

An In-depth Analysis of the True Living Vampires of the Modern Era (Since the French Revolution in 1789)

ABSTRACT: True Living Vampires, inter-alia could be identified as another category of vampires who are living human beings or historical true characters, suffering from a blood fetish or an infatuation or an obsession to drink or suck blood from their victims. In their psychosis or syndromic mentality, they cannot survive without drinking blood, mostly human blood. In the modern medical terminology, this category of vampires is supposed to be suffering from an ailment called “Haematomania” or in other words, “Clinical Vampirism” which syndrome could be explained as a morbid psychosexual desire to consume human blood. According to the research carried out by the writer, such vampires were/are found throughout the history of many countries and have become true living people known by their associates, neighbours and the law enforcement authorities. Consequently, most of them are accused of raping, sodomizing, mutilating and finally murdering their victims and as a result, eventually condemned to death, to life imprisonment, to certain terms in prison or confined to mental asylums/ institutions. Most of these vampires have been classified as “Serial Killers” both in the West as well as in the East.

Introduction

In contrast to the traditional vampire motif and ontogeny, namely, already dead people who had come back to their former life as Revenants, we could identify another category of

vampires who are living people or historical true characters, suffering from a blood fetish or an infatuation/obsession to drink or suck blood from their victims; in their psychological thinking or in their syndromic mentality, they cannot survive without drinking blood, on most occasions, human blood. In the modern medical terminology, this category of vampires is supposed to be suffering from an ailment called “Haematomania” which syndrome could be explained as a morbid psychosexual desire to consume human blood. According to the prudent, meticulous and investigative research done by the writer, such vampires were/are found throughout the history of many countries and have become true living people known by their associates, neighbours and the law enforcement authorities; consequently, most of them are accused of raping, sodomizing, mutilating and in the end, murdering their victims belonging to both genders. As an inevitable result, they are eventually condemned to death, to life imprisonment, to certain terms in prison or confined to mental asylums/ institutions for indefinite periods.

In large highly populated Western countries like the USA, UK and Canada where private human blood collecting centres are numerous, it has often been reported that the blood available in such centres is purchased frequently by private individuals and by the end of each day, such centres run dry of their blood supplies. This scenario invariably speaks of a state of affairs confirming that the people who patronize these blood collecting centres buy blood for the mere purpose of personal consumption and not for any surgical purpose.

What seems to be the reason for these people to purchase blood from these collecting centres? One can conjecture that although such people do suffer from haematomania and need blood to satiate their thirst for blood, they have no inclination to kill others or use force on others in order to obtain blood, perhaps fully comprehending the gravity of the repercussions of such a criminal course of action. Hence, they covertly obtain their requirements of blood by means of purchasing.

It is found that over the centuries, there existed and still existing, many people who have manifested vampiric action and behaviour through crime. Most of these individuals, who may be termed as Real Vampires in the popular nomenclature, have demonstrated symptoms of what psychologists refer to as “hematomania”, a kind of blood fetish, or in other words, “clinical vampirism”, a morbid and strong compulsion to consume blood thereby satisfying their psychological and more often than not, their sexual needs and wants. Occasionally, the vampires are also found to eat cooked human flesh while consuming blood. Many individuals who have been subjected to this condition seem to have found legal means in order to obtain the blood they require, such as a willing donor or sometimes draining and storing one’s own blood for later use and consumption. Nonetheless, there are quite a large number of people who resorted to crime and unlawful methods with a view to meeting and satisfying their blood fetish and it must be emphasized that a remarkable number have been added to the West’s most notorious serial killer list as well as that of the East though not very conspicuously prominent.

A Comprehensive Compilation of the Modern True Vampires and the Psychosexual Manifestations in their Behaviour

The following reported and well-documented cases substantiated by authenticated Police records, medical examinations and court proceedings as well as newspaper reports and relevant reliable illustrations originating from various countries the world over, exemplifying vampiric traits and crimes, could be cited as manifestations of “Real Vampirism” belonging to the modern era. However, a conspicuous distinction needs to be drawn between the True Living Vampires of the Modern Era and the True Vampires of the Medieval Period in that the former category was Living Real Vampires who entertained a morbid appetite, a psychosexual mindset and a lustful desire to drink blood from their victims whereas the latter

category was Real Vampires who had risen from the dead or the living dead or put it in another way, the Undead, who had returned to their former life and indulged in bloodsucking from their victims and created mayhem in their peaceful day to day life. It must be reiterated that only the accounts of true vampires of the modern era that have been authentically substantiated are enumerated hereunder:

1. Martin Dumollard (1810-1862) aka “The Murderer of Maids”, “The Monster of Montluel” and “The Vampire of Lyon”: Being a resident in Montluel, Rhone-Alpes, France, Dumollard with the collaboration of his wife, Marianne Martinet, lured several young women with the promise of work with attractive payments and brought them to their house in Lyon on different occasions. Once the victims were inside their home they were battered and strangled and it was reported that Dumollard drank their blood. The corpses of their victims were later discovered buried around their house and in the nearby forest. The first dead body discovered in a thicket on 8th February, 1855 belonged to a young female by the name of Marie Baday that was stripped and subjected to gross sexual outrage. Upon reports to the Police by some victims who were fortunate enough to escape from Dumollard, his vampiric crimes were investigated and the criminal account against him stood as follows from 1855 to 1861: Three young women, unknown, murdered and flung into the river Rhone, murder of Marie Baday whose naked body found in Montaverne in 1855, murder of an unidentified girl whose skeleton found in Montmain wood, murder of Marie-Eulalie Bussod whose body found in Communes wood, and attempts at robbery and assassination of women named, Josephte Charletty, Olympus Alubert, Jean Marie Bourgeois, Victorine Perrin, Julie Fargeat, Louise Michel, Marie Pichon and also three others unidentified.

The trial lasted for several days. Martin Dumollard was convicted of all the charges preferred against him and was executed by guillotine on March 8, 1862. His wife Marianne was

sentenced to 20 years hard labour as an accomplice to the crimes committed. (Newton; Spicer, 2012; Cook, July, 2008; Guffroy, 1869.)

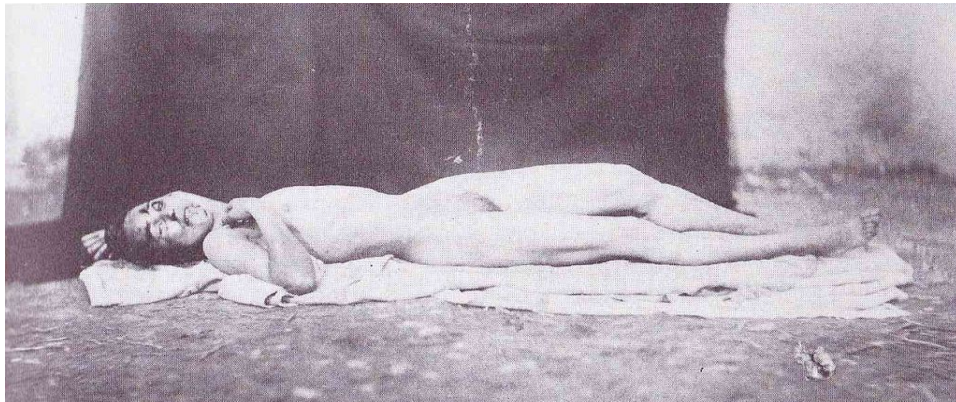


Figure-1. Naked Dead Body of Marie Baday on the steps of the Church of Bernabe in 1855.



Figure-2. Martin Dumollard & Marianne Martinet.



Figure-3. From Madame Tussard's Chamber of Horrors. This is no mere death mask-but the actual skin of Martin Dumollard executed in 1862

2. James Brown-America's First Vampire: How does the story of the first vampire to set foot on American shores begin? An excerpt from a New York Times archives article published on November 5, 1892, reads as follows:

“Twenty-five years ago he (James Brown) was charged with being a vampire and living on human blood. He was a Portuguese sailor, and shipped on a fishing-smack from Boston up the coast in 1867. During this trip two of the crew were missing, and an investigation made. Brown was found one day, in the hold of the ship, sucking the blood from the body of one of the sailors. The other body was found at the same place, and had been served in a similar manner.”

James Brown, the vampire sailor was arrested and convicted of murder and was sentenced to be hanged. President Andrew Johnson commuted the death sentence passed on Brown to life imprisonment. However, Brown’s days at sea were over though his murdering was far from over as he went on to murder two more people while in prison. Consequently, the authorities decided that Brown was rather insane and he was confined to an asylum in 1892.

Perhaps, it might be interesting to know why President Johnson commuted Brown’s death sentence but, whatever the reason, the remarkable fact remains that Andrew Johnson becomes the only President of the USA to have saved a vampire from hanging nevertheless this action of his has done nothing to add lustre to his legacy. (Shay, *Fate 2*, 4-November, 1949)

A PRISONER WITH A HISTORY.

SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND CANNIBALISM. .

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 4.—Deputy United States Marshal Williams of Cincinnati has removed James Brown, a deranged United States prisoner, from the Ohio Penitentiary to the National Asylum at Washington, D. C. The prisoner fought like a tiger against being removed.

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After serving fifteen years in Massachusetts he was transferred to the Ohio prison. He has committed two murders since his confinement.

Figure-4. New York Times news item published on 5th November, 1892.



Figure-5. An Artist's Illustration of James Brown vampirizing two sailors on a fishing-smack

3. Vincenzo Verzeni (1849-1918) aka “The Vampire of Bergamo” and “The Women’s Strangler”: Gone down in history as the ‘Strangler of Women’, Verzeni is considered the earliest serial killer in Italy of whom detailed and accurate records exist. Born in Bottanuco, Bergamasco region, Lombardia, Italy in 1849, Verzeni comes from a traumatic family background where his frequently drunken and violent father used to beat his wife and son with the inevitable consequences of him cultivating anger, frustration and resentment causing panic throughout the Bergamasco countryside, during a period that lasted from 1870 through 1873, and completely eluding the Police in all their efforts to capture him.

His first victim was 14 year old Giovanna Motta who on her way to join her family in Suisio was attacked by him and her dead body surfaced four days later, horrendously mutilated neck showing signs of bites and her entrails and genitals removed while the flesh of a calf was

torn. He killed another woman named Elisabetta Pagnoncelli whose body was found in conditions similar to that of Giovanna Motta, bite marks on her neck, organs removed and strips of flesh torn, and attacked six more women. Most of his victims were related to him and he was arrested over the testimony of a woman he attacked in the night previous to his second killing. He confessed that he had the idea of taking his first victim Giovanna Motta's body to his house to cook her flesh but panicked and hid her body under some straw where her mother found her. This scenario emphatically manifests the fact that Verzeni, in no uncertain terms, exhibited the undeniable vampiric traits of a true living vampire who even resorted to cannibalism.

Dr. Cesare Lombroso was called upon to examine Verzeni because of his expertise in the field of psychiatry and he was of the view that Verzeni was partially insane. Dr. Lombroso quoted Verzeni during the trial as saying, "I have really butchered some of the women, and I have tried to strangle a few more, because I take immense pleasure in these acts. The scratches found on their thighs weren't the products of my nails, but of my teeth because after the strangulation, I bit her and sucked the blood that dripped out which I enjoyed very much." Dr. Lombroso maintained that Verzeni came from a family affected by retardation and he, in

particular, was affected by necrophilomania or insanity for monstrous or bloody love affairs.

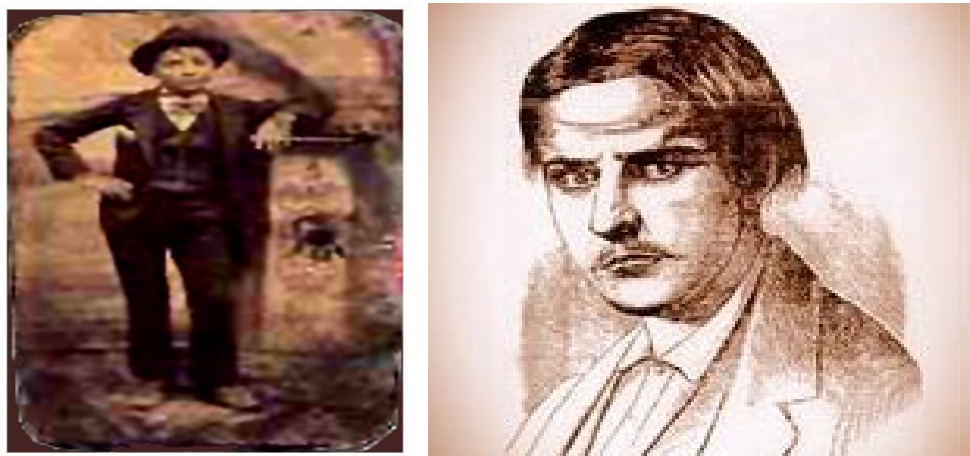


Figure-6. The only Picture of Vincenzo Verzeni & an Artist's Drawing of him

Convicted of double murder in 1873, Verzeni escaped the death sentence due to the votes of the jury and was sentenced to life in prison for the criminally insane in the Pia Casa della Senavra of Milan and to hard labour for life. It is reported that he was kept in closed psychiatric confinement but released later. He died on December 31, 1918.

(Penta, 1893; Centini, 2010; Bassini, 2012.)



Figure-7. The Mummy of Vincenzo Verzeni preserved in the Museum of Art Criminological. (Roberto Paparella)

4. Joseph Vacher (1869-1898) aka “The French Ripper” or “South-East Ripper”: Born in Beaufort, Isere, France in 1869 as the last of the 15 children of an illiterate poor farmer, Joseph Vacher was sent to a very strict Catholic school. In 1892, he joined the army but in frustration that he did not receive the due recognition and attention he deserved, he attempted to kill himself twice by slicing his throat. In 1893, while in military conscription, he fell in love with a young maidservant, Louise who was not attracted to him at all. At the conclusion of his service in the army, Vacher tried to woo Louise and propose marriage but she mocked and rejected him. In a fit of rage at rejection, he shot her four times and tried to commit suicide by shooting himself on the head twice with the inevitable result of paralyzing one side of his face. As a consequence of shooting, Louise was badly injured but nevertheless fortunate enough to survive, although Vacher was confined into a mental institution in Dole,

Jura. One year later, the doctors in the mental institution issued him the 'completely cured' certificate and released him. Thus, shortly after his release, at the age of 25 in 1894, he commenced his murder spree.

He started drifting from one place to another in a vagrant lifestyle, hiking through the towns with no apparent destination in mind. Perhaps what he entertained in his mind was the sadistic rape and murder of whoever catching his fancy. His first known victim was 21 year old Eugenie Delhomme, a factory girl whom he stabbed, disembowelled, and raped her after her death near Vienne in June, 1894. During the three-year period beginning in 1894, he murdered and sexually mutilated at least one woman, five teenage girls and five teenage boys stabbing them repeatedly, often disembowelled, raped and sodomized, some of the bodies bearing human bite marks. Many of his victims were shepherds watching their flocks in isolated fields. In 1897, he tried to assault a woman gathering wood in a field in Ardeche but she fought back and screamed thus alerting her husband and son who came rushing to the spot and soon overpowered Vacher and took him to the Police. Despite their belief that they had apprehended the man responsible for the alleged crimes, the Police had little evidence that Vacher was really the killer who committed the series of murders. However, eventually, with little apparent prompting, Vacher confessed to committing all eleven murders stating that he committed them all in moments of frenzy and added that as his victims died, he drank blood from their necks.

Subsequent to his arrest, Vacher claimed that he was insane and attempted to prove it in many ways. Nevertheless, he was pronounced legally sane after a prolonged and discreet investigation by a team of medical doctors headed by the eminent Professor Alexandre Lacassagne. He was tried and convicted by the Cour d'Assises of Ain in the county where he had murdered two of his victims and was sentenced to death on October 28, 1898 and executed by guillotine two months later on December 31, 1898.

(Starr, 2010; Kershaw, 1955; Lane, 1994)



Figure-8. Two Mugshots of Joseph Vacher



Figure-9. Artists' Drawings of Stabbings and Mutilation Committed by Joseph Vacher

5. Peter Kurten (1883-1931) aka “The Vampire of Dusseldorf” and “The Dusseldorf Monster”: Kurten, contemporaneously cited as a Real Vampire who became famous as the “Dusseldorf Vampire” and reported to be a serial killer in Germany who committed a series of murders and sexual assaults during the years 1929-30 in the city of Dusseldorf, though in actual fact, he really began his killing spree in 1913. Born in Mulheim am Rhein, Germany, he was the eldest of 13 children whose father happened to be a brutal alcoholic with sadistic tendencies who repeatedly sexually assaulted his mother and his sisters which incidents were witnessed by him and soon he began emulating his father by sexually abusing his sisters. In his younger days, he lived with the town’s dogcatcher and claimed that he remembered enjoying the killing of unclaimed dogs. Ironically, he had set a record of killing the first person at the age of only nine years where he pushed one of his playmates into water and repeated that same crime with a second boy who tried to save the first.

At the age of 17, he attempted to rape and kill a young woman for which offence he was imprisoned for four years. After his release from the jail, he lived as a vagrant in the streets but a year later he was again sent to the prison being convicted for a series of thefts and burglaries. He claimed that he killed two fellow prisoners by poisoning them. Back on the streets of Dusseldorf in 1913, he began his actual killing spree by sexually assaulting and murdering a ten year old girl, Christine Klein, by cutting her throat with a knife during a course of a burglary. It was reported that he experienced psychosexual orgasm as blood spurted out from the girl’s neck exhibiting the true vampiric traits of a living real vampire.

Nevertheless, it was not until 1929 that Kurten started his series of crimes which earned him a name as a hard-core criminal. In February, 1929, he tried to kill a woman and really murdered two children, one girl and one boy by stabbing. Due to the inefficiency of the Police, on many occasions he escaped from the attempted murder cases, so much so that for the crime he committed by stabbing the boy to death, the Police accused a mentally-ill man

and convicted him as responsible for the murder. In August, 1929 alone, he killed nine people and most of them happened to be young women and continued killing more people through the winter of 1929-30. What he mostly did was stabbing his victims and mutilating them. It was evident that by killing somebody, basically he derived a psychosexual carnal excitement by seeing blood, manifestly exhibiting the true vampiric traits of a living vampire. It was also reported that he began drinking the blood flowed out of his victims and ultimately became sick as a consequence but yet continued doing so. On one occasion, he bit the wound he made on his victim and drank the blood spurted out of it.

In May, 1929, he accosted a young woman named Maria Budlick to his home and then to the nearby woods where he raped her and attempted to strangle her but strangely and inexplicably stopped his crime and released her; when she complained and identified him, the Police arrested him. In the course of Kurten's crime spree, it is said that he thoroughly confused the Police by continually altering his modus operandi in killing. It was only when he started his confessions on each crime and began narrating the accurate circumstances in relation to each of them, the doubts the Police entertained about the crimes he perpetrated could be cleared. Consequently, he was convicted of the killings he committed and executed by decapitation on 2nd July, 1931 in Cologne.

While Kurten was awaiting execution, he was interviewed by Professor Karl Berg, a distinguished German psychologist, whose interviews and resulting analysis of Kurten formed the basis of his book entitled "The Sadist". According to Prof. Berg, Kurten had revealed that his primary motive in killing was to derive sexual pleasure and had added that the number of stab wounds on his victims varied because he sometimes took a longer time to achieve orgasm and that the sight of blood was integral to his sexual stimulation.

Thus, it must be emphasized that Peter Kurten demonstrated a vampiric trait and behaviour due to his psychosexual obsession with mutilation and blood and could be considered as a Real Vampire in search of blood in order to satiate his carnal desires and infatuations.

(Glut, 1971; Kurten—The Vampire of Dusseldorf. 1993; Volta, 1962; Wagner, 1932; Godwin, 1938; Berg, 1945.)



Figure-10. Mugshot of Peter Kurten taken in 1931.

6. Bela Kiss (1877-?) (Kiss pronounced as ‘Kish’) aka “The Monster of Czinkota”: Bela Kiss was a tinsmith who lived in Czinkota, presently a part of Budapest, Hungary. He was known as a family man and an amateur astrologer and in February 1912, at the age of 35 he moved to the village of Czinkota with his wife Marie who was only 20 years of age. Perhaps due to the age difference and sexual incompatibility between the two, within a matter of weeks Marie found a clandestine lover named Paul Bikari. Since Kiss had cultivated good relationship with his neighbours, in December 1912, he sadly told them the story that his wife Marie had eloped with her lover Paul. In order to keep the home fires burning, Kiss hired an elderly housekeeper by the name of Mrs. Jakubec who learned to ignore the parade of women who visited and spent time with Kiss consequent to his correspondence with them with the promise of marriage.

Around the same time, his neighbours observed that Kiss had begun to collect large metal drums and being informed of this fact, he told the curious town constable that these large drums were filled with gasoline which commodity was expected to be scarce with the approach of war in Europe. Meanwhile, the authorities in Budapest were in the process of seeking information on the sudden disappearance of two widows, named Schmeidak and Katherine Varga who were last seen in the company of a man named Hoffmann. Also around this time, some more women were reported to be missing in Budapest and the only clues the Police had about their disappearance were that they had been going to meet a man named Hoffmann. But the Police experienced difficulty in tracing this Hoffmann who seemed to have just vanished. The Czinkota Police were quite aware of the search for Hoffmann, but they never imagined connecting him with Kiss.

In November 1914, Bela Kiss was drafted into the army and after the elapse of 18 months he was found to be missing and presumed to be dead in combat, which news was sent to his town that he was dead. In July 1916, Budapest Police received a call from a Czinkota landlord who had found seven large metal drums presumably containing gasoline. Consequently, the town constable remembered the stockpile of gasoline belonging to Bela Kiss who was now dead and led the needy soldiers to them. Upon attempting to open the drums, as a suspicious odour was noted, the Police in Budapest was informed. Detective Chief Charles Nagy then took over the investigations and opened one of the drums and discovered that it contained the naked body of a strangled woman immersed in alcohol. The other Drums too yielded the similar gruesome contents. A search of Kiss's house finally resulted in the discovery of a total of 24 bodies belonging to 1 male and 23 females whose corpses were found to be drained of blood. These dead bodies were later identified as belonging to Kiss's wife Marie and her lover Paul Bikari, the two widows, Schmeidak and

Katherine Varga, and other missing women including Margaret Toth, Julianne Paschak and Elizabeth Komeromi.

This case against the vampiric murderer Bela Kiss who had raped 23 women and later strangled them with a rope and killed 1 man and drained the blood from their bodies was taken up in Courts but nevertheless, since Kiss had been killed in battle, it was closed on the 24 murders. Although the case against this serial killer was closed from a legal point of view, his real existence seemed to be shrouded in utter mystery.

However, it could be surmised that when Bela Kiss moved to Czinkota with his wife Marie, he did not possess the mentality and behaviour of a vampiric killer. Nevertheless, due to the infidelity of his young wife, he, in no uncertain terms, might have cultivated a profound hatred towards young women which psychosis precipitated him to embark upon a series of killing of young women, following the typical vampire style, and swindle their money and possessions too, until such time he came to know that the law enforcement officers were well and truly after him.



Figure-11. A Photograph of Bela Kiss and an Artist's Drawing of Bela Kiss.



Figure-12. Large Metal Drums that contained dead bodies.



**Figure-13. Katherine Varga
-A Victim.**



Figure-14. A Victim-Inside a Drum. Figure-15. Margaret Toth-A Victim

The autopsies conducted on the dead bodies revealed that all of them were strangled and later pickled them in alcohol in sealed metal drums. Further, it was found that all the dead bodies had puncture marks on their necks which spelt the gruesome story that they were drained of blood. This phenomenon led the Police to believe that Bela Kiss was some kind of vampire

who demonstrated vampiric traits. They also concluded that his eventual fate and the exact number of his victims remain unknown.

(Greig, 2005; Artuad, 1972; Everitt, 1993; Newton, 1999; Dail, H. *True Detective Mysteries*. “The Seven Dead Ladies in Kossuth Street”; Vintage Broadcasts #8633. *Unsolved Mysteries*. “Mystery Man”).)

7. Friedrich Heinrich Karl “Fritz” Haarmann (1879-1925) aka “The Vampire of Hanover” and “The Butcher of Hanover”: Fritz Haarmann was a serial killer who lived in Hanover, Germany and whose name was tagged as one of the Real Vampires of the modern era by Vampiologists. Born on 25th October, 1879 in Hanover as the sixth child of poor parents, Haarmann was, as a child, said to be extremely afraid of his father. At the age of 16 years, due to the urging of his parents, he enrolled into a military academy and performed well as a trainee soldier but just after one year in the academy, he began to suffer seizures and was discharged from the army on medical grounds. After returning to Hanover, he secured employment in a cigar factory. However, in 1898, he was arrested on a charge of child molestation but on the advice of a psychologist he was sent to a mental asylum indefinitely. Six months later escaping from there, he fled to Switzerland. There he lived on the streets as a vagrant and resorted to petty crimes resulting in arrests and being jailed for short terms. Nevertheless, after the World War-1, quite surprisingly, he was employed by the Hanover Police as an informer and spy.

Being a homosexual, Haarmann picked up young men off the streets and railway stations and luring them to his apartment indulged in sex with them and later killed them by biting through their throats, sometimes while sodomizing them in a kind of sexual frenzy. From 1918 to 1924, Haarmann committed at least 24 murders, although he was suspected of murdering a minimum of 27. His first known victim was a 17 year old youth by the name of

Friedel Rothe. However, in 1919, he was arrested on the charges of sexually assaulting Rothe but not for murder and sentenced to jail for nine months. After his release from the prison, he met a young man named Hans Grans who was destined to become his gay lover and partner in crime throughout his vampiric adventures.

The crimes committed by Haarmann turned out to be more horrendous during the early 1920's as he resorted to bite the throats of his victims and drink their blood. In 1924, the skeletal remains of several of his victims were discovered from the river Leine and the parents of several young men who had disappeared, made persistent pleas to the Police resulting in investigations that led them to Haarmann who was soon arrested on sex charges. Meanwhile his apartment was subjected to thorough search and the Police discovered more than 20 corpses therein with their clothes. When a set of clothing was identified by a parent as belonging to their missing son, faced with the most incriminating evidence, Haarmann eventually confessed but implicated his gay lover, Hans Grans as the one who instigated him to rape and kill the victims.

At the ensuing trial, an episode of a gruesome and heinous crime came to light. Although it was believed that Haarmann had murdered more than 50 individuals, he was formally charged with only 27 murders. He confessed and testified many of his crimes including cannibalism and disclosed the ugly fact that during a part of this period when he worked as a butcher, he sold the meat (human flesh) of several of his victims to his customers.

At the conclusion of the trial, he was found guilty of 24 murders out of 27 murders levelled against him and was sentenced to death and executed by decapitation on 15th April, 1925. Due to the extraordinary nature of the crimes he had committed, his brain was sent to the Gottingen University for study. His gay lover and accomplice in crime, Hans Grans was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

Like Peter Kurten, Fritz Haarmaan too was a True Vampire in the modern era who could be identified as a psychopath (a person suffering from chronic mental disorder especially with abnormal social behaviour) afflicted with a blood fetish that found expressions during the rape and murder of his victims. It must be emphasized here that this fetish and obsession for blood is the manifestation of the identity of a Real Vampire.

(Marriner, 1992; Lessing, 1925. English Translation by Mo Croasdale: 1993; Wilson, C and D. 1992; Tartar, 1995; *The World's Most Infamous Crimes and Criminals*, 1987.)



**Figure-16. A Photograph of
Fritz Haarmann**

**Figure-17. Communal Grave of Haarmann's
Identified Victims**



Figure-18. A Photograph of Hans Grans

8. John George Haigh (1909-1949) aka “The Vampire of London” and “The Acid Bath Murderer”: John George Haigh, the so-called Vampire of London who had been born into a strict Plymouth Brethren family in Stamford, Lincolnshire, England was also more often than not, cited as a modern Real Vampire. The Plymouth Brethren happened to be a fundamentalist Protestant Religious Group whose beliefs became instrumental in Haigh inheriting from his parents a strong image of the suffering of Jesus Christ on the cross and his bleeding. An important part of this image was the saving power of Christ’s blood. Haigh’s mother too, it was reported, had a strong belief in prophetic dreams.

However, grown up to be a young man Haigh abandoned the Plymouth Brethren and became a member of the Church of England but his heritage stayed with him. He disclosed that he continuously dreamt of a forest of crucifixes which gradually turned into trees dripping with blood and a man went from each tree collecting the blood and when the bowl of blood was full, the man approached him and then he felt that his energy had been drained, that man would offer the bowl of blood for him to drink but before he could drink it, he would awaken. Therefore, interpreting his dream he came to the final conclusion that in order to restore his vitality, it was required for him to drink blood.

Having planned his modus operandi to obtain the blood needed by him, Haigh set up a workshop, first at 79, Gloucester Road, London SW7 and later at 2, Leopold, Crawley, West Sussex, and craftily luring his designated victims under various pretexts and accompanying them to these places, he attacked and killed them. Thereafter, draining blood from their bodies, Haigh confessed that he used to drink a cupful of blood from each victim and soon after disposed of their corpses in a vat containing sulphuric acid in order to dissolve them. His first confirmed victim was William Donald McSwan whom he killed on 9th September,

1944 and later followed by William's parents, Donald McSwan and Amy McSwan on 2nd July, 1945 at his Gloucester Road workshop. His fourth and fifth victims were Dr. Archibald Henderson and Rosalie Henderson, husband and wife respectively, whom he murdered on 12th February, 1948 at his Crawley workshop. His sixth and last victim was Olive Henrietta Robarts Durand-Deacon, aged 69 and a widow, whom he killed on 18th February, 1949 at his Crawley workshop.

Two days later when Durand-Deacon's friend, Constance Lane reported to the Police that the former was missing and was last seen leaving with Haigh, Police detectives soon discovered Haigh's record of theft and fraud and searched his workshop. There they found Haigh's attaché case containing a receipt from a dry cleaner for a Persian lamb-fur coat worn by Durand-Deacon as well as legal documents pertaining to the properties owned by McSwans and Hendersons. Further Police investigations revolving around the sludge found at Haigh's workshop by Pathologist Keith Simpson revealed three human gallstones and dentures of Durand-Deacon which had not melted in the acid, fragments of her left foot which when reconstructed fully fitted one of her shoes perfectly, pieces of pelvic bone, two discs from her lower spine, a handbag, a lipstick container, a hairpin and a notebook. The Police maintained that this mass of physical evidence was quite sufficient to prove murder and a human dead body was not required. In the course of investigations, it became apparent that Haigh was using the acid to destroy victims' bodies because he had misunderstood the term *corpus delicti*, assuming that if victims' bodies could not be found, then a murder conviction would not be possible. However, the reality is that substantial forensic evidence notwithstanding the absence of his victims' bodies was sufficient to convict him for the murders. Eventually, Haigh confessed to nine murders at the trial, three of which he could not substantiate, arguing that those murders were really religious acts and maintained that the consumption of blood was necessary for him to attain eternal life. He was sentenced to death and hanged on 10th

August, 1949. It was remarkable that he handed over his clothing to the London Wax Museum and for some years, a wax model of Haigh stood in Madame Tussaud's House of Horrors.

Like many cases of vampirism falling into the modern era, Haigh could be considered as a mentally disturbed individual whose problems were expressed in a religious format which included an obsession with blood. Anyhow, considering his lust for and obsession with blood, he could be categorized as a Real Vampire of the modern era.

(Wilson and Pitman, 1984; Briffett, 1988; Lord Dunboyne, Ed. *The Trial of John George Haigh*, 1953; Lefebure, 1958; Wilson, 1993; Everitt, 1993.)



Figure-19. Photographs of John George Haigh

Figure-20. William D. McSwan-A Victim.



Figure-21. Dr. Archibald Henderson and his wife Rosalie-Both Victims of Haigh



Figure-22. Widow Olive Durand-Deacon-Victim. Figure-23. Amy McSwan &

Husband Donald McSwan-

Both Victims of Haigh

9. The Vampiric Murder of Elizabeth Ann Short (1924-1947) monickered as “Black Dahlia” in South Los Angeles, USA in 1947: Elizabeth Short, best known as “the Black Dahlia” was born on July 29, 1924 in Hyde Park, Massachusetts as the third of five daughters born to Cleo and Phoebe Mae (Sawyer) Short. In 1930 with his business suffering, Cleo abandoned the family when Elizabeth was 5 years old and disappeared from home. At a young age, Elizabeth developed a strong affinity for cinema and by her teens, she had set sites on becoming an actress. By the mid-1940s, Elizabeth Short was living in Los Angeles, California working as a waitress to support herself while dreaming of an opportunity to catch her big break into Hollywood Cinema. Her much awaited entry to stardom, however, never dawned on her.

In January 1947, a horrific, gruesome tragedy occurred. Sadly at the age of 22, Elizabeth Short was brutally murdered in Los Angeles, her body had been severed at the waist and severely mutilated. Her face had also been slashed from the corners of her mouth towards her ears, creating an effect known as a Glasgow smile. She also had multiple cuts on her thighs and breasts, where portions of flesh had been removed. Her nude body had been washed and cleaned and had been posited with her hands over her head, her elbows bent at right angles and her legs spread wide open exposing her vagina stuffed with grass in a sexually explicit pose. Her nude body was found by a local female resident on January 15, 1947 in a vacant lot near Leimert Park on the 3800 block of L. A.’s South Norton Avenue. In addition to dissecting and mutilating her body with her nipples been cut off, Short’s killer had completely drained her corpse of blood exhibiting a vampiric trait and also scrubbed it clean.

Although an in-depth and lengthy investigation by the L. A. P. D. ensued, leading to many reports and several false murder confessions, up to date, the Police were unable to trace the killer of “Black Dahlia”. Thus today, the Black Dahlia murder remains as one of the oldest cold case files in Los Angeles and not only as the city’s most famous unsolved murder but also as one of the most famous unsolved cases in California.

(Haugen, 2010; Gilmore, 2006; Hodel, 2003; Knowlton & Newton, 1995; Nelson & Bayliss, 2006; Pacios, 1999)



Figure-24. Elizabeth Short aka “Black Dahlia” whose murderer was never found



Figure-25. Mugshots of Elizabeth Short aka “Black Dahlia”

Figure-26. The pink marble headstone at the grave of Elizabeth Short





Figure-27. Black Dahlia: the body of Elizabeth Short, severely mutilated, severed at the waist and completely drained of blood, discovered in a vacant lot near Norton Avenue in South Los Angeles in 1947.

10. Estelita Forencio: Estelita hailed from Passi, Iloilo Province, Philippines. It was reported in 1952 that she bit a number of people and then sucked the blood from their wounds. Consequently, she was arrested by the Police on charges of attempted murder. She then confessed that she acquired this urge for blood from her husband and that this urge emerged in her at regular intervals.

(London, *True Vampires*)

11. Florencio Roque Fernandez (1935-?) aka “The Argentine Vampire” and “The Vampire Window”: Born in 1935 in Monteros, Tucuman, Argentina Fernandez was considered as a mentally ill person, suffering from delusions and hallucinations and also having a sexual attraction to blood. He did firmly believe that a vampire was dwelling within him. From a young age, he began living on the streets and subsequently in a nearby cave,

being a victim of neglect of his family. Later he turned into a murderer sedentary and started attacking young women in his hometown Monteros. His modus operandi happened to be stealthily pursuing his victims over several days and making himself certain that the young woman was alone in her home and taking advantage of the warm nights in spring or summer time when residents left their windows open during the night and quietly enter the house.

While the young women were sleeping, Florencio began to beat them making them awakened. He threatened his victims who were under shock and holding them to the bed, started deeply biting their throats, sometimes even reaching the trachea (principal air passage of the body from larynx to bronchial tubes) and the carotid (one of the two great arteries carrying blood to the head) demonstrating the mere stereotyped style used by the vampire to drink the blood of his victim. After experiencing orgasm by drinking the blood of the young woman, he left his victim bleeding to death. In this manner, it was reported, he had killed 15 young women although a few women who were subjected to his vampiric attack did not succumb to the injuries sustained.

Florencio was arrested on February 14, 1960 at the age of 25 years following a Police operation, which the press described as “quaint” because it took place in the cave where the murderer lived. He did not resist arrest, at least, not until the Police brought him out to the sunlight. He was sentenced to be detained in a mental asylum where he died of natural causes a few years later.

(Aracil, *Vampire: myth and reality of the undead*; Karg, Sutherland and Spaite, *The Everything Vampire Book: From Vlad the Impaler to the Vampire Lestat*; Vampire Arrested in Argentina. *Fate* 13, 10-October, 1960)



Figure-28. Photograph of Florencio Fernandez



Figure-29. A Victim of Florencio Fernandez

12. Alfred Kaser: In 1963, Kaser, a man living in Munich, Germany, was arrested and tried for killing a 10 year old boy and drinking the blood from his neck after stabbing him.

13. Stanislaw Modzelewski (1929-1969) aka “The Vampire of Galkowek”: Born as the son of Alexander and Helen Modzelewski on March 15, 1929 in Szczepankowo, a rural town near Lomza, about 150 kilometres from Warsaw, Poland, Stanislaw completed only three classes of the primary school but later became a professional truck driver and worked in Warsaw and got married. According to his wife’s testimony, she found him suffering from sexual impotence and during the marital experience she had with him for 18 years, she never had a normal sexual intercourse with him. She even added that the real father of her child born a few years after their marriage was another man which fact was known by Stanislaw as previously agreed upon. Perhaps driven by the inferior complex and psychosis he cultivated

in him because of his own acute sexual impotence, their neighbours had observed that he being a habitual alcoholic, more often than not, beat his wife and most likely developed a manic animosity and hatred towards women. Subsequent visual inspection of his genital organs also confirmed the correctness of the statement made by his wife.

Probably engrossed with this manic hatred towards women, in the period of 1952-1956 and in 1967, Stanislaw murdered seven women aged between 18 and 87 by strangling them with a scarf or with his bare hands and attempted the murder of six other women in Lodz, Poland. Although he is believed to have killed another, his eighth victim, to which fact he even confessed, it could not be proven as the dead body was never found. Continuing his *modus operandi*, after killing the women, he took whatever valuables they had with them as well as useless objects in their possession which he threw away. It was amply proven that he murdered and vampirized his victims with utmost cruelty and hate suggesting that his killings by strangulation manifested a psychosexual motive in achieving orgasm. He exposed the lower part of the bodies of the women by making them naked and lying on their backs with legs parted indicating a scenario of “after copulation”. The manner in which their corpses had been posited suggested a penetration of genital organs not by the usual rape but by some other unnatural means of penetration such as thrusting of fingers and/or other objects. His last victim had her buttocks cut with a razor blade. He displayed the traits of a sadist, but nevertheless it was not been verified whether he tortured his victims before or after their death.

Extracts from the testimony of Stanislaw Modzelewski after he was apprehended by the Police, perhaps explain what made him to select and kill his victims: “.....I do not pay attention to her age, or appearance, only that it should be a woman but not a man or a child who is ten years old. It had already been seen that when I noticed a small single woman, it

still did not come, and I was shaking like a leaf, I lost control and what I did I do not know....I did not make any difference if the woman is older or young....”

According to Jan Golebiowski, Forensic Psychologist who examined into the brutal murders of Modzelewski, “the body position emphasizes the background of the victims of sexual act. The perpetrator wants to emphasize his role as sexually efficient or even dominant, which can, of course, correspond to the complexes at this point. Possible impotence interacts with sadism, and the sadist achieves sexual satisfaction when inflicting suffering on his victims. The first motivation of Modzelewski was anger for his impotence, which he was convinced after his first failed attempt to pursue his sex life with his wife. However, that with time, he liked his crimes, and began to draw from them more and more pleasure.”

Stanislaw Modzelewski was apprehended by the Police in 1967 and charged for murder. He was sentenced to death and the execution by hanging, which was carried out in Warsaw on 13th November, 1969.

(Newton, *An Encyclopedia of Modern Serial Killers-Hunting Humans*.)



Mugshot Stanislaw Modzelewski Police photo 1967

Figure-30. Stanislaw Modzelewski.

14. Wayne Clifford Boden (1948-2006) aka “The Vampire Rapist”: Boden was raised in Dundas, Ontario, near Hamilton in Canada. He attended Glendale Secondary School (High School) in Hamilton, Ontario in the early to mid-1960’s where he was found to be quiet natured, muscular and had played in the school senior football team.

In 1968, Boden, a charming young man of 20 years with thick sideburns, who began his career as a travelling salesman was destined to become “the Vampire Rapist” of Montreal, Canada who always left his brutal bloody bite marks on the breasts of his young female victims subsequent to savagely gnawing their breasts by ripping off the brassieres they wore and eventually killing them. It could be pinpointed that nipping at the breasts of his victims

was not enough for him; finding that he could reach powerful sexual gratification by ripping and tearing the flesh off his female victims, he also became ardently interested in drawing and tasting blood, conspicuously exhibiting his vampiric traits and bloodlust. Thus, indulging himself in vampirism, Boden relished the taste of blood, especially when it came directly from the breasts of young pretty women which gave him such a power rush that he craved nothing more. Although all his victims were raped and eventually strangled, not all of them had been found naked in their apartments, and strangely enough, there were no signs of any resisting struggle except only in two murders including the final one.

Boden, whose penchant for savagely biting the breasts of his female victims giving vent to his psychosexual vampiric desires, not only earned him the infamous nickname ‘the Vampire Killer’ but also led the Police to apprehend him on the strength of the report submitted by Dr. Gordon Swann, the Forensic Orthodontist who ultimately became able to obtain information based on a cast made of Boden’s teeth, demonstrating 29 points of similarity between the bite marks found on Boden’s last victim Elizabeth Ann Porteous’ breasts and Boden’s teeth. This happened to be the very first time such evidence had been allowed in a Canadian trial to identify an accused.

Boden was arrested in 1972 after four young women in Montreal were found raped and strangled, all bearing savagely bite marks on their breasts, between 1968 and 1970. On July 23, 1968, his first victim, Norma Villancourt, 21, was found dead in her Montreal apartment, having been raped and strangled with conspicuous bite marks on her breasts likewise followed on October 3, 1969 by Shirley Audette, 20, and on November 23, 1969 by Marielle Archambault, 20. Again on January 16, 1970, Jean Wray, 24, was found raped and murdered with bloody bite marks on her breasts and her nude body on a sofa in her Montreal apartment. A pathologist who examined Jean’s body found flecks of skin under her fingernails revealing that she had fought back with her attacker who, most probably, had not been welcome in her

home. And on May 18, 1971, in Calgary, the last victim Elizabeth Ann Porteous, 33, was found raped and strangled, her breasts likewise mutilated with bite marks. The apartment in which she resided showed considerable signs of struggle and a broken cufflink was discovered near her body. When this broken cufflink was shown to him, Boden admitted its ownership.

After being arrested on May 19, 1971, Boden returned to Montreal to face trial, where he confessed to three of the above-mentioned murders while having rough sex, but oddly balking in the case of Norma Villancourt. Dependent on his own confessions and on forensic orthodontic evidence, Boden was found guilty of four murders and sentenced to life imprisonment and began serving his life sentence on February 16, 1972. While serving his sentence, he died at the age of 58 in hospital in Kingston Penitentiary on March 27, 2006 of skin cancer after being confined in the hospital for six weeks.



Figure-31. Wayne Clifford Boden (1948-2006). Boden (centre) taken to Courts

(Monaco and Burt, 1993; Newton, *An Encyclopedia of Modern Serial Killers-Hunting Humans*.)

15. Kuno Hofmann (1931-2006?) aka “The Vampire of Nuremberg”: Born in Nuremberg, Germany in 1931, Kuno Hofmann underwent a traumatic childhood since his

alcoholic father beat him so severely resulting him losing his power of speech and hearing. Starting his life as a labourer, he was imprisoned for nine years on charges of theft but was detained in a mental institution, perhaps it was thought that he was somewhat insane. Nonetheless, according to the public prosecutors, he was perfectly sane and fully accountable for his actions though his actions seemed to be extraordinary by any normal standards.

In April, 1971, Police and morgue attendants across Germany began comparing notes pertaining to a series of bizarre grave robberies where they discovered that at least five dead bodies were exhumed and gnawed upon, with evidence of attempts to engage in sex in the case of female corpses. In their investigations, Police collected records of at least 35 occasions between 1971 and 1972 when Hofmann forced entry into graveyards and mortuaries close to his home in Nuremberg. He made duplicates of the keys to the local cemetery where among the tombstones he searched for the recently buried graves. He chose his victims from the recent obituary notices appearing in the newspapers and discreetly made his way to a new corpse, stabbing into it with razor blades or a knife and obtained blood; sometimes he cut the head of the corpse and drank blood. While staying in the prison cell, Hofmann explained categorically why he did so; it was to make himself “good looking and strong”.

However, thinking on a novel approach to obtain blood, on the evening of May 6, 1972, Hofmann found two young lovers, Markus Adler, 24, and his fiancée Ruth Lissy, 18, having a tryst in a car parked in an isolated wooded area, shot them dead and drank the blood oozing out from their wounds. He later told the Police that it made him happy and added that the pretty young girl had been much better than the women in the graveyards. Again he shot and killed another woman, drank her blood and molested her lifeless body.

The Medical Analysis obtained in respect of the characteristics of Kuno Hofmann described him as an individual indulged in Satanism, Necrophilia and Vampirism.

(Newton, *An Encyclopedia of Modern Serial Killers*.)



16. Richard Trenton Chase (1950-1980) aka “The Vampire of Sacramento”: Born on May 23, 1950, Chase even as a child showed unusual behavioural patterns. He liked to set

fires and to torment animals. By the time he was ten years, he was killing cats. He experienced an unpleasant family background where his strict disciplinarian father was constantly quarrelling with his wife. When he grew up to become a teenager, he started drinking and smoking dope and by doing so got into trouble several times but never showed any shame over such mean behaviour.

Although he used to date several girls but many of them found that he was unable to perform sexually as he was suffering from erectile dysfunction. Perhaps, many of his subsequent grave mental problems might have arisen because of this situation that started tormenting him and created a shame-based inferiority complex in him. However, when he was 18, he consulted a psychiatrist about this problem who revealed that one of the root causes of his impotence was repressed anger. The psychiatrist also thought that Chase might be suffering from a major mental illness but unfortunately did not suggest any long-term treatment. After he moved out from his parents' home, he began living with a series of roommates, many of who reported that he was rather weird and possessed a bizarre behaviour and addicted to heavy drug use. Another psychiatrist diagnosed him as a paranoid schizophrenic, but thought he might actually be suffering from a drug-induced toxic psychosis. Gradually, his life became slovenly and he submersed into hypochondria and drug abuse.

In this situation, Chase began to kill and disembowel rabbits that he either caught or bought and to eat their entrails raw and mix the rabbit's intestines with its blood in a blender and drink this concoction. Later he was admitted to a mental hospital as a schizophrenic suffering from somatic delusions where he was administered with anti-psychotic medications, which failed to work, indicating that his psychosis may have been precipitated by his drug abuse. While in hospital, he earned the nickname "Dracula" when he was found with blood around his mouth by indulging in killing two birds and ripping their necks and drinking their blood. This seemed to be the classic "Renfield Syndrome".

Subsequent to being released from the mental hospital, Chase moved into another apartment and began catching or stealing and torturing and finally killing rabbits, cats and dogs for the purpose of drinking their blood. Moreover, he bought guns and started shooting practices. Now his weird blood fetish and fantasies seemed to gain a lethal combination with his bold gun-trotting mania.

Thus, he killed his first victim, a 51 year old engineer by the name of Ambrose Griffin on December 29, 1977 by shooting him down in front of his own house. His second victim was Teresa Wallin, 22, a married woman who was three months pregnant. He shot her thrice in her garden, killing her instantaneously and dragged her into the bedroom of her house leaving a trail of blood behind. This horrendous and gruesome murder done by Chase came to light only after Teresa's husband, David Wallin returned home in the night at 6.00 pm. Teresa was lying on her back just inside the door; her sweater was pulled over her breasts and her pants and underwear were pulled down around her ankles; her knees were splayed open in the position of a sexual assault; Her left nipple was carved off, her torso cut open below the sternum, and her spleen and intestines pulled out. Chase had stabbed her repeatedly in the lung, liver, diaphragm and left breast. Without stopping at this, Chase had also cut out her kidneys and severed her pancreas in two. However, he had placed the kidneys together back inside her. There was blood in their bathroom indicating that Chase had smeared Teresa's blood all over his face and hands, licking it off his fingers. It was later revealed that the bloodstained discarded yogurt container found near Teresa's body was used by Chase to drink her blood. His most heinous act, illustrating the hatred he had developed towards women perhaps due to his sexual impotence, was stuffing animal faeces into her mouth. The presence of odd rings of blood around the dead body spoke of a telltale that Chase had placed a bucket there and collected Teresa's blood.



Figure-34. Teresa Wallin(22)



Figure-35. Richard Trenton Chase

The photograph shown to the extreme left above illustrates the gruesome manner with which Richard Chase (appearing in the two photographs to the right above) had brutally mutilated the dead body of Teresa Wallin, 22, after shooting her dead. No doubt, this scenario and its aftermath could be pinpointed as a demonstration of real vampirism in its apogee.

On January 27, 1977, Chase murdered for the third time by shooting Danny Meredith, 51, in the head followed by, on the very same day, killing Evelyn Miroth, 38, in her bathtub. Evelyn was found lying naked on the bed in her bedroom, her legs splayed open. She was shot in her head and her abdomen had been cut open from which point her intestines were pulled out. Chase had sodomized her with a carving knife, stabbing her through the anus into her uterus at least six times and making several slices across her neck and finally trying to cut out one of her eyes. Ironically, a large amount of semen was also discovered inside Evelyn's rectum. Bloody ringlets found on the carpet indicated that Chase had once again used some kind of container to collect the victim's blood.

Chase's next line of victims murdered on the same day included Jason Miroth, Evelyn's 6 year old son and her twenty months old nephew David Ferreira. It later turned out that Chase

had not only drunk Evelyn's blood but also blood flowed out from the mutilated body of baby David. Further, he had taken the body of the baby to his home and severed his head and after removing several organs from it consumed them.

When the trial began against Chase on May 8, 1978, he admitted to drinking the blood of some of his victims, conspicuously of Teresa Wallins and of baby David. He also confessed to the fact that he thought his psychopathic problems stemmed from his inability to have sex with girls as a teenager and had added that he felt sorry for the killings. The Jury returned a verdict of six counts of first degree murder against Chase and on May 8, 1979, he was sentenced to die in the gas chamber at San Quentin Penitentiary. Nevertheless, he committed suicide on December 26, 1980 with an overdose of antidepressants prescribed by the prison doctor that he had been saving up for the last few weeks.

(Biondi and Hecox, 1992; Ressler, 1992; Lane and Gregg, 1995; Schecter and Everitt, 1996)



Figure-36. Evelyn Miroth-Victim, Jason Miroth-Victim & David Ferreira-Victim

17. Richard Francis Cottingham (1946--) aka "The Torso Killer": Cottingham was born in Bronx, New York, USA on November 26, 1946, but his family-his father, mother and two younger siblings-moved to New Jersey when he was 12 years old. His father was gainfully employed in as insurance company and his mother remained a housewife. Cottingham had a

fairly normal childhood life unlike the others who resorted to brutality, criminality associated with murders and vampirism; even his school career was rather normal except where he was not good at sports due to his poor eyesight. However, in high school, where he fit better, he joined the track team because it allowed him time alone. After graduating from the high school, he found work as a computer operator at the same insurance company where his father worked and also underwent further studies in computing with the result that on reaching 20 years in 1966, he was recruited as a computer operator in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, a better insurance company.

In 1967, when Cottingham was 21 years old, the enigmatic transformation occurred in his life moulding him as a vampiric brutal and torturous murderer by committing the murder of a young woman of 29 years, Nancy Schiava Vogel by beating and strangling her mercilessly which crime he did not confess to until 2010.



**Figure-37.Nancy Schiava Vogel (29)-
The 1st Victim of Richard Cottingham**

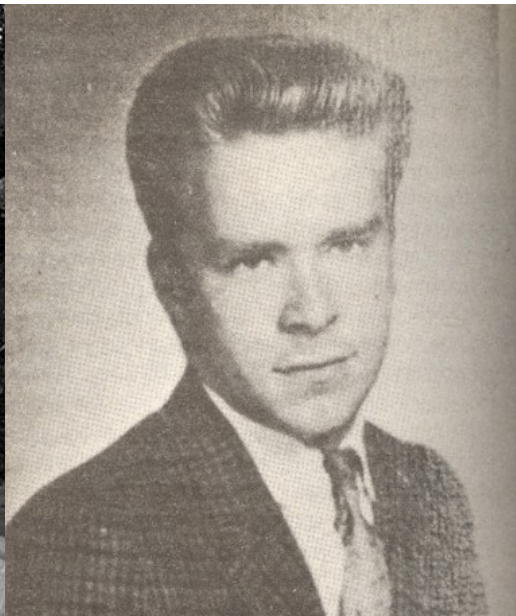


Figure-38.Richard Francis Cottingham

Nancy Vogel was discovered beaten and strangled in her car, her hands tied in front with a thin nylon cord, and her clothes folded neatly under her nude body in 1967. The Police

records say there were signs of a struggle, including bruises on her face indicating that she resisted her killer. While confessing about this killing in September, 2010, Cottingham failed to render a plausible explanation to his series of vampiric killings except stating, “Obviously, I must be sick somehow. Normal people don’t do what I did.”

Subsequently, in 1969, at the age of 23, he married Janet with whom he had three children. During his later vampiric serial killing period, he carried on two extra-marital affairs, the first one with Barbara Lucas from 1977-1980, the second with Jean Connelly from early 1980 to just before his arrest in May 1980. In 1979, his wife Janet filed for divorce but withdrew it after his arrest in 1980. From 1977 to 1980, Cottingham is known to have killed five young women and attempted to kill an additional four, though he has claimed to have killed as many as 100.

It seemed rather strange that just after a decade of his first murder in 1967, the sadist vampire in Cottingham at the age of 31, got awakened and struck again on the night of 15th December, 1977, abducting a 26 year old nurse named Maryann Carr from the parking lot near her apartment and taking her to a motel, tortured and killed her. She was found bound at the hands and feet and strangled with a ligature around her neck.

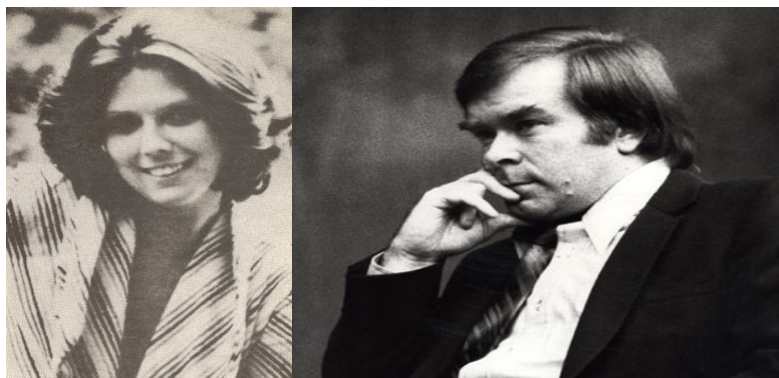


Figure-39. Maryann Carr(26). Figure-40. Richard Cottingham(31)

The two photographs depicted above show Maryann Carr, 26, the victim and her killer Richard Cottingham, 31, involved in the second vampiric sadist murder.

It becomes remarkable that starting from Cottingham's third murder or attempted murder, all his victims happened to be prostitutes he picked up in the streets or bars from 1978. On September 23, 1978, he abducted Karen Schilt in New York City, drugged and sexually assaulted her, and dumped her in a sewer at the apartment complex in Little Ferry, New Jersey. On October 13, 1978, he picked up a pregnant prostitute Susan Geiger, drugged, beat, and raped her and left her in a motel room in South Hackensack, New Jersey. On December 02, 1979, when Cottingham was 33 years, he took Deedeh Goodarzi, 22, aka Jacqueline Thomas, Jackie Thomas, Sabrina and Crystal Roberts and another teenager named as "Jane Doe" to the Travel Inn Motor Hotel at 515, West 42d Street, New York, where he dismembered their hands and heads and removed them from their brutally mutilated bodies and carried them away and set fire to the room. Deedeh Goodarzi was an immigrant from Kuwait who worked as a prostitute in the Long Islands, New York. Again on May 04, 1980, Cottingham attacked Valerie Ann Street, 19, whose body was found naked, beaten, and bleeding from one of her breasts at the Quality Inn Motel in Hasbrouck heights,



Figure-41. Deedeh Goodarzi(22)-Victim

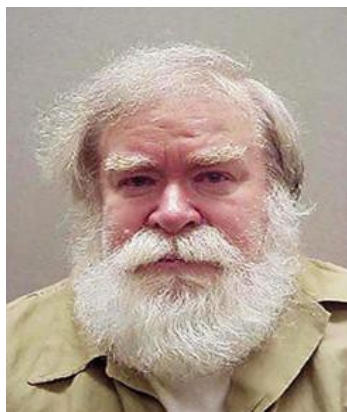


Figure-42. Richard Cottingham (Currently)

New Jersey. Similarly, Pamela Weisenfeld was found dumped in a parking lot in Teaneck, New Jersey, her body savagely bitten, drugged and beaten and on May 15, 1980, the body of the next victim, Mary Ann Jean Reyner, 25, was discovered being stabbed, mutilated, both her breasts cut off and strangled in the Hotel Seville at 22 East 29th Street, near Fifth Avenue, New York. Finally, on May 22, 1980, Cottingham severely assaulted, raped, sodomized, forced fellatio and attempted to kill 18 year old newcomer prostitute Leslie Ann O'Dell in a room at the Quality Inn Motel in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, where he was arrested while attempting to flee from the crime scene. In her testimony, O'Dell had stated that after she and Cottingham got into the room, he had handcuffed her, slashed her with a knife, bit and ripped her body and licked her blood, whipped her, and continuously raped, sodomized and forced fellatio on her.

The following year, Cottingham was found guilty of 15 out of 20 counts for which he was charged. Over the next three years, he was put on trial for his additional murders and attempted murders. In total, he was convicted of five murders and sentenced to more than 100 years in prison, a sentence he is still serving. (Leith, 1983; Vronsky ; Leith, 1993.)

18. James P. Riva (1957--) aka **“The Schizophrenic Vampire”**: Born in Marshfield, Massachusetts, USA, James Riva was seen as a troubled youngster who had developed a bloodlust from his kindergarten days. He had become obsessed with an idea that his infirm grandmother, Carmen Lopez, 74, was a vampire predator who was robbing him of his blood while he slept. He also believed that he happened to be a 700 year old vampire who was compelled to drink the blood of his grandmother in order to gain strength to survive. Thus, he believed that the only hope before him was to shoot his grandmother with golden bullets and he really did convert his belief to action by shooting her down on April 10, 1980, at her home

as she sat in her wheelchair. Not only did he shoot her twice, but also stabbed her repeatedly because “a vampire told him that was what he had to do.” After killing his handicapped grandmother, it was reported that he drank the warm blood gushing from the bullet wounds and with the heinous intention of covering his crime, set fire to her house and her dead body.

Riva had a history of mental illness dating back to the period 1975-1978 when he was confined to a mental institution. The diabolical plot to murder his grandmother was regarded as the culmination of a whole series of bizarre incidents in the life of James Riva. He began by drawing horrific pictures, perhaps depicting scenes of vampirism, and gradually drifted to killing and drinking the blood of animals. When confronted by the psychiatrists, he disclosed his idea that his grandmother was a vampire who came to feed on him while he slept and he believed he was satisfying his masters or superiors in the netherworld of vampires by making a human kill and added that “if he killed everybody who was bad to him, he would come back as a handsome man and have a car and girls and his life would be fine.”

At the conclusion of Riva’s lengthy trial, the jury deliberated for 3 hours and found him guilty of second degree murder and also guilty of arson, assault and battery on one of the arresting officers. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on the murder charge and concurrently to ten to twenty years on the arson charge in 1981. Riva requested for parole in August, 2004 and also in August, 2009 but he was denied parole on both occasions. However, Riva will have the opportunity to appear before the State Parole Board again in five years being the maximum time period the Board can set between parole requests.

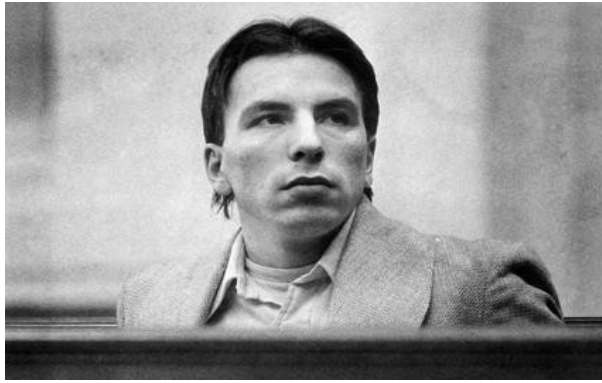


Figure-43. James P. Riva at his Trial in 1981.



Figure-44. James P. Riva at his Parole Hearing in 2009.

19. Julian Koltun (1950--) aka “The Podlaski Vampire”: Born in Warsaw, Poland, Koltun became a bookbinder and later started to work as a railroad worker. At the age of 30, he made his first known foray into violent sex crimes by assaulting and savagely mauling a Russian woman close to the Polish-Soviet Union border on August 31, 1980. Although the woman survived the sexual attack, Koltun remained unidentified. Over the next four months, Koltun terrorized the farming communities in Eastern Poland by murdering two women and brutally attacking four women by stabbing them with a knife. He had brutally raped all seven women and killed two of them from whom he drank blood. He killed his first victim on September

17, 1980, inflicting such grievous injuries and leaving her body so severely mutilated, that he became known as “the vampire”.

He was arrested in January, 1981, and admitted and confessed his crimes to several psychiatrists. At the trial, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for the crimes he committed in 1982 but was sentenced to death on August, 1982. (Newton, *An Encyclopedia of Modern Serial Killers*.)

20. Drs. Teet Haerm (1953--) and Thomas Allgren (1950--): Dr. Teet Haerm, a Criminal Pathologist and Dr. Thomas Allgren, a Dermatologist who hailed from Stockholm, Sweden, began a series of gruesome rape and murders of prostitutes in Stockholm during the period from 1984 to 1987, possibly due to being afflicted by hematomania and a blood fetish associated with vampirism and cannibalism. During that period, eight prostitutes, starting with Catrine da Costa, 28, on July 19, 1984, Annika Mors, 26, one week later, Kristine Cravache, 27, on August 01, 1984, and over the next few weeks, Lena Grans, Cate Falk, Lena Bofors, Lena Manson and Lola Svenson, disappeared from the streets of Stockholm and later their bodies were discovered surgically dismembered and drained of blood. On January 07, 1986, the dead body of a female Japanese student named Tazuga Toyonaga was also found, severely mutilated and strangled. Subsequent to their investigations, the Police arrested Drs. Haerm and Allgren and charged them with the murder of seven prostitutes on October 28, 1987.

Haerm’s arrest on the charges of multiple murders came as a shock to many because he was the Senior Police Medical Examiner in Stockholm and one of the leading Forensic Pathologists in the world. He happened to be well-known because many articles written by him had appeared in several professional publications including the “Lancet”, a prominent and leading British Medical Journal. It became rather ironical in that he had even been called

into examine the remains belonging to some of the women he was later accused of murdering. Allgren had been Haerm's best friend though ultimately Allgren confessed and testified at Haerm's trial declaring that Haerm entertained an intense desire to brutalize and kill prostitutes. Thus, in order to justify the fulfilment of that desire, both Haerm and Allgren began a righteous crusade to rid Stockholm of streetwalkers. Therefore, Allgren disclosed to the Police that Haerm picked up prostitutes from the street and brought them to the morgue and once coming there, he would 'do his business,' then strangle and dismember them. But, Allgren added that he found Haerm having a lust for blood and gore and after the killings of the prostitutes, he drained and drank the blood of his victims.

However, eventually the case took a different turn when Allgren's 5 year old daughter, in her testimony, revealed that her father had sexually molested her. She also rendered a full account of how one of the prostitutes was beheaded with a power saw by the two doctors which incident she witnessed. At a trial held in 1988, the testimonies of Allgren and his daughter were heard. Allgren further testified that lust for blood led Haerm into Pathology, but eventually, he found the work on dead bodies did not derive him the desired satisfaction and hence he started his killing spree.

On the conclusion of the trial on September 16, 1988, both accused, Haerm and Allgren were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. However, upon a retrial being called for in May 1988, both of them were found not guilty of the offences and their convictions were overturned and both were released by the High Court. Nevertheless, it must be emphasized that the trial judge wrote in his decision that there was reasonable evidence that they were guilty of the charges preferred against them though there was a high level of doubt. (*Ibid*)

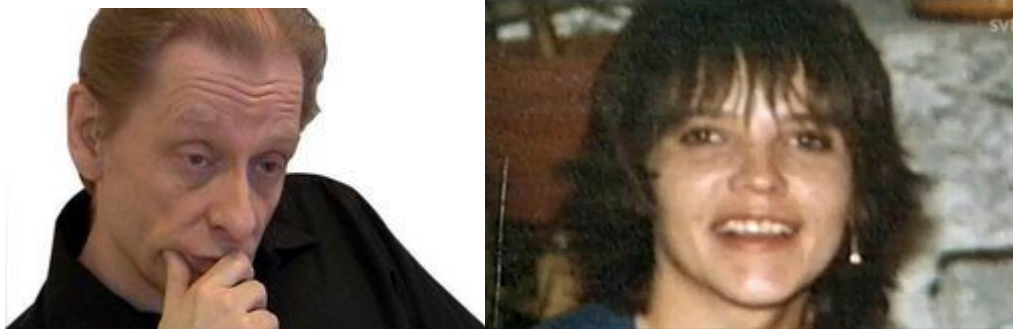


Figure-45. Dr. Teet Haerm-Pathologist. Figure-46. Catrine da Costa-A Victim(28)



Figure-47. The Newspaper Report of March 10, 1988.

21. Renato Antonio Cirillo: Forty year old Cirillo from Milan, Italy began attacking women over a seven year period from the late 1970's, one every two months, by tying them up before

raping them. In the year 1984, Cirillo was tried for raping more than 40 women and biting them on the neck like a vampire.

22. John Brennan Crutchley (1946-2002) aka “The Vampire Rapist”: Born to a well-to-do family in Pittsburgh, USA, John Crutchley passed his childhood as a boy who did not have friends but displayed acumen in his education by graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in Physics in 1970 and earning a Master’s Degree in Engineering Administration at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He married his first wife in 1969. He worked as an Electrical Systems Engineer in many reputed Corporations. It seems that Crutchley used to move from one County to another usually changing jobs where several teenage girls in and around such areas were found to be disappearing without any traces. He later moved to Fairfax County, Virginia in the mid-1970’s and remarried. In 1977, Debbora Fitzjohn, 25, a secretary from Fairfax, Virginia, who happened to be the girlfriend of Crutchley disappeared. As she was last seen alive at the trailer park where Crutchley lived, he was placed under close scrutiny by the Police. Although Debbora’s skeletal remains were found by a hunter in October, 1978, due to lack of evidence, Police were unable to level their suspicion directly at Crutchley, There were several other teenage girls too who disappeared from the same area when he resided in Pennsylvania whose bodies were found in remote areas of the state.

However, Crutchley’s direct involvement in brutal sexual rape and assault, as well as his vampirism with blood extraction and blood drinking was blatantly got revealed in late November, 1985, when he duped and abducted a 19 year old hitchhiking girl hailing from California, in Malabar, Brevard County, Florida. He had offered a lift to her and on the way he invited her to his home but when she refused to come in, he got into the back seat of the car and choked her unconscious. What occurred afterwards has been vividly described in the book entitled, *Whoever Fights Monsters*: “What Plus Why Equals Who”-page 169:

“The hitchhiker awoke to find that she was tied to a kitchen countertop, arms and legs immobilized. A video camera had been set up, along with lights. The man raped her and videotaped the action. Then he inserted needles into her arm and wrist and carefully extracted blood and began to drink it, telling her that he was a vampire. After that, he handcuffed her and put her in the bathtub, returning later for another round of sexual assault and blood extraction.

“The next morning, after a third round, the man handcuffed the hitchhiker and left her in the bathroom, saying that he would be back later for further assaults, and that if she tried to escape in the interim, his brother would come and kill her. It was after the attacker had left the house that she was able to push out the bathroom window and crawl to the road. Had she not escaped then, doctors believed, she might well have died from a further round of blood extraction.”

Consequently, Crutchley was soon arrested and at his trial, he claimed to have been introduced to blood drinking by a nurse in roughly 1970, as a part of a sexual ritual. He was convicted of kidnap and sexual battery after pleading guilty in June, 1986 and was sentenced to 25 years in prison with 50 years of subsequent parole.

On March 30, 2002, Crutchley, 55, was found dead in his cell in the prison with a plastic bag over his head. Subsequent reporting around August 01, 2003, from the Florida Department of Corrections declared that the “Florida Vampire Rapist” died of autoerotic asphyxiation, which is where sexual gratification is achieved from lack of oxygen. This form of masturbation, perhaps, caused him to suffocate. Hence, this type of death is considered as an accident and not suicide.



Figure-48. A Police Mugshot and a Photograph of John B. Crutchley

23. Unresolved Vampire Case in San Francisco in 1987: It was reported that a man who was jogging in a San Francisco Park, USA, had been kidnapped and held captive in a closed van for about one hour while an unknown man drank his blood.

24. Unresolved Vampire Case in London in 1988: It was reported that an unknown woman had picked up at least six men during the summer in the Soho Section of London, England and after accompanying one of the men to her home, she had slipped drugs into his drink and made him unconscious. While the man was in this state, she cut his wrist and sucked his blood from the opening. However, she was never identified or arrested.

25. Marcelo Costa de Andrade (1967--) aka “The Vampire of Niteroi”: Born on January 02, 1967 and being the son of poor migrants from the northeast, Andrade grew up in the Rocinha Slums in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Beaten regularly by his stepfather and sexually abused at the age of ten, he began to prostitute himself at fourteen to make a living. He was sent to a reform school but escaping from there, returned to his hustling ways and by sixteen, he began a long-lasting homosexual relationship with an older man but still tried to rape his own ten year old brother at the age of 17. In April, 1991, reaching the age of 34, Andrade was deserted by his older gay lover at which point he began his vampiric killing spree during a period of nine months which claimed fourteen young boy victims, two of whose blood he

drank. He did not claim himself to be a vampire, but confessed that he drank the blood of his victims simply ‘to become as beautiful as them’. Thus, over the above mentioned period of nine months, Andrade brutally raped and strangled 14 boys aged between 6 and 13. His victims of choice were poor street kids whom he lured to deserted areas. He practised necrophilia, decapitated one of them, crushed the head of another, and on two occasions drank their blood.

However, in December, 1991, Andrade “fell in love” with a 10 year old boy Altair de Abreu and spared his life. Nevertheless, Andrade abused and killed Altair’s 6 year old brother Ivan in front of his “lover”. After spending the night with Andrade, Altair managed to escape in the following morning and went to the Police with his family. Soon after on December 18, 1991, Andrade was arrested where he confessed to his other killings and led the Police to the remains of his victims. He was found incompetent on April 26, 1993 and sent to the Heitor Carrilho Psychiatric Hospital.



Figure-49. Photographs of Marcelo Costa de Andrade

26. Tracey Avril Wigginton (1965--) aka “The Lesbian Vampire Killer”: Born on August 04, 1965, in the northern Australian coastal city of Rockhampton, Queensland, Tracey Wigginton lived through a dreadful childhood. She was adopted at the age of three by her grandparents, George and Avril Wigginton, who treated her appallingly. Not only did her

grandfather sexually abuse her for several years, but her grandmother was also physically violent, repeatedly punishing the child by flogging her with a cord of clothes iron. Wigginton had claimed that her grandparents were heavily inclined into the occult but they were not poverty-stricken; they were self-made wealthy and prosperous people.

In her teens, Wigginton attended a prestigious private girls' school, where her interests included playing the organ, ballroom dancing and 'other girls'. She was eventually expelled from the school for 'molesting other girls' and was later sent to a Catholic Convent school where she lasted only a few years. Subsequently, she started to work in a factory where she began a lesbian love affair with her close friend, Lisa Maree Ptachinski. On the evening of October 20, 1989, Wigginton, 24, Ptachinski, 24, and two other lesbian lovers, Kim Aileen Jervis, 23, and Tracey Anne Waugh, 23, went to Lewmors, a lesbian nightclub in Brisbane where they consumed enough champagne and were heading off in Wigginton's car in search of a victim to execute a bizarre plan hatched two days before. Thence, they saw a middle-aged council worker, Edward Clyde Baldock, 47, on his way home after drinking with his mates. Taking advantage of his state of intoxication, the women lured him into their car.

They proceeded to drive to a park on the Brisbane River near the South Brisbane Sailing Club at West End. It was at this location Tracey Wigginton enticed Edward Clyde Baldock to alight from the car with the promise of sexual favours. But what was in store for Baldock was not a sexual favour; what really followed was a gruesome, vicious and repeated stabbing of 27 times by Wigginton to his back, chest and neck that virtually made him decapitated. The heinous crime was not over; Wigginton placed her face and mouth on his wounded chest and neck and began drinking the blood gushing out from the stab wounds. His body was discovered early next morning and the Police found inside one of the victim's shoes a cash card bearing the name Tracey Wigginton which led to the early arrest of all four women.

During the 14-day trial, Tracey Wigginton, a self-confessed female vampire, told the jury that she did not live on solid food but on pigs and cows blood which she obtained from the local butcher. Wigginton's lesbian lover, Lisa Ptaschinski disclosed that on quite a number of occasions, she had slit her wrists facilitating Wigginton to drink her blood. Thus, based on her obsession for human blood, all four women schemed up a bizarre plan to kill an unknown victim enabling Wigginton to have her craving of blood satisfied. It was this information elicited by the Police as well as their confessions displaying interest of the occult and vampires which led this homicide being referred to as "The Vampire Murder".

In the verdict delivered in 1991 by the Supreme Court of Queensland, Tracey Wigginton and Lisa Ptaschinski were both sentenced to life imprisonment. Kim Jervis was sentenced to 18 years in jail for manslaughter, later reduced to 12 years. Tracey Waugh was acquitted after her lawyer argued that she had played no active role in the murder and had even tried to stop Jervis from taking part.

Tracey Wigginton was released from the prison on January 11, 2012 after a successful parole bid. (Charleston, 2012; Biondi and Hecox, 1992.)



**Figure-50.TraceyWigginton
In her early 20's**



**Figure-51.TraceyWigginton-"The
Vampire Killer"(25)**



Figure-52. Edward Clyde Baldock (47) (Victim-Upper left photo) **Figure-53. Dead Body of Edward Clyde Baldock with 27 stab wounds**

Figure-54. Tracey Wigginton-After parole (Upper right)

27. Andrei Romanovich Chikatilo (1936-1994) aka “The Butcher of Rostov”, “The Red Ripper” and “The Rostov Ripper”: Chikatilo was born on 16th October, 1936 in

Yablochnoye, a village in the heart of rural Ukraine within the USSR. His early childhood was subjected to abject poverty and in addition to these external hardships, he suffered from hydrocephalus or water in the brain, at birth, which resulted in genital-urinary tract problems later in life, including bed-wetting into his late adolescence, and eventually to erectile dysfunction or the inability to sustain an erection, even though he was able to ejaculate. This problem made him painfully shy and when he was 15 years old, it was reported, that the only bitter sexual experience he had was ejaculating just after he tried to get on top of a young girl for which he was subjected to utter ridicule by other girls. Most certainly, this humiliation cast an adverse repercussion on all his future sexual activities and drove him towards his association of sex with violence and brutality culminating in murder.

In 1962, his younger sister Tatyana introduced him to a woman named Fayina and in 1963, mainly due to the intervention of Tatyana, he married Fayina who, in no time, understood the reality that her husband was miserably unable to consummate the marriage nonetheless, being an understanding wife, took advantage of the situation that he could ejaculate, and making use of their fingers, she made his semen enter her vagina and successfully produced two children for them, a girl and a boy, in the years 1965 and 1969 respectively. However, in 1971, Chikatilo had a career change to a school teacher but due to a string of complaints about indecent assaults on young school children by him, he was forced to move from school to school.

On 22nd December, 1978, Chikatilo killed his first documented victim, 9 year old girl, Lena Zakotnova by luring her to an abandoned shed where he tried to rape her but when she began to struggle, in order to control her, he slashed her with a knife, ejaculating whilst doing so, thus confirming his psycho-sexual connection between violent death and sexual gratification, amply manifesting to typify all his ensuing sexual attacks on children of both sexes and women. Although Chikatilo was questioned by the Police on this murder, but since his wife

provided an iron-clad alibi for him, he could not be charged. Thereupon, Chikatilo's brutal and horrendous vampire killings went on unabated into alarming proportions and reached their apogee up to around 60 murders until November 06, 1990, on which day he killed his last victim, a 22 year old woman named Svetlana Korostik who went with him to the woodland near Donleskhoz railway station where he beat her, stabbed her to death and mutilated her body. Exhibiting his vampiric lust and cannibalism, Chikatilo cut off the tip of her tongue and both her nipples and ate them at the scene of the crime, before he covered her naked body with leaves and branches.

Chikatilo, it seemed, was not concerned about his victim's age, as long as she/he was a child or a young woman and killed randomly with a view to quench his appetite for blood and delicate parts of the victim's body such as, tongues, breasts, nipples, penises and vaginas. His youngest victim was a male child aged 7 years, named Igor Gudkov, killed on 09th September, 1983 who was the first male victim linked to the manhunt and the oldest was a 45 year old female by the name of Marta Ryabenko, killed on 21st February, 1984 in Aviators' Park, Rostov.

Consequent to this gargantuan series of vampiric killings, Chikatilo came to be regarded as the most savage and notorious serial killer of the century. His vampiric characteristics could be categorized, inter alia, as cannibalism, necrophilia, evisceration and mutilation. On November 20, 1990, he was arrested and tried on April 14, 1992. During his trial held in open court, Chikatilo became boisterous and dropping his trousers, waved his genitals at the assembled crowd. On October 15, 1992, he was found guilty of 52 counts of murder, some charges having been dropped owing to insufficient evidence. On February 14, 1994, Andrei

Romanovich Chikatilo was executed by a single gunshot behind the right ear.



Figure-55. A Police Mugshot of Andrei Romanovich Chikatilo

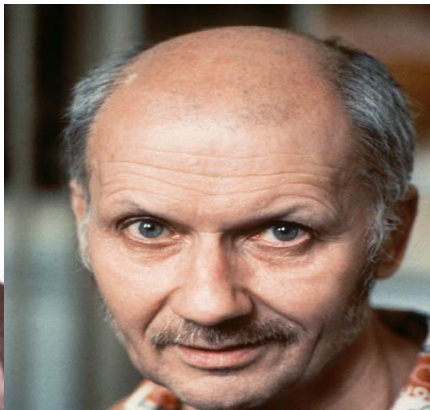


Figure-56. A later Photograph of Chikatilo-



Figure-57. Lena Zakotnova- Female-9, Chikatilo's First Victim



Figure-58. Svetlana Korostik- Female-22, Chikatilo's Last Victim



Figure-59. Igor Gudkov-Male-7, Chikatilo's Youngest Victim Figure-60. Marta Ryabenko-Female-45, Chikatilo's Oldest Victim

(Conradi, 1992; Lourie, 1993; Cullen, 1993; Krivich and Olgin, 1993.)

28. Tsutomu Miyazaki (1962-2008) aka “The Little Girl Murderer”, “The Otaku Murderer” and “Dracula”- Tokyo, Japan: Born on August 21, 1962 in Itsukaichi, Tokyo, as the only son to his well-to-do parents, his father being an owner of a newspaper and a print shop, Miyazaki's premature birth left him with deformed hands which were permanently gnarled and fused directly to the wrists, which meant he needed to move his entire forearm in order to rotate the hand. Due this physical deformity, he was ostracized in his younger days in the Elementary School by his school-mates, and at home too he was rejected by his own two younger sisters. When he attended the High School, he was ridiculed by his classmates for having an exceptionally tiny penis resulting in his inability to interact with young women which syndrome perhaps, was responsible for the inferiority complex he suffered from. It was reported that he attended college tennis matches only for the sole purpose of photographing the crotches of female players which photographs were used by him to masturbate and by 1984 at the age of 21, he began to watch child pornography.

In all probability, thoroughly driven by the above-mentioned inferiority complex and becoming amply fuelled by the devastating influence of Japanese child pornography, Miyazaki commenced his killing spree of small girls on August 22, 1988, one day after his 26th birthday which murders spanned the period from August, 1988 to June, 1989 where he abducted, mutilated and murdered four little girls between the ages of four and seven in Tokyo and Saitama Prefectures. His victims by strangulation were Mari Konno, 4, Masami Yoshizawa, 7, Erika Namba, 4, and Ayako Nomoto, 5. After killing his victims, he sexually molested their corpses and drank the blood of one of them and ate a part of her hand. It is reported that he terrorized the families of all four victims by sending them letters and postcards describing his heinous murders and crimes and also sent them cardboard boxes containing the charred remains, teeth, and photos of the dead girl's clothes. He also gave them silent nuisance phone calls wherein if they did not pick up the phone, he would allow it to ring for 20 minutes.

Miyazaki's crimes included vampirism as a crime and preservation of body parts as trophies but he never repented for his crimes. He was classified as a serial killer and his characteristics may be enumerated as vampirism coupled with cannibalism, necrophilia and mutilation. He was sentenced to death on April 14, 1997, and executed by hanging on June 17, 2008. His vampirism was so deep-rooted in the minds of the Japanese public hence the very mention of his name still draws contempt and disgust among them.



Figure-61. Photographs of Tsutomu Miyazaki

29. Deborah Jean Finch--Santa Cruz, California, USA: In the year 1992, Deborah Jean Finch, 20, a former roller-coaster operator at the Beach Boardwalk amusement park, had been charged with first-degree murder for being a vampire who killed a neighbour and drank his blood as part of a bizarre fantasy. During opening statements in Santa Cruz County Superior Court, prosecutors said they would prove that Finch stabbed 22 year old Brandon McMichaels, 27 times in the neck and chest at his apartment in the night of April 25, 1991.

It was originally reported that the killing was carried out as a suicide pact after a day of drunken revelry, when McMichaels, a mentally unstable heavy drinker, had begged Finch to stab him. Police had found bloody fingerprints of Finch on the wall of her apartment. On being questioned, Finch confessed to the suicide deal during taped interviews with Police in 1991. Nonetheless, as the trial opened, Assistant District Attorney declared to the court that the slaying in question was the climax of Finch's two-year obsession with vampires. A key witness and the source of the vampire accusations was Finch's former roommate, Heather Maxwell, 18, who had testified for the prosecution. Maxwell testified that she and Finch met each other while working at a fast-food restaurant in Vail, Colo. and they drove to Santa Cruz in early 1991.

Maxwell, an admitted Satan worshipper, originally was arrested as a possible accessory to the crime, but was released days later. When she returned to Santa Cruz from New Mexico for the trial, she had told District Attorney's investigator for the first time that Finch disclosed to her that she drank McMichaels' blood. (The Seattle Times Company, Friday, June 5, 1992)

30. Nicolas Claux (1972--) aka “The Vampire of Paris” and “Nico”—Paris, France: On November 15, 1994, the Paris Police arrested 22 year old Nicolas Claux outside the world famous Cabaret Moulin Rouge on suspicion of the murder of Thierry Bissonnier, 34. Bissonnier’s October 4, 1994 killing was one of a string of homosexual murders, seven of which occurred in October alone. While in custody, Claux confessed to one murder, that being of Thierry Bissonnier by shooting, and claiming himself to be a practising Satanist. A search of his apartment turned up unidentified skeletal remains, blood bags stolen from a hospital’s blood bank, funeral jars filled with human ashes, and hundreds of hardcore S/M videotapes.

Described by court psychiatrists as being a “nearly psychotic sadist”, Claux shocked investigators when he exemplified how he enjoyed eating strips of muscles from the corpse lying on the slab of the St. Joseph hospital mortuary where he worked as a morgue attendant. Furthermore, he described how he relished prowling Parisian cemeteries, digging up fresh graves, and drinking human blood mixed with human ashes and powder protein.

He was classified as a murderer and his characteristics were enumerated as Necrophilia and Cannibalism. Due to lack of evidence connecting him to other crimes, he was only charged with one count of premeditated murder and six counts of grave robberies. In May 1997, Nicolas Claux, the unrepentant necrophilic cannibal was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 12 years in prison.



Figure-62. A Police Mugshot and a Photograph of Nicolas Claux

31. Siswanto aka “Robot Gedek” (1963-2007): On August 6, 1996, a homeless Indonesian man, Siswanto, aged 33 years, confessed to killing 12 boys and leaving their mutilated bodies on the streets. He went on to admit the fact that he sexually molested his victims, ages ranging from 9 to 15 years before killing them by stabbing with a knife. All these victims were found with their stomachs slashed open and their internal organs removed and most of them were naked. Siswanto had told the Police that he enjoyed drinking the blood of his victims and sometimes kept pieces of their skin as mementos.

Siswanto’s vampiric killing spree began in December, 1994, and continued for a period of 18 months. His last victim’s body was discovered on July 5, 1996. According to the Police records, eight of his murders had taken place in Jakarta, Indonesia and another two of them took place in the city of Pekalongan in Central Java. He was arrested in 1996 when he was begging at Tegal Train Station in Central Java. On August 06, 1996, he confessed to his crimes. On May 21, 1997, Central Jakarta State Court found Siswanto guilty of all 12 murders and sentenced him to death. He died in Nusakambangan Prison on March 26, 2007 from a cardiac arrest.



Figure-63. Siswanto alias “Robot Gedek”

32. Roderick Justin “Rod” Ferrell (1980--) Kentucky, USA: Ferrell came to be popularly known as the “Vampire Killer”, a leader of a so-called Vampire Clan, who murdered the parents of his then girlfriend in 1996, when he was only sixteen years of age.



Figure-64. A 2008 Police Mugshot and a Photograph of Roderick Ferrell

Roderick Justin Ferrell was born on March 28, 1980 in Murray, Kentucky, USA. His hometown is part of the Bible Belt in the southern USA, a network of churches full of Christian cities and towns where no alcohol is sold. Murray is also one of the most conservative towns: the town even hosts the National Museum of the Boy Scouts. Ferrell was an ordinary teenager in love with vampire novels and movies-horror series “B”. Since his childhood, he was fascinated by the figure of the immortal blood suckers. Over time, his circle of friends included other young people who described themselves as “Gothic”: always use black clothes, nails painted in the same colour, use colours to make their faces pale, liked the nightlife and slept during the day, and obsessively loved the music with a vampiric tone. Although they were normal adolescents, but for the conservative people of Murray, they were the embodiment of evil. At the age of 15, Ferrell joined the clan of Stephen Murphy, alias “Jaeden”, another boy of the town who had decided with the other local teenagers, to

transform themselves into vampires. Thus, “Jaeden”, Ferrell and the rest of the family performed rituals, including drinking the blood of freshly slaughtered animals, in order to absorb their souls and attain immortality. As time passed by, they thought that they had achieved their goal, viz. through autosuggestion they were convinced that they could not die, and also possessed paranormal powers.

By this time, Ferrell used to drink his own blood and shared it with other members, by cutting the arms and wrists with razors and drinking directly from the wound. He even conducted visits to cemeteries and vampire masquerades. Very soon, Ferrell wanted to be the clan guide and threatened to kill “Jaeden” and the resultant conflicts that arose between them forced “Jaeden” to be expelled from the clan. Thus, Rod Ferrell became the leader of the clan and led his team with four teenagers of both sexes between 15 and 18 years, all from Murray. At this point, Ferrell assumed the name “Vesago the Vampire”. Thence, he devoted himself to tour the town at night, howling, kidnapping and stealing pets for sacrificing at the tombstones and graves in the local cemetery. The clan led by him, raided a kennel, killed all the puppies living there and ate flesh of their bodies. Their refuge was a ruined and dilapidated house which they called the “Vampire Hotel”. Furthermore, Ferrell convinced his followers to interact with him sexually and perform sexual activities based festivities that hurt them physically. Hence, they participated in drinking the blood of others, and then smearing the fluid mixed with sperm, menstrual blood and vaginal fluids all over their bodies.

However, it seems that Ferrell was precipitated into murder by his ex-girlfriend Heather Wendorf from Eustis, Florida. One night, Ferrell received a telephone call from Heather saying that she was desperate because her parents would not let her go to a party and consequently wanted Ferrell to murder them. By this time, Ferrell was tired of being in Murray and decided to make his escape and go far away. But, before departing to meet Heather, it was the occasion for “Vesago the Vampire” to demonstrate his power. In an

interview done at a later date, Ferrell had declared: “I decided to take the path of evil to see what happens; I do not mind dying in the chair. Murray is an evil place—supposedly a place of harmony, but like in a Stephen King Movie, underneath lurks a demon.”

On Monday, November 25, 1996, Rod Ferrell alias “Vesago the Vampire” along with the members of his clan reached the Wendorf residence in Florida and found Richard Wendorf, 49, asleep on his couch and his wife Naomi Ruth Queen in the bathroom. But, their daughter, Heather who made the macabre request to murder her parents was not at home. After entering the house through the unlocked garage, Ferrell and one of his followers, Howard Scott Anderson, found a crowbar. Ferrell attacked Richard Wendorf multiple times with the crowbar, fracturing both his skull and ribs; Ferrell’s beatings were so severe, Richard’s brain became exposed and parts of it splashed on the couch and walls. Meanwhile, Ruth had come out of the bathroom and gone to the kitchen to pour herself a cup of coffee. She did not realize what had happened until she entered the hall and saw the smashed bloody head of her husband and Ferrell and Anderson standing beside the dead man. In a fit of frenzy, Ruth threw the hot coffee on to the face of Ferrell which angered him and in a murderous rage, shouting, “I’m Vesago the Vampire and I’ll kill you”, he approached her and dealt some blows on her head with the iron bar, killing her instantaneously.

The most horrendous part of this murderous episode was that after killing Richard and Ruth Wendorf, the two murderers not only stole some of their jewellery and their car, but also opened their throats and drank their blood as well as eating some pieces of Richard’s brain. Thereafter, with lit cigarettes, Ferrell burnt the corpses to form a “V” indicating the brand of his clan and stayed in the house expecting Heather Wendorf to return home. When she arrived Ferrell demanded that she accompany him to which order she obeyed. In her later statements made, reveal that she was overcome with a mixture of attraction and aversion towards Ferrell. Thereafter, the vampire clan took to the roads and began to flee.

Nevertheless, the murdered bodies were discovered by Jennifer Wendorf, the victims' eldest daughter who called the Police and informed them about the murders and the disappearance of her younger sister. It seemed that Charity Keesee, Ferrell's new girlfriend, already knew of the gruesome murders occurred in the house but seemed not to care because she believed that "Vesago" was a real vampire and also the claim Ferrell had made that he was "more than five hundred years old" and had lived through experiences during countless centuries, knowing important historical figures. Dana Cooper, another follower of "Vesago" liked to compare their lives with the scenes from vampire novels and movies. At this juncture, due to dire need of money for them, Dana made a telephone call to her mother but she, in turn, informed the Police regarding the whereabouts of her daughter. Thus, on Friday, November 30, 1996, the Police managed to locate the vampire clan at a motel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where Ferrell and his partners in crime were arrested.

The trial against the "Vampire Clan" commenced on February 12, 1998 and Rod Ferrell pleaded guilty to the double murder. He was sentenced to die in the electric chair thus becoming the youngest person in the United States on Death Row. However, on an appeal made, his death sentence was commuted and sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. Howard Scott Anderson pleaded guilty to two counts of premeditated first-degree murder and received a life sentence. The two brides of Ferrell, Charity Keesee and Dana Cooper were sentenced to ten years in prison for aiding and abetting, on a third-degree murder charge. In March, 2006, Keesee was released from prison and Cooper was released from prison in October, 2011.

(Jones, 1999; Rod Ferrell's Confessions to the Police; Linedecker, 1998; London, *True Vampires: Blood-Sucking Killers, Past and Present.*)

33. Caius Domitius Veiovis alias Roy Gulfinski Jr.-Maine, USA: In 2000, Veiovis, then still going by his given name of Roy Gulfinski Jr. was convicted of elevated aggravated assault and reckless conduct for slicing open the back of a female victim, then licking the blood that flowed while kissing his girlfriend. The victim required 32 stitches to close up the wound. At the time of this assault, Gulfinski was 19 years and his girlfriend was 16 years and the two were said to be involved in vampire sub-culture and enjoyed drinking their own blood as well as the blood of others. After his arrest, Gulfinski told the Police that he was a Satanic worshipper and a vampire.

Gulfinski who spent seven and a half years in Maine prison for the above vampire-like assault, now going by his real name, Caius Domitius Veiovis, has been charged with first-degree triple homicide along with two others in Massachusetts in August, 2011.



Figure-65. Caius Domitius Veiovis

34. Matthew Hardman (1984--) Teenage “Vampire Killer”--United Kingdom: Hardman was born in 1984 and lived in Amlwch, on the north coast of Anglesey, North Wales, before moving to Llanfairpwll in 1998 when he was 13 years. He and his mother Julia, a nurse, and her partner Alan Benneyworth, a former Ministry of Defence fireman, lived in a bungalow. In the same year, his father who was separated from his mother, died from a massive asthma attack not only causing much distress to young Hardman, but also driving him into a

traumatic situation. However, his special needs tutor who had helped him to overcome his dyslexia (word-blindness) spoke of him as a very pleasant, amenable young man who was keen to learn. The teacher added that though Hardman asked questions, his writing and spelling had suffered due to his dyslexia condition but nevertheless, he was always well-behaved and never faced any disciplinary problems.

Hardman's hobbies were quite similar to that of most teenage boys, but it seemed that he had a more unusual hobby, an interest in vampires and the occult, which was to become his obsession. He left David Huws School in Anglesey at the age of 16 and went on to study art and design at Menai College. He had completed one term, and was also working as a part-time kitchen porter at a local hotel. From the ages 13 to 16, he also did a weekly paper round which included visits to the bungalow of Mrs. Mabel Leyshon, an old widowed lady who resided in the neighbourhood. It was revealed that by this time, Hardman had claimed that a 16 year old German exchange girl student staying in the town of being one of a community of local vampires and while in her bedroom, begged of her to bite his neck so that he too could become a vampire. But when she had refused to do so, Hardman had become violent and began insisting, pressing his neck against her mouth at which point she had become severely scared and escaping from his tight grasp ran out of the room and summoned help.

Thus, driven by this vampire obsession, on November 24, 2001, Hardman broke into the home of 90 year old widow Mabel Leyshon, who was residing very close to his house, through a window and repeatedly stabbed her in a vampire-style ritual murder. He had used a kitchen knife which he found from the kitchen of the victim, to cut open her chest before removing her heart, wrapping it in newspaper and placing it in a saucepan on a silver platter. Thereafter, he positioned two brass pokers at her feet in the shape of a crucifix. A candleholder was also placed on the floor close to the dead body, and a red candle balanced on the mantelpiece of her bungalow. It was revealed that Mrs. Leyshon was set upon from

behind when she was seated on an armchair watching television in the lounge of her bungalow. As she fought for her life with the assailant, she was stabbed 22 times. The stab wound in her chest was nearly 8 inches long and 9 inches wide. After she was dead, Hardman moved her body to another chair and made several deep gashes in her legs and began draining her blood into a small saucepan taken from the kitchen from which he drank her blood in a “macabre ritual”.

Subsequent to the investigations, the Police arrested Hardman in Llanfairpwll on January 08, 2002, on the murder charge. The DNA found at the murder scene matched with that of the blood found on a knife at Hardman’s home.

At the conclusion of the trial against Matthew Hardman where the jury at Mold Crown Court returned a unanimous verdict of guilty, the judge observed that this murder was planned and carefully calculated and sentenced Hardman to life imprisonment ruling that he should serve a minimum of 12 years for the murder, on August 02, 2002.

(Bunyan, N. *Telegraph.co.uk.*)



Figure-66. Matthew Hardman

Figure-67. Mabel Leyshon-The Victim

35. Daniel and Manuela Ruda, “The Satanist Vampires”, Witten, West Germany:

Daniel Ruda, 26, a former car-parts salesman and his wife Manuela, 23, who claimed to be vampires, had confessed that they killed their friend Frank Hackert, 33, on July 6, 2001, by stabbing him 66 times and that after killing him they drank his blood and prayed to Satan. Daniel and Manuela who got married on the 6th of the 6th month, June, 2000 had decided to kill on the 6th of July, 2001. They told the court that it gave them the number 666, the biblical symbol of the devil. The couple had met each other three years ago after Daniel put an advertisement in a ‘lonely hearts’ column in a magazine stating, “Black-haired vampire seeks princess of darkness who despises everyone and everything and has bidden farewell to life.”

They invited their friend Frank Hackert to a party at their flat in Witten, West Germany and Daniel Ruda picked him up from his home and took him to the flat where they chatted while playing music. Thereafter, Daniel hit Hackert on the head with a hammer when Manuela shouted, “stab him in the heart.” Manuela said that she saw the light in the flat flickered as Hackert died; she had taken that phenomenon as a sign that the “soul was on its way down there.” Daniel testified in court that he was in a state of euphoria and after the killing, both he and his wife collected the blood of their victim in a bowl and drank the blood and prayed to Satan. Manuela had told the court that they were empowered and alone and described how disappointed she was after the killing that she did not turn into a vampire because as a vampire she would not have needed the streets.

On July 9, 2001, the Police found the Ruda apartment surrounded by human skulls, cemetery lights, scalpels stained with blood, and incense and containing the decomposing body of Frank Hackert having a pentagram carved into his chest, a scalpel lodged in his stomach and his arms and face savaged with a machete. The Rudas disclosed that after drinking the blood

of their victim they slept together and had sex in a coffin they kept in the main room of their flat. Manuela Ruda also told the court, “we were not alone- there was a presence there, a powerful force” and added that her husband had “terrible, glowing eyes” as he stood up before delivering the first hammer blow on the head of Hackert.

Daniel and Manuela Ruda went on the run for a week before they were arrested after being spotted at a petrol station in the eastern town of Jena. They were convicted of murder in February, 2002 and sentenced to 15 years and 13 years respectively in a secure psychiatric hospital but the judge in the Western German town of Bochum said that they might never be released because of the possibility that they could kill again. Reproduced below are photographs of Daniel and Manuela Ruda, the Vampire Husband and Wife, during their 2001 trial. (The Telegraph, Germany-01 February, 2002; The Guardian-Friday, 1 February, 2002.)



Figure-68. Daniel Ruda and Manuela Ruda Figure-69. The Vampire Couple

36. Allan Menzies (1981-2004), Edinburgh, Scotland: Menzies worked as a security guard prior to getting involved in the vampire-style murder of his friend Thomas McKendrick, 21, both persons hailing from Fauldhouse, Edinburgh.

Allan Menzies, 22, was in the habit of viewing the vampire film, “Queen of the Damned” more than 100 times, practically every day, sometimes three times a day, wherein the female protagonist, Akasha the “queen”, inspired him obsessively, driving his soul to become

associated with her to embark on vicious blood-hunting with no remorse. Menzies' best friend, Thomas McKendrick was the person who brought the above-mentioned film to him but nevertheless, on December 11, 2002, when McKendrick made the fatal error of insulting the character Akasha, Menzies could not bear it and retaliated by fatally attacking his best friend. All this had occurred after Menzies had begun buying ox livers and eating them raw to get their blood. "I could never get the thought of being a vampire out of my mind," Menzies confessed. "To put it bluntly, after I had seen the film so many times, I wanted to go out and murder people." Then Thomas McKendrick disappeared and was last seen on December 11, 2002 when he visited Menzies. On January 04, 2003, McKendrick's clothing was found in a bag on the moors, and two days later, the Police searched Menzies' home. After the Police talked with Menzies, he took an overdose of drugs and ended up in the hospital for two days. Again on January 18, 2003, McKendrick's remains were discovered buried in a shallow grave. The pathology report obtained indicated that he had been stabbed 42 times with a large knife in the face, head and body and bludgeoned over the head more than six times with a hammer-like instrument and that the attack had been carried out for a prolonged period of time where the victim had been hit on the head quite forcefully. Under questioning, Menzies confessed that he turned the body of his friend on its side to drain some blood out and drank two cupfuls of it and also consumed part of the skull which had been broken resulting from the blows. To get rid of the body, Menzies had taken it in a wheeled cart into the woods and buried it.

The trial began in October 2003, before the High Court in Edinburgh. The jury deliberated for an hour and a half and returned a unanimous verdict that Menzies was guilty of murder. The judge gave him a minimum sentence of 18 years, declaring him an outright psychopath—evil, merciless and dangerous. On November 15, 2004, Allan Menzies was found dead in his cell, an apparent suicide. (BBC News-UK)



Figure-70. Allan Menzies

Figure-71. Thomas McKendrick-Victim

37. John Wicks—United Kingdom: In August, 2004, John Wicks was accused of killing and drinking the blood of his mistress. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

38. Diana Semenuha aka “The Vampire Witch”—Ukraine: In March, 2005, Diana Semenuha, 29, was arrested after the Police discovered that she had lured street children in Odessa to her home to drink their blood. Upon questioning, she admitted that she drank the blood of these children because she believed that this practice could prevent a muscle-wasting condition she suffered from. But, it seemed that her crime appeared to have a different agenda as well. As reported in the Odessa Press, which named Semenuha “the Vampire Witch”, she invited the children with promises of food and bed, gave them alcohol too and got them to sniff glue in order to make them pliable and yielding and then bled them. Whatever the additional blood she did not use herself, she sold to practitioners of black magic who participated with her in the Black Sea port’s occult network. Once a certain blood source weakened, she used to move the child back to the street and found a replacement.

When the Police raided her Odessa apartment, they found seven children, all of them drugged, strapped into beds. They also discovered a large knife and a silver goblet engraved with symbols, believed to be for witchcraft. As a matter of fact, upon her arrest, Semenuha stated “witch” as her occupation. During the subsequent investigation, after admitting that she

took blood from the children, she also added that she had taught witchcraft to others and allowed her students to drink blood from her. In her opinion, she was not committing a crime because there was a fair exchange and no force or violence exerted. Since she had fed the children and given them shelter in return, she believed, she had paid for their blood.

One male child had reported that he actually witnessed Semenuha drinking his blood. She had got him to sniff glue and then used a syringe to draw blood from his hand. The boy added that Semenuha muttered in a language he did not understand, and thence squirted his blood into a silver bowl and consumed it. However, the seven children who were rescued from her home by the Police, soon after disappeared into the streets again, thereby making the case against “the Vampire Witch” difficult to prosecute.

39. Jessica Stasinowsky and Valerie Parashumti, Perth, Australia: This pair of lesbian lovers who thought themselves as vampires murdered a 16 year old girl named Stacey Mitchell who had lived with them for 11 days. In December 2006, Stacey Mitchell moved in with the lesbian lovers, Stasinowsky and Parashumti after running away from her home. Shortly after their cohabitation began, the lesbian couple became annoyed with Mitchell and Stasinowsky developed a jealousy towards Mitchell suspecting that she was flirting with her lover Parashumti. Therefore, the lesbian couple gave Mitchell a drink mixed with a sleeping pill and started beating her with a concrete block, Thereafter Stasinowsky strangled Mitchell using a dog chain which killing was captured on a mobile phone video camera.

Parashumti’s lawyer told the court that his client had experimented with drinking blood and was associated with vampire sub-culture since she was a child. Throughout the trial, neither of the accused showed any remorse, but instead giggled as the details of the murder were produced. The Court Judge who heard the case while sentencing both the accused to life imprisonment, said that he believed they were sexually aroused by bloodshed and violence.



Figure-72.Jessica Stasinowsky. Figure-73.Valerie Parashumti

40. Tiffany Sutton, “The Vampire Girl”—Arizona, USA: It was a Valentine’s Day grisly surprise for Robert McDaniel, 46, when he learned that his partner in kinky sex, Tiffany Sutton, 23, was a “Vampire Girl” who wanted to drink his blood.



Figure-74. Tiffany Sutton(23) and the Victim Robert McDaniel (46)

The three photographs displayed above show the victim, Robert McDaniel, 46, at the middle, flanked on either side by the vampire girl, Tiffany Sutton, 23.

Having mutually agreed that both should participate in an encounter of kinky sex, on February 14, 2007, Robert and Tiffany had consumed drugs and alcohol together in a shack

behind an abandoned house, at which point Robert voluntarily allowed his young girlfriend Tiffany to tie him up though he knew that she had been staying with him only for a couple of days. Relying too much on the fidelity of his newfound girlfriend, a little while later, Robert understood that he had himself ended up in a hell of his own, once he became bound and thus inevitably vulnerable. According to what Robert had stated, soon after tying him down, Tiffany then pulled out several knives and a pickaxe and sliced him across the leg with one of the knives and when he demanded to know what she was doing, she had told him that she liked to drink blood and wanted to drink his. Thereafter, she placed her mouth to his fresh wound on the leg and drank blood flowing from it.

Robert who eagerly expected sex from Tiffany then saw that his ordeal did not end at that point when she stabbed him several times in the upper torso. Fearing for his dear life, Robert put up a struggle in order to free himself of his bonds and rightly comprehended that, by any chance, if Tiffany sliced too deeply or in the wrong place, he could bleed to death in a short while. It seemed that after he managed to get loose of his bonds, he escaped from the shed and started to run pursued by Tiffany with the axe in her hand. However, she had lost track of him enabling him to phone a friend before passing out. The friend arrived to find Robert's blood-soaked body with Tiffany standing nearby covered only in a blanket. He called the Police and got Robert transported by ambulance to a hospital where they found seven stab wounds and several slices on Robert's body. Fortunately Robert survived of his injuries.

According to newspaper reports appearing in the area, Tiffany Sutton was arrested by the Police for aggravated assault on Robert McDaniel. In August, 2007, Tiffany Sutton pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated assault and in October, 2007, she was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

41. Philip Ondara Onyancha (1978--), Nairobi, Kenya: Onyancha, the 32 year old father of two has shocked Kenya after admitting to the Police in July, 2010 that he had been enticing and killing children and women and sucking their blood in a cult-related activity. In a grim confession, Onyancha had revealed that, by the time of his arrest in June, 2010 by the Kenyan Police, he had killed 19 women and children, strangling them and then drinking their blood. He added that he committed this spate of murders in the hope of attaining a higher and more powerful rank in the cult he joined a number of years earlier. Onyancha being Kenya's first ever self-confessed serial killer told the Special Crime Prevention Police Unit that he had intended to kill 100 people and consume their blood in order to be rewarded with a "very high rank" in the cult.

Disclosing further details, Onyancha said that he was introduced to occult movement by his former secondary school female teacher, Ms.Elizabeth Wambui Kimani between 1995 and 1998 in Nyeri in his very first year of high school. The cult's initiation ceremony involved cutting his chest and smearing some "strange" ashes on the cuts which gave him "great powers" enabling him to lure his victims to secluded areas where he killed them and disposed of their blood as demanded by the evil spirits. After being lacerated with the ashes, he became powerful and effective in 2007 when he killed his first victim, a woman he lured away from the residence of the German diplomat which was guarded by him in his job with the G4S Security Company in Muthangari in Nairobi.

Explaining his choice of women and children as his victims, he said that women are the weaker sex thus making them easy to subdue and the children make easy targets. Even though Onyancha insisted that he never had sex with his victims, nevertheless psychologists state that most serial killings do have a sexual component and therefore, they suspect the same behaviour of Onyancha. Investigators also theorize that his mental status might have become unstable due to anger over personal failures prior to 2007 which could have driven

him to seek revenge on innocent people. It is reported that currently Onyancha has been taking investigators and the press around the country on a gory tour to show them his crime scenes and the decomposing remains of some of his 19 victims.



Figure-75. Philip Ondara Onyancha

42. Jeffrey “Draven” Mitchell, Jacksonville, Florida, USA: In 2008, Mitchell who claimed to be a 225 year old vampire and calling himself “Draven” was arrested in Virginia Beach on charges of sexually assaulting a 4 year old girl as well as two other young girls. Police say Mitchell, 30, always wore black clothes and capes, and placed caps over his teeth to make them look like vampire fangs. He was charged with inanimate object penetration into the genital organs of girls, oral sodomy and aggravated sexual battery among other crimes, manifestly indicating vampiric traits.

Figure-76. Jeffrey “Draven” Mitchell



43. Matthew Lovrine, Racine, West Indiana, USA: Since 2009, 18 year old Lovrine had been carrying on sexual relationships with two teenage girls thus the threesome became involved in a “polygamist relationship.” According to reports, Lovrine had told the girls that he is a vampire and will cut them and drink their blood. He had done precisely what he told by punching them and cutting them with a knife on several occasions. Police say Lovrine also bragged about cutting his victims with razor blades and drinking their blood before his arrest. Lovrine was charged with multiple sex crimes, including two felony counts of sexual assault in December, 2010.



Figure-77. Matthew Lovrine

44. ‘Jan O.’-Germany: A man identified only as ‘Jan O.’ confessed to the killing of a 14 year old girl whom he dragged into the woods with the intention of raping her. He then stabbed her in the neck with a piece of broken bottle, bit off pieces of the wound and drank her blood. He also admitted that five days later, he kidnapped a 13 year old boy whom he thought was a girl because of his long hair. Upon discovering the child was a boy, Jan O. stabbed him to death. In his confession, Jan O. wrote, “I did not want sex anymore, only flesh and blood...I am addicted to the taste.”

Jan O. was sentenced to life in a psychiatric institution by a German Court in June 2011 for the 2010 murders of two children.



Figure-78. ‘Jan O.’—Germany

45. Mahesh Ahirwar-The Vampire from Madhya Pradesh, India: Deepa Ahirwar, a 22 year old married woman residing in the Damoh District of Madhya Pradesh, India, has told the Police that her husband Mahesh Ahirwar had been in the habit of drinking her blood for the past three years. “He used to take a syringe and draw blood from my arms. He would then empty it into a glass and drink it. For three years he did this on a regular basis, threatening me of dire consequences if I revealed this to anyone,” Deepa had complained.

Deepa was married to an agricultural labourer, Mahesh Ahirwar, in Shikarpura village in 2007. A few months after their marriage, Mahesh started drawing blood from his wife’s veins and consume it. He had told her that drinking her blood made him strong and boosted his virility and did not stop the practice even when Deepa became pregnant. It was after she gave birth to a son seven months ago that she began protesting as her health started deteriorating. She had told the Police that she felt drained, weak and nauseating after each extraction of blood, but every time she resisted her husband beat her up.

In early July, 2011, Deepa carrying her baby escaped to her parents' house coming under the Patera Police Station area and narrated the whole story to her farmer father who took her to the local Police Station to register a case against Mahesh. However, they were directed to the Hindoriya Police Station under whose jurisdiction area the victim and her husband resided. Meanwhile, Mahesh was found to be absconding whose vampiric deeds have come to light among the residents of Shikarpura. Since they have taken up Deepa's cause, the Hindoriya Police have now registered a First Information Report (FIR) against Mahesh on the grounds of physical torture meted out to his wife Deepa.



Figure-79. Deepa Ahirwar, the Victim of her husband, Mahesh's vampirism, with their infant son

(The Times of India, July 18, 2011.)

46. Stephanie Pistey, Florida, USA: 18 year old Stephanie Pistey who was charged with accessory to the murder of a 16 year old boy by the name of Jacob Hendershot claimed that she is a vampire, fuelling the suspicion of the Police that the alleged killers were involved in a vampire cult.

Police said that in July, 2011, Pistey's friends and co-defendant, William Chase, 25, lured Hendershot to a house where Pistey was babysitting, killed him and dumped his dead body in a storm drain. Police suspect Hendershot was killed because Pistey had accused him of raping

her. Although Pistey denied involvement in the killing of Hendershot, she reportedly claimed that she had drunk the blood of her 25 year old fiancé and co-defendant, William Chase. In an interview, Pistey told the local news station, “since I was like 12.... I know this is going to be crazy, but I believe that I’m a vampire; part of a vampire and part of a werewolf.”



Figure-80. Stephanie Pistey

47. Lyle Monroe Bensley, Texas, USA: On August 13, 2011, 19 year old Bensley who claimed to be a vampire who had been alive for over 500 years, and needed to feed himself with blood, forced his way into a woman’s apartment wearing only boxer shorts and entering the bedroom of a woman, began to hit her whilst biting her and making growling sounds, demonstrating vampiric traits. However, escaping from the clutches of this vampire, the victim was able to get into a neighbour’s car and inform the Galveston, Texas Police who after a short pursuit arrested him. Bensley was charged with burglary with intent to commit assault.



Figure-81. Lyle Monroe Bensley

48. Josephine Smith, Florida, USA: On September 8, 2011, 22 years old Josephine Smith made a vampire style attack on 69 years old homeless senior citizen Milton Ellis while he was sleeping on the porch of an abandoned building. Smith had met Ellis when she was waiting for her relatives to pick her up at a shopping area near a restaurant in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA.

It was reported that Smith had declared, “I am a vampire, I am going to eat you,” before she ripped into Ellis with her teeth, biting off pieces of his face, lips and arm. However, Ellis managed to escape from her and call the Police who despatched him to the hospital where he was given treatment requiring stitches. Police also found Smith half-naked and covered with blood at the scene of the attack. Although she claimed to have no recollection of what happened, she was charged with aggravated battery.



Figure-82. Josephine Smith

Conclusion

In concluding the discreet narration on the True Living Vampires of the Modern Era, the writer wishes to place on record a limitation factor on his analysis to the effect that he had deliberately omitted the inclusion of some of the records available on the existence of Real

Vampires owing to the contradictory nature seen in them as well as the differing versions expressed by different sources on the same incident thereby making them incredible, vague and ambiguous. For instance, the series of incidents about real vampires supposed to have occurred in New England in the USA throughout the 19th century had to be excluded due to the unavailability of contemporary reliable records. Similarly, the episode dealing with “The Real Vampire of Croglin Grange” presumed to have occurred in Cumberland, England in the latter part of the 19th century was also excluded from this analysis mainly based on ambiguity of source records.

(Hare, *The Story of My Life. 1896-1900*; Harper, 1971; Rogo, *Fate*, June, 1968; Dyall, *Fate*, April, 1954.)

In a very recent supposed to be vampire biting case that occurred in a convenience store on November 17, 2011 at 10.30 p.m. in Denver, USA, where a Denver woman named Emi Coleman, 30, had groped and bit on the neck of another customer and also hugged and bit on the neck of the store clerk, Alice Gonzalez, has been excluded from the current analysis because the whole episode looks like an incident that occurred due to Emi Coleman’s drunken state. Similarly, in another vampire-style blood-drinking case that occurred in Mexico in August, 2010 where Mauricio Mendez Lopez killed his brother-in-law Macario Cruz since he carried on an illicit love-sex affair with Lopez’s married niece, Mariella Mendez, and then drank the victim’s blood out of a plastic cup was also excluded from the analysis, because Lopez believed that according to Mexican folklore, drinking a victim’s blood helped the killer to evade arrest and therefore, his drinking of blood in this episode does not constitute a vampiric trait or behaviour but could be regarded only as a strategy adopted to escape from the law-enforcing authorities.

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