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We tried to make sure Adam didn't die in vain.  
We have always said, if his song is to continue then we must do the singing.  
——— *John Edward Walsh* ———

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## Missing Person

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OF

## Adam Walsh



**DESCRIPTION:** Age: 6 years old  
Height: 3' 6"  
Weight: 45 lbs.  
Eyes: Hazel  
Build: Slight  
Hair: Straight Sandy Blond  
  
Other: Missing one top  
tooth with second  
tooth coming in

**CLOTHING WORN WHEN LAST SEEN:**

Parts: Green shorts  
Shirt: Short sleeve pullover,  
predominantly red & white striped  
Shoe: Rubber Sandals  
(Yellow Bottoms and Blue Straps)  
Hat: Beige Colored  
Boat Captain's Hat

PLEASE help us find Adam Walsh. Last seen and missing from Hollywood Mall Sears Toy Department, Monday, July 27, 1981, around 12 noon.

We are willing to negotiate ransom on ANY terms. Strict confidentiality. **DO NOT FEAR REVENGE!** We will not prosecute. We only want our son. If desired, contact any radio or T.V. station, newspaper or any other media as a neutral party for negotiations or information. We want Adam home. If you think you see him, ask him his name.

If you have any information, PLEASE call or write either:

Hollywood Police Department  
3250 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood, Florida 33021  
Detective Bureau: (305) 921-3911

Parents:  
John and Reve Walsh  
2801 McKinley Street  
Hollywood, Florida 33020  
Phone: (305) 922-4454

File poster from the Hollywood Police Department, Florida.

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EXPANDED EDITION

The Complete Story of the ADAM WALSH Case and Police Misconduct

**CRIME SCENE - DO NOT INVESTIGATE**



Photographer: Mike Stocker/Sim-Sentinel

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**CRIME SCENE - DO NOT INVESTIGATE.** The paperback book cover was also designed by me.

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# *Dedication*

*This book is dedicated to  
Adam and the Walsh family.*



*Adam Walsh*

*Injustice anywhere  
Is a threat to  
Justice everywhere*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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PHOTO ABOVE: 1981—The author at work in the *Miami Herald* pressroom.

## INTRODUCTION

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My name is Willis Morgan. I was in the Hollywood Mall on July 27, 1981, the day that Adam Walsh went missing. I was compelled to write this book so that the true and complete story of the Adam Walsh case could be told. (In spite of what has been written elsewhere, I know it has not been, at least not until now—because I was there.) This is the account of Adam Walsh's abduction and of my attempts—spanning decades—to find justice for him. As much as this book is a case of Jeffrey Dahmer being Adam's abductor and murderer, it is equally a study of how the Hollywood Police Department (HPD) conducted the homicide investigation while becoming the greatest ally and defender of America's most notorious serial killer.

*Frustrated Witness! The Complete Story of the Adam Walsh Case and Police Misconduct* goes beyond the events of July 27, 1981, to unravel police misconduct that includes an intricate web of incompetence, ignorance, corruption, lies, arrogance, and misuse of power that enabled the Hollywood Police Department to betray their oath and pin Adam's murder on an innocent man.

The HPD now employs 337 police officers, as well as 263 civilian support personnel. They handle an average of 139,000 calls for police services a year. I know some readers might take issue with my excessive berating of the HPD, so I want to take a moment to make it clear that this book is not a condemnation of every rank-and-file police officer. There are a lot of good police officers in this police department. My issue is with the homicide detectives who participated in this case, and the hierarchy that continues to protect them.

I am trying, in some small way, to make up for what I didn't—and couldn't—do well over four decades ago. That is why I have worked so hard to bring to light these facts and logical deductions. I present the truth of the case, using percipient witnesses who were never called, and the HPD's own bulging case files, which were sealed for so many years but can now be downloaded for free at [JusticeForAdam.com](http://JusticeForAdam.com). Right after Adam's abduction, I tried to report to the HPD what I had witnessed at the Hollywood Mall, but they totally discounted everything I said.



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Everyone knows the story of Jeffrey Dahmer, and there are plenty of books that have been written about him. This book focuses on what most other books have conveniently left out. This is the untold story of Dahmer's service in Germany and his sojourn in South Florida. Many of the books I have read about Dahmer barely mention Germany, and some do not mention his six-month stay in South Florida at all. It really bothers me whenever I hear Ottis Toole's name mentioned in relation to the Adam Walsh case. I always knew that Adam's abductor had to be that guy I encountered on the same day, at the same time, and at the same location where Adam was last seen. I just didn't have a name to put on that face until ten years later, when I saw Jeffrey Dahmer's mugshot and name in the newspaper. As the HPD closed the Walsh case and said that Ottis Toole was guilty, I have also dedicated a chapter to Toole to indicate that he was not involved in this case.

During the December 16, 2008, conference where it was announced that the Adam Walsh case was being closed, with an authoritative tone, Police Chief Chad Wagner fed the Walsh family and the media more baloney than would fit in any New York deli sandwich.

### When It Comes to True Crime, We Often Care Little for the True Story

Mainstream media outlets accepted the transparently contrived story as the truth without investigating it or showing even the slightest bit of skepticism. As a consequence, the media ate the sandwich. The following are just some of the headline stories that ran the day after the closing:

- Case Closed: Police ID Adam Walsh Killer (ABC News)
- Cops Solve '81 Slaying of *AMW* Host John Walsh's Son (NBC News)
- Cops: 1981 Adam Walsh Murder Solved (CBS News)
- The Murder of Adam Walsh: A 27-Year Mystery Solved (FOX News)
- Police ID Killer of 'Most Wanted' Host's Son (USA TODAY)
- Adam Walsh Murder Case Closed (*America's Most Wanted*)
- Adam Walsh Case Finally Solved (*Newsday*)

### CNN BREAKING NEWS

#### Police: Drifter Killed Adam Walsh in 1981

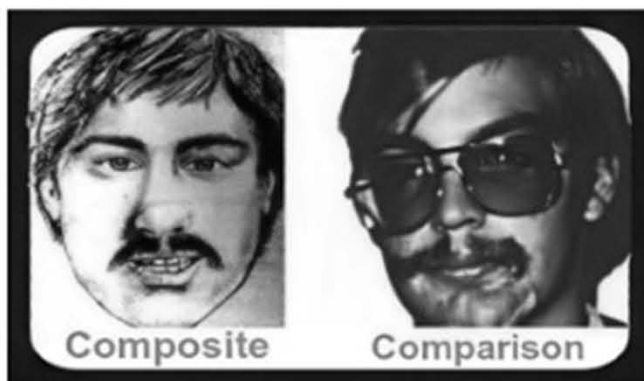
(CNN) — A deceased drifter long suspected in the abduction, murder, and beheading of 6-year-old Adam Walsh committed the crime that put missing children on the national agenda, police said Tuesday...

Afterward, I tried to tell all the top media outlets the true story, but in the gold-rush frenzy of media competition, they were more interested in getting the official story out than in knowing the truth. Since most got the story wrong, my frustration as a witness was greatly exacerbated. Getting the HPD, the State Attorney's Office, and the courts to listen has proven harder than I ever imagined. This, then, is my odyssey as a frustrated witness. And this is Adam's story as much as it is mine.

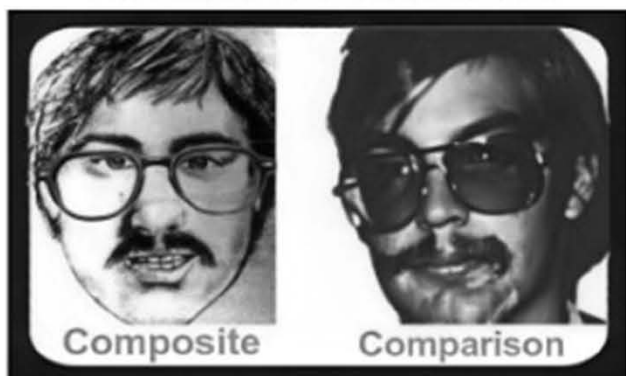
PHOTO RIGHT: Adam Walsh in his first-grade yearbook photo. He is wearing the same red and white striped short-sleeved Izod Lacoste shirt that he was abducted in.



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This is an interactive book in conjunction with  
[JusticeForAdam.com](http://JusticeForAdam.com) & [FrustratedWitness.com](http://FrustratedWitness.com)



NOTE: An offline version of "Justice for Adam" and "Frustrated Witness" can also be viewed on a USB drive at the Hollywood Historical Society, Hollywood, Florida. The reason I did this is because someday, when the websites are no longer available online, ambitious readers will still be able to access them.

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