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*Don't F**k with Cats: Hunting an Internet Killer*

*Don't F**k With Cats: Hunting an Internet Killer* is a 2019 true crime docuseries about an online manhunt.^[1] It is directed by Mark Lewis and was released on Netflix on December 18, 2019.^{[1][2]} The series chronicles events following a crowd-sourced amateur investigation into a series of animal cruelty acts committed by Canadian pornographic actor Luka Magnotta, culminating in his murder of Chinese international student Jun Lin. It was one of Netflix's Top 5 most-watched documentaries of 2019.^[3]

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Premise

The three-part docuseries follows a group of amateur internet sleuths who launched a manhunt for Luka Magnotta after he gained international notoriety in 2010 for sharing a graphic video online of himself killing two kittens.^{[4][1]} Magnotta was later convicted for murdering Chinese international student Jun Lin in grisly circumstances in 2012.^{[5][6]}

Early investigation

The series started with Deanna Thompson, a data analyst for a casino in Las Vegas, and John Green, from Los Angeles.^[4] In 2010, a viral video called *1 boy 2 kittens* was linked on Facebook and posted on YouTube. The viral video shows a man playing with two kittens before he puts them in a very tight vacuum seal bag and vacuums out the air, suffocating the kittens. Thompson and Green subsequently



Promotional release poster

Genre	<u>True crime</u> <u>Documentary</u>
Written by	Mark Lewis
Directed by	Mark Lewis
Theme music composer	Blue Spill
Country of origin	United States
Original language	English
No. of episodes	3
Production	
Executive producers	Dimitri Doganis Adam Hawkins
Producer	Felicity Morris
Production company	<u>Raw TV</u>

started a Facebook group to build evidence and find the perpetrator. The group worked together to examine the details of the video, including the objects in the room, to help solve the mystery.

Cast

Cast	Role	Episodes
John Green	Himself	3 episodes
Deanna Thompson	Herself—aka " <u>Baudi Moovan</u> "	3 episodes
Det. Sgt. Claudette Hamlin	Herself— <u>Montreal Police</u> , Homicide	2 episodes
Antonio Paradiso	Himself—Montreal Police, Homicide	2 episodes
Anna Yourkin	Herself—Luka Magnotta's Mother	2 episodes
Benjamin Xu	Himself—Jun Lin's Best Friend	2 episodes
Marc Lilge	Himself—Berlin Police	2 episodes
Mike Nadeau	Himself—Janitor	1 episode
Joe Panz	Himself—Rescue Ink	1 episode
Joe Warmington	Himself—Journalist, Toronto Sun	1 episode
Henri	Himself—Undercover Detective Fugitive Task Force	1 episode
Romeo Salta	Himself—Attorney	1 episode
Kadir Anlayisli	Himself—Internet Cafe Employee	1 episode
Joel Watts	Himself—Defense Psychiatrist	1 episode

Distributor	<u>Netflix</u>
Release	
Original network	Netflix
Original release	December 18, 2019
External links	
	<u>Netflix</u> (https://www.netflix.com/ca/title/81031373)

Episodes

No.	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original release date
1	"Cat and Mouse"	Mark Lewis	Mark Lewis	December 18, 2019
	A shocking online video brings together a widespread internet group of animal lovers out for justice. Their target, meanwhile, has more horrors planned.			
2	"Killing for Clicks"	Mark Lewis	Mark Lewis	December 18, 2019
	A new video pushes panic to the next level, galvanizing the "internet nerds" to intensify their own painstaking investigation as police join the hunt.			
3	"Closing the Net"	Mark Lewis	Mark Lewis	December 18, 2019
	With the killer's identity -- and twisted motives -- revealed, the group finds more key clues as the global police manhunt reaches a fever pitch.			

Reception

Two weeks after its debut, the docuseries became one of Netflix's Top 5 most-watched documentaries of 2019.^[3] On the review aggregator website *Rotten Tomatoes*, the series has a 67% approval rating, based on 12 reviews, with an average rating of 8/10. The website's consensus reads, "*Don't F**k With Cats* offers an intriguing tale, but questionable intent and muddled storytelling make it a hard sell for anyone but true crime completists."^[7]

Accolades

Year	Award	Category	Nominee(s)	Result	Ref.
2020	British Academy Television Awards	Best Factual Series or Strand	Mark Lewis, Felicity Morris, Michael Harte and Dimitri Doganis	Nominated	[8]
	British Academy Television Craft Awards	Best Director: Factual	Mark Lewis	Nominated	
		Best Editing: Factual	Michael Harte	Won	
	Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards	Outstanding Writing for a Nonfiction Program	Mark Lewis (for "Closing the Net")	Won	[9]

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