

Westley Allan Dodd
“The Vancouver Child Killer”



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Date	Age	Life Event
07/03/1961	0	Dodd was born in Toppenish, Washington and would be the oldest of three children
06/05/1962	11 months	Dodd’s brother was born and he began bathing and sleeping with him. Dodd would continue to bathe with him until he was 7-years-old and sleeping with him in the same bed until he was 10-years-old. Dodd denies any sexual contact with his brother.
05/29/1965	3	Dodd’s sister was born and the only memory he has of her being a baby was his mom breastfeeding her.
1966	4	Dodd stated that when he was in the hospital to have his tonsils removed, he was embarrassed after wetting his pants when his mom was getting him ready for surgery.
June, 1970	8	While at his 8-year-old cousin’s house, Dodd and his cousin sexually experimented by touching their penises together.
September, 1970	9	Dodd’s mom made him change his pants two times in front of two of his aunts and he stated that he felt a lot of embarrassment from this event.
1971	10	Dodd was first rejected by a girl when he pulled down his pants in front of his 6-year-old neighbor; she refused to look at him. Dodd later stated in his letters to a police official that he believes this is the moment he began preferring boys over girls.
1972	11	Dodd began realizing that he had different interests from other children his age when he began searching for pictures of nude beaches so he could see the naked people on the beach.
1973	12	While at school at Chief Joseph Jr. High, Dodd began getting picked on by his peers. Dodd stated that the peers began realizing his interest in boys when a boy had asked him to take a shower with him and then told the rest of his class about Dodd wanting to take a shower with the child.
1973	12	Dodd’s friend described to him about how his step-dad had to use a catheter to urinate. Later, Dodd would begin experimenting with his body and would put straight pins and the filler of ink pens into his penis. Dodd said that he would trick his victims by saying that he could do tricks “kind of like a sword swallower” to

		lure them to his house and then he would molest them.
May 1975	13	Dodd started flashing young children (he said it was because he had started puberty and was not educated about sex). He started out by standing naked in his bedroom window while children passed by on their way to school, but soon learned that this would get him in trouble so he decided to take his "show on the road" by riding around the neighborhood flashing young boys. He chose to flash boys because "boys didn't report me as often as girls." During two months, he had exposed himself to 40 children. Dodd stated that his unhappiness stemmed from his parents constant bickering and their lack of emotional support.
July 1975	14	The police came to Dodd's house after a report of him exposing himself to children, but he was not punished. Because of his fear of getting caught, Dodd began masturbating on a daily basis and experimenting with his genitals. He would put the band of his watch around his genitals, squeezing his testicles through and attach a cord to where the watch would have been. He would then attach weights to the cord to see how much weight his genitals could hold.
1975	14	His Father, Jim Dodd, knew about Westley's sexual deviance through father-son talks, but avoided talking about it with him or authorities.
Fall, 1975	14	Dodd experimented with his sister's friend (age 10) sexually.
Fall, 1975	14	Dodd snuck into his sister's bedroom while she was sleeping and placed her hand on his penis. He then pulled down her pants and was going to have sex with her, but she woke up and pushed him away. Nothing was told about the event.
1975	14	He began describing himself as socially isolated and intimidated by girls, which are the first symptoms of pedophilia
November, 1975	14	Dodd played tug-of-war with his 8-year-old male cousin by tying a string to each of their penises. Afterwards, Dodd had anal sex with his cousin.
1975	14	He molested his own 8-year-old cousin in a closet and her 6-year old brother later that day
December, 1975- January, 1976	14	Dodd got a bicycle for Christmas and would begin flashing himself around town. He had at least 10 victims during this time.
January 1976	14	Dodd began letting his dog lick his rear because he stated that he enjoyed it. In order to get his dog to lick his penis, he would rub feces on it. After the dog bit him, Dodd decided to wipe feces on his stomach, genitals, and thighs and then would masturbate before showering.
May, 1976	14	His parents divorced
August, 1976	15	Dodd got tired of exposing himself and stated that he needed physical contact. In order to fulfill his wish for physical contact, he went to Sacajawea Elementary School and found 3 boys and 3 girls, ages 7-10, who were tricked into playing a "guessing game" with Dodd, in which he would put his penis in each of the children's hands. He later played this game with 3 more children.
March 10, 1977	15	Dodd was arrested for exposing himself to two girls ages 8 and 10, but he was not prosecuted. Instead the authorities recommended counseling. Over the years, Dodd would occasionally attend counseling, but not much. Dodd stated that he was not afraid of the law because he had molested and exposed himself to numerous children before being caught.
1977	16	He was asked to fill in for a neighbor's usual babysitter and molested their two sons ages 1 and 4 and their 3-year-old daughter as they slept
September, 1977	16	He began to masturbate in the Columbia High Auditorium, but he was never caught.
October, 1977	16	Dodd went on his first date with a girl and he later stated that it was one of the worst evenings of his life. He denies any sexual contact with the girl.
December, 1977	16	He began to molest the 3-year-old daughter of his dad's girlfriend.
February,	17	Dodd began running around his block nude.

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Spring, 1979	17	Dodd began molesting his 10-year-old stepbrother.
July, 1979	18	Dodd was working at a Christian music camp where he played strip poker with seven boys ages 9-10.
July, 1979	18	While at camp, he kissed his first girl. He only kissed her once and avoided her the rest of the summer because he felt that she was too experienced for him.
August, 1979	18	Dodd encountered a young boy who was fishing alone in a wooded area. He asked the boy if he wanted to see something "really neat." Once they were alone, he demanded that the boy undress, but they were interrupted by another group of kids before Dodd was able to molest him.
September, 1979	18	Dodd found an empty house in an isolated area one block from the Sacagawea Elementary school. He would take small boys to this house and play strip poker with them.
November, 1979	18	Dodd realized that his only interest was boys and girls under the age of ten after a girl who was a year younger than him asked him out on a date and he refused to go.
July, 1980	19	Dodd went back to the Christian music camp and would shower with three of the boys in his cabin.
October, 1980	19	Dodd attempted to abduct two girls-ages 11 and 7, but they reported him to the police. He admitted to wanting to molest them and having a plan to take them to an isolated area at the river, but he was not incarcerated.
September, 1981	20	He enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Dodd stated that "if I hadn't joined the Navy then I may have been killing within a year"
1981	20	Because of his high entry test scores, he was put on submarine duty. He went to basic training in San Diego, California and graduated in the top 10% of his class.
1981	20	While stationed at a submarine base in Bangor, Washington he preyed on children living on the base.
1981	20	While stationed in Banger, Dodd would take trips to Seattle where he would molest children in a bathroom at a movie theater.
1981	20	Dodd began offering money to children in exchange for them to take their pants down.
1981	20	He discovered that the arcade was a great place to find children who wanted money so he would give children quarters for his demands.
May, 1982	20	Dodd was arrested after offering to pay a few boys \$50.00 each to go into a motel and play strip poker with him. Dodd confessed to the police that he planned to molest the children, but his chargers were dropped for unknown reasons.
12/30/1982	21	He was arrested and discharged from the Navy for "attempting indecent liberties" on a boy. Dodd served 17 days in jail and was ordered to get counseling.
May 1984	22	He was arrested for molesting a 10-year-old boy. Despite the fact that his initial sentence would have put him in jail, he was given a suspended one-year sentence provided that he attends counseling.
August 1, 1984-December, 1984	23	Dodd was convicted in Idaho for molesting a 13-year-old boy, but he only served four months out of his ten year sentence.
August, 1985	24	He took a co-workers 7-year-old son on a fishing trip, for his birthday, where he sexually abused him.
August, 1985	24	While working at a vacuum cleaner company, he molested another boy.
1985	24	He molested his neighbor's 2 and 4-year-old boys on countless occasions, but when the mother discovered what was happening she did not press charges saying that she did not want to traumatize her boys any further.
August, 1986	25	He engaged in sexual intercourse with an 18-month-old son of his coworker.
August,	25	Dodd had his first sexual intercourse with his coworker (who's son he was also

1986		raping). He stated that the only way he had an orgasm was to picture her son.
1986	25	Dodd moved to Seattle, Washington. Dodd stated that “now when I got to Seattle, I had learned I was less likely to be reported for molestation than for an attempt. I decided that from now on I would be a little more forceful. I would no longer accept no as an answer to my requests.”
	25	He began choosing the most vulnerable children, including a roommate’s 2-year-old son who was partially deaf and could not talk. When the boy resisted, Dodd tied his hands with a bathrobe strap.
	25	Dodd began to fantasize about killing his victims. “The more I thought about it, the more exciting the idea of murder sounded. I planned many ways to kill a boy. Then I started thinking of torture, castration, and even cannibalism.”
1987	26	Dodd chose the first child he would murder. His first victim was to be an 8-year-old boy he met while working as a security guard for a construction site. While trying to trick the child to go home with him, the child stated that he was going to go get some of his toys and he ended up telling his mom about Dodd and the police were called. Dodd was arrested, but his sentence was reduced to a “gross misdemeanor” and he spent 118 days in jail, with one year probation
1988	27	Dodd got back together with an old girlfriend who had brought with her a baby that she claimed was his. After five days together in a motel she left him.
	27	Dodd moved to Vancouver, Washington
September 1989	28	Dodd was working as a shipping clerk at Pac Paper where he told his coworkers that he was divorced and his child recently died of “crib death”.
	28	Dodd discovered David Douglas Park, located a mile from his new apartment, where he decided was a “good place for a rape and murder, or kidnap...a good hunting ground.”
09/02/1989	28	On Labor Day weekend, he noticed three boys at the park and they sparked violent fantasies.
09/03/1989	28	Dodd wrote in his diary that “if I can get it home, I’ll have more time for various types of rape, rather than just one quickie before murder.” Like most sociopaths, he depersonalized his target victims.
09/04/1989	28	He packed a fish fillet knife bandaged to his ankle, and shoestrings to tie up his victims. He waited at the park, but he did not see any children without parents so he decided to return home till the evening.
09/04/1989	28	He returned to the park and paced restlessly up the path. After pacing, Dodd encountered two young boys; Billy Neer (WF, 10) and Cole Neer (WM, 10). Dodd told them to get off their bikes, “I want you to come with me.” They did what he said and went with Dodd. Dodd stabbed Billy in the stomach and then attacked Cole as he jumped up catching him in the side with his knife. Billy tried to run away but Dodd caught and stabbed him in the shoulder.
09/04/1989	28	The police came right before Billy died, but he didn’t live long enough to tell them what had happened.
1989	28	After the murders of Billy and Cole, Dodd now realized that rape and murder was not enough; he wanted to perform “experimental surgeries” on his victims.
Late October 1989	28	Dodd plotted his next attack. He decided that Saturday afternoons, after work, was the best time to find a boy.
10/29/1989	28	Lee Iseli (WM, 4), was picked up by Dodd at the Richmond School Playground. Lee’s father had let him and his older brother go to the park and play alone. Dodd took Lee back to his apartment in Vancouver.
10/30/1989	28	Dodd strangled Lee to Death while he was sleeping. Dodd then hung Lee in a tiny closet by a rope and proceeded to take pictures of the boy.
October 1989	28	Dodd dumped Lee’s body at the Pac Paper Plant and discarded Lee in the bush near Vancouver Lake. He burned the child’s clothing, all except for his Ghostbusters underwear – which he stashed away in his brief case under his bed.
11/01/1989	28	In the morning of this day a pheasant hunter discovered Lee’s body at Vancouver

		Lake.
11/01/1989	28	Dr. Ronald Turco prepared a psychological profile of the killer—he would be 25-35 years old, and “kicked out of the military if he served.” He would be a loner, and probably kept photos of his victims, a diary of his offenses, including clipped articles, and child pornography. The killer probably chose boys because he saw girls as “defective.” Although this profile accurately described Dodd, it wasn’t enough to conjure up a definitive suspect.
1989	28	Composite sketches were released, and hundreds of calls came in from people who thought they had seen Lee with someone, but there were no solid leads. Investigators attended Lee’s funeral hoping to spot the killer, but Dodd stayed away. He sat in his room, alone with the diary, and built a “torture rack” out of boards and ropes, intended for his next victim.
1989	28	Dodd decided his best chance now to find a child would be at the movies. He checked the listings for family features. “After a few attempts, there was success – but this time Dodd would be the capture.”
November, 1989	28	William Graves allows for the capture of Dodd. Dodd was questioned and eventually confessed to the murders of Billy and Cole Neer and Lee Iseli. The most incriminating piece of evidence was his briefcase found under his bed.
	28	Dodd was charged with first-degree murder of Billy and Cole Neer and Lee Iseli. Dodd was also charged with attempted kidnapping at the New Liberty Theater. Dodd pleas not guilty.
January, 1990	28	Dodd changes his plea to guilty on all counts against his attorney’s wishes.
1990	28	Dodd read a statement to the judge that indicted him on all charges and admitted all his crimes were premeditated. His defense did not call any witnesses nor did they present any evidence. His attorney did try to argue that he was insane because no sane person would write an account such as Dodd did.
07/15/1990	29	Jury gives Dodd the death penalty. After being sentenced, Dodd asked to be hung because he believed it was the most appropriate execution since he stated: “that’s the way Lee Iseli died.” The judge agreed and set the execution date for January 5, 1993.
January 5, 1993 at 12:05 AM	32	Westley Allan Dodd is executed by hanging. He becomes the first to die in the gallows since 1965.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	Murdered 3 children and molested an estimated 170 children
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Washington
Type of killer	-Antisocial/Sociopath (psychologists described him as a “sadistic murderer”) -Mixed Lust Killer
Height	Unknown

Childhood Information

Date of birth	July 3, 1961
Location	Toppenish, Washington
Birth order	1 st of 3
Number of siblings	2
XY??	Unknown
Raised by	Both parents until they divorced and then it appears he spent equal time with both of his parents
Birth category	Oldest Child

Parent's marital status	Married until he was 15 years old and then they divorced.
Family event	Divorce
Age of family event	14
Problems in school?	Not too bad academically, but he was a loner. He did fail his health class.
Teased while in school?	Yes
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	None
Speech defect?	None
Head injury?	He fell off a fence as a child (age unknown) and was knocked unconscious
Physically abused?	Claims his mother hit him as a child
Psychologically abused?	Dodd stated that his dad criticized a lot of what he did in school and he could never live up to his dad's expectations. He also states that his unhappiness stemmed from his parents bickering and lack of emotional support.
Sexually abused?	Dodd denies
Father's occupation	Dodd's father worked at a grocery store, as a milkman and as a dairy manufacturer
Age of first sexual experience	8
Age when first had intercourse	14
Mother's occupation	Dishwasher
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Dodd denies
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Dodd denies
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	12
Highest degree	High School Diploma
Grades in school	Unknown, but Dodd did say he failed his health class
IQ	Unknown
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	U.S. Navy-Submarine Force
Type of discharge	Discharged from the Navy for "attempting indecent liberties" on a boy.
Saw combat duty	No
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	He worked as a security officer watching a construction site in Seattle, Washington, but he was fired because of trying to abduct a boy.
Fired from jobs?	He was fired from 2 jobs
Types of jobs worked	Security Guard, Submarine Duty, Employee at a Christian Music Camp, and worked as a Shipping Clerk
Employment status during series	Working as a Shipping Clerk at Pac Paper
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Bisexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	Maybe one
Lives with his children	No
Living with	Self
Triad	
Animal torture	Unknown
Fire setting	Unknown

Bed wetting	Yes
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Denies
Abused alcohol?	Denies
Been to a psychologist?	Ordered to seek counseling multiple times, but had little effect
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	Pedophilia
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	He murdered 3 children and molested an estimated 170 children
Victim type	Young boys
Killer age at start of series	28
Gender of victims	Male
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	4, 10, & 10
Method of killing	Stabbed Cole and Billy Neer, suffocated Lee Iseli
Type of serial killer	Organized thrill
How close did killer live?	Within a few miles
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes- Lee Iseli was killed in Dodd's home
Weapon	Knife
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes-Lee Iseli
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Lee Iseli, strangled him then revived him and strangled him again
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	Had thoughts about it, but did not get that far
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Took shoelaces used to tie Neer brothers together and Lee Iseli's underwear
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes, Neer brothers
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes, Lee Iseli

Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	November, 1989
Date convicted	July 15, 1990
Sentence	Death
Killer executed?	Yes
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	Not Applicable
Name and state of prison	Prison name unknown, but Dodd was executed in Washington
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	January 5, 1993 at 12:05 a.m.

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