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Protect Yourself Against Child Abuse!

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT LETTER FROM A CONVICTED CHILD ABUSER AND MURDERER. HE WROTE THIS TO HELP PROTECT CHILDREN FROM PEOPLE LIKE HIMSELF WHO HURT BOYS AND GIRLS.



The following letter was written by a man who sexually assaulted and killed three boys, aged 10, 11 and 4 in 1989. Please take the time to read his warnings and remember how to stop someone from hurting you so that the lives, and untimely and gruesome deaths, of William "Billy" Neer (10), Cole Neer (11), and Lee Joseph Iseli (4), will never be forgotten.



WHEN YOU MEET A STRANGER By Wesley Allen Dodd*

Introduction – written by a professional – who I am, what I've done, why this was written. There are things that work that kids can do to protect themselves. I have never molested or harmed any child that resisted me. Sometimes it took just a "no," sometimes it took more.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Many boys and girls are told "don't take candy from strangers," or "don't get in a stranger's car." But what should you do when you're alone, and someone you don't know wants you to go with him, or wants you to pull down your pants, or

do something else you know is bad? What do you do if there is no grown-up around that can help you? Do you do what the stranger wants, and hope he'll go away soon? **NO!**

The stranger is bigger and stronger than you, and you might be scared, but you can make him run away! Sometimes the stranger is just as scared as you are. He's afraid you might do something to get him caught. He'll leave you alone and run away from you.

How can a boy or girl make a grown-up run away when he wants to do something bad to you? What do you do?

JUST SAY NO!

You may have been told "just say no" to drugs. You can also say no to someone who wants you to go somewhere with him. You can say no to a person who tells you to pull down your pants, or take your clothes off.

There are other people like me. We make you take your clothes off. Some of us tell you to get into cars. We can be nice to you, or we can be very mean. Sometimes, some of us want to hurt, or even kill you. But you can still get away.

A boy said no. Then, before I could say or do anything else, he ran away! I ran away too – I went the other way. I didn't want anyone to see me chasing him, and I was afraid he'd send the police back to get me. **NO!**, then **RUN!**

Another boy said no, then tried to run. I grabbed his arm and wouldn't let him go. He finally pulled his pants down and let me touch him, so I'd let him go. Is there anything else he could have done to protect himself? What?

I met another boy – he was 6-years-old. I told him, "You have to come with me." He said **NO** and tried to get away from me, but I picked him up and started to carry him away. He knew he couldn't get away, but he didn't give up. He started screaming and yelled, "Someone help me – he's killing me!"

He kept screaming and yelling for help. I was afraid someone would hear him, so I let him go and ran away. I didn't want to get caught, but the boy ran and told someone what happened and the police caught me ten minutes later.

That 6-year-old boy didn't know what I was going to do. He only knew I was trying to take him away, and something real bad could happen. Instead of being scared and going with me, he yelled for help! He's a hero now because even though was afraid of me, he screamed and yelled for help when he needed it.

Just say **NO!** Then **RUN! SCREAM** – it will scare him away! **YELL for HELP!** Get away fast and tell someone what happened! Always tell someone! Be a **HERO!**



* Dodd was executed on January 5, 1993, for the murders of Billy Neer, Cole Neer, and Lee Iseli.



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