

William Lee Cody Neal
“Wild Bill Cody”



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Date	Age	Life Event
10-07-1955	0	Born in Fort Belvoir, Virginia (Jackson, 1999). Bill has an older brother (Phil) and three older sisters (Peggy, Sharon). Family moved to San Antonio, Texas.
1965	10	Stole from a local store with a friend and were caught; no legal action reported
1967	12-13	Father started to drink more, reports of physical abuse (Jackson, 1999)
	12-13	Molested a young girl (Jackson, 2002)
	13	Began a sexual relationship with an older, married woman (Jackson, 1999)
	teens	Claimed to have been sexually abused in his teens by a church elder (Jackson, 1999)
		Start of animal abuse, killed a cat with a fork in front of his brother
1972	17	Joined the Army and was raped by a sergeant (Jackson, 1999)
1981	25	Met Karen at a store in the Washington, D.C. area. He would later marry her.
1984	28	Moved to Houston, Texas with Karen and married her after 10 days. Performed the test on her as well. Neal also started to abuse her, choking. Neal worked as a waiter.
1984	28	Bill and Karen get married in Houston, TX
1985	29	Moved up and down the east coast for 8 months Bill and Karen move to Antioch, Tennessee
Oct-Dec 1985	30	Bill and Karen are living out of a van.
12-01-1985	30	Bill tells Karen that he wants a divorce.
1988		Neal and girlfriend Karen Boxer move to Denver, Colorado. Neal gets a job with Denver Burglar Alarm.
09-10-1989	33	Marries Karen Boxer in Portage, Alaska
10/1989	34	Neal and Boxer move to Virginia

03/1990	34	Neal and Boxer move to Clifton Park, NY
November 1990	35	Neal and Boxer separate. Neal takes out \$9,000 in cash advances from Boxer's credit cards and takes \$1,500 from her savings account.
Sep 1992	36	Moved to Denver, Colorado
10-02-1992	36	Begins to date Jennifer (WF, 19), a topless dancer
10-04-1992	37	Jennifer moves in with Neal after only two days of dating
02-26-1993	37	Neal and Jennifer get married in Las Vegas, Nevada (Nevada, Marriage Index, 1956-2005). This is Neal's third marriage.
07-24-1993	37	Neal had a baby daughter with Jennifer. There is some speculation that he abused the baby on one occasion (Jackson, 1999).
May 1995	39	Jennifer and the baby left Cody
Oct 1995	40	His mother dies from cancer
March 1996	40	Divorces Jennifer, has little to no contact with his baby
07-04-1996	40	Met Rebecca Holberton at a party
July 1996	40	Moves in with Rebecca Holberton in Lakewood, CO (Jefferson County). Lives with her for 2 years and steals approximately \$60,000 from her.
August 1996	40	Neal and Jennifer divorce. At this point, Neal is unemployed and \$51,000 in debt (Simpson, Robinson, & Nicholson, 1998).
Dec 1997	42	Met Candace Walters at the Sheraton Hotel
Early June, 1998	42	Holberton made plans to kick Neal out of her house and life.
06-30-1998	42	Told Holberton (WF, 44) that he had a surprise for her (she thought it was her money back) and then kills with a splitting maul, blows to the head. Wrapped her like a mummy in plastic and put her against the wall
07-03-1998	42	Neal killed Candace Walters (WF, 48), told her to keep her eyes shut and hit her multiple times in the head with the maul. After she was dead he urinated on her head and shoulders. He then put her body by Rebecca and put a sheet over her.
07-03-1998	42	8 hours after killing Candace, Neal took two women, Suzanne and her roommate BW out on the town.
07-05-1998	42	Neal was taking Suzanne on a trip to Las Vegas, first wanted to show her a surprise he had for Beth. He blindfolded her, tied her up, and put the human skull on her stomach. He made it clear that she was in danger and that there were other bodies in the room. He then covered her up and warned her that if she screamed she would be killed.
07-05-1998	42	Went to get Angela Fite (WF, 28) to show her a "surprise" (she thought it was a new house) and tied her up in the room as well. After giving her a cigarette, Neal killed Angela the same way as the others while Suzanne watched.
07-05-1998	42	After he had Suzanne give him oral sex, he then raped her
July 5-8, 1998	42	Held Suzanne hostage and threatened her
07-08-1998	42	Jefferson County Sheriffs find the bodies of Holberton, Walters, and Fite in Holberton's town house. Neal is arrested that evening.
07-08-1998	42	Suzanne told BW everything. Allowed them to call a male friend over, 34-year old David Cain. Neal made plans for leaving and possible suicide. Instructed them to call 911 and go outside when he left. The police were called and informed. The police found all of the dead bodies in the townhouse.
07-09-1998	42	Neal is arrested.
07-15-1998	42	Jefferson County District Attorney filed 13 felony charges against Neal
09-14-1998	42	Neal confesses to detectives Jose Aceves and Cheryl Zimmerman about the three murders.
02-25-1999	43	Acted as own attorney and informed the judge that he was, "guilty without a doubt."
09-20-1999	43	Neal's murder trial begins
09-22-1999	43	Court sees video of Neal's confession to the police
09-29-1999	43	Three-judge panel sentences Neal to the death penalty for each woman killed
02-24-2003	48	Colorado Supreme Court rules that Colorado's use of a three-judge panel for

		death sentences is unconstitutional. As a result, Neal's death sentence is changed to life in prison.
General Information		
Sex		Male
Race		White
Number of victims		3 murders
Country where killing occurred		United States
States where killing occurred		Colorado
Cities where killing occurred		Lakewood
Counties where killing occurred		Jefferson
Type of killer		Spree
Height		5'8
Childhood Information		
Date of birth		October 7, 1955
Location		Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Birth order		Youngest
Number of siblings		4 (1 older brother, 3 older sisters)
XYY?		No, not stated
Raised by		Both parents
Birth category		Youngest
Parent's marital status		Married
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?		No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?		No
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?		No
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?		No
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?		No
Family event		Death of his mother in 1995
Age of family event		40
Problems in school?		
Teased while in school?		
Physically attractive?		Yes
Physical defect?		No
Speech defect?		No
Head injury?		None
Physically abused?		Beaten by father with belt, starting approximately at 12 or 13 years old
Psychologically abused?		Sisters would lie to the parents about things Neal would do, so he would receive a beating Father would embarrass him in public (bars) as a teen Mother made it clear he was her favorite or "golden boy"
Sexually abused?		According to Neal, when he was approximately 13, a married women molested him Also as a teen, a church elder sexually abused him and then he was sexually abused while in the Army
Father's occupation		Chief warrant officer in the Air Force
Age when first had intercourse		12 or 13 years old
Mother's occupation		Homemaker
Father abused drugs/alcohol		12 or 13 years old, father started to drink more heavily
Mother abused drugs/alcohol		none
Cognitive Ability		
Highest grade in school		N/A
Highest degree		N/A

Grades in school	N/A
IQ	N/A
Source of IQ information	N/A
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Army
Type of discharge	N/A
Saw combat duty	N/A
Killed enemy during service?	N/A
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	N/A
Types of jobs worked	N/A
Employment status during series	Unemployed, would steal and con others for money
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual (could have mix feeling about men; when he was married he tried to "test" wife with a threesome with other men)
Marital status	Divorced 4 times
Number of children	1
Lives with his children	No, did not spend any time with child
Living with	Girlfriend
Triad	
Animal torture	Yes Killed a cat with a fork Killed his girlfriend's cat with nun chucks Killed a puppy by punching its brains in
Fire setting	N/A
Bed wetting	N/A
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No, but occasionally drank
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	N/A
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	When he was 10-years old, he shoplifted from a local store with a friend. His parents were called but no arrest was made.
Spent time in jail?	No
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	3
Number of victims (confessed to)	3 (Jackson (1999) claims Neal initially confessed to 500, but Neal denies that he confessed to that number)
Number of victims (convicted of)	3
Victim type	Girlfriends
Killer age at start of series	43
Killer age at end of series	43
Date of first kill in series	June 30, 1998

Date of final kill in series	July 5, 1998
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Rebecca Holberton (44), Candace Walters (48), Angela Fite (28)
Type of victim	Girlfriends or lady friends
Method of killing	Blow to the head multiple times using a 7½ pound maul
Weapon	Brought with him
Was gun used?	There was a gun present for manipulation in Scott's case, but no gun was used.
Type	Handgun, but owned a shotgun as well.
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
Type of serial killer	Organized was done for lust and control
How close did killer live?	In a townhouse shared with Rebecca Holberton
Location of first contact	
Location of killing	Victim's home/ His home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes -Rebecca Holberton and Neal's home
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	The 3 killed were tricked into being tied up and then quickly killed. Suzanne was bound and then kept abducted for about 2 days.
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes, Fite and Suzanne
Tortured victims?	No. Contrary to news reports, it does not seem that he tortured his murder victims and he says that he didn't.
Sought victim to kill?	Yes
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	Either blanket over the head or came up from behind
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	Disconnected the skull from body; Urinated on victim
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	Yes, put Fite in a chair
Took totem – body part	A piece of skull bone with hair attached
Took totem – personal item	N/A
Robbed victim or location	Yes, took credit cards
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Fite was in view on a chair
Left at scene, hidden	Holberton and Walters were put in plastic bags and tied up
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, hidden	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	No
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	

Date killer arrested	July 9, 1998
Date convicted	September 29, 1999
Sentence	Initially sentenced to death but death sentence was overturned.
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Did serial killer confess?	Yes. (Jackson (1999) claims Neal initially confessed to 500, but Neal denies that he confessed to that number)
Name and state of prison	Jefferson County Detention Center
Killer committed suicide?	No, but thought about it before being arrested
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A
Cause of death	N/A

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