influencer flees Bali amid chilling abduction threats by stalker



# Stalker Threatens American Influencer in Bali: A Harrowing Tale of Fear and Flight

In a disturbing case that underscores the dangers faced by public figures in the digital age, Alexandra Saper, a 33-year-old American travel influencer, was compelled to flee Bali after her alleged stalker, Rob Keating, threatened her with abduction. The situation escalated when Keating, a 39-year-old former traffic management operative, arrived on the island equipped with alarming intentions, including a suitcase reportedly containing black rope. This chilling narrative unfolded in a recent court hearing, shedding light on the relentless online harassment Saper endured for nearly a year prior to Keating's arrival in Indonesia.

The harrowing ordeal began in 2022 when Keating initiated contact with Saper through a barrage of online messages. Over the course of their interaction, he allegedly sent over 30 videos and hundreds of emails, many of which contained graphic details of his sexual fantasies, alongside explicit threats of kidnapping. This incessant harassment prompted Saper to take action. Despite her attempts to block him on social media, Keating persisted, locating her email address and continuing to send disturbing messages. He ultimately booked a one-way ticket to Bali, ominously informing her, “Flights booked baby girl,” signalling his intent to confront her in person. Upon his arrival on January 29, 2023, he stated, “You’re never getting rid of me,” intensifying Saper’s fear.

Authorities were alerted to this troubling situation when Saper reported Keating’s threats to local Indonesian police. However, despite her pleas for help, reports indicate that law enforcement's response was lacklustre. As of mid-February 2023, the investigation was ongoing, with Saper expressing frustration over the perceived inaction of authorities. She reportedly sought refuge with friends on the island before making the difficult decision to leave, later revealing on Instagram that she had escaped to an undisclosed location.

This alarming incident reflects broader concerns regarding the efficacy of protections for individuals facing stalking and harassment. The case has drawn significant attention, prompting discussions on the need for stronger legal measures and more effective response strategies to protect victims, particularly those in the spotlight. Saper’s experience is not isolated; it showcases a growing trend of influencers and public figures grappling with threats from obsessive fans and the real risks associated with online platforms that enable direct communication.

In a world where personal boundaries can be easily breached, the responsibility lies not only with the authorities but also with social media platforms to ensure safer environments for their users. Saper's case highlights the urgent need for systemic changes in how such incidents are handled, calling attention to the critical intersection of digital harassment and personal safety. As the investigation continues, many will follow the developments closely, hoping for justice and greater protections against such predatory behaviour in the future.

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