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| 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 | |

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|  |  | 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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| 1979 |  |  |
| 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 |

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| 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 |

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|  |  | 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 | | | 1st of 3 |
| Number of siblings | | | 2 |
| XYY? | | | 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op 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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