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## **Vampire love? Arrest made in AZ Valentine's case**

An Arizona woman is under arrest for allegedly tying up her lover on Valentine's Day in order to drink his blood.

Tempe, Arizona police say 23-year-old Tiffany Sutton allegedly tricked her 43-year-old victim with an offer of "kinky sex." But after tying him up, police say she pulled a knife, cut the man's leg, told him she "Likes to drink blood" and then drank a little bit of his blood.

The victim broke free and fled. Sutton also allegedly chased the man with a pickax after he broke free. The man was later transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

www.14wfi.com, 15 Feb.

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## **'Vampire' pleads guilty for sex with underage girls**

A 21-year-old Winona man pleaded guilty Friday to three counts of criminal sexual conduct.

Michael Earl Kulas Jr. admitted he had sex on three occasions with two underage Winona girls in the fall of 2005 and in March 2006.

He faces prison time at his April 25 sentencing.

When Kulas was arrested in July 2006, he told police that he was so drunk that he didn't remember the incidents. In Minnesota, it is illegal for minors between 13 and 16 to have sexual contact with anyone who is more than two years older than them, regardless of consent.

According to the criminal complaint, Kulas, who was 20 at the time, said he was drawn to the first female, then 15, because they were both into vampirism, or drinking blood.

Police had been investigating Kulas for possible criminal sexual conduct as early as February 2006, when they warned him to stop hanging around the Winona Senior High School.

Each of the third-degree charges carries a possibility of up to 15 years in prison.

www.winonadailynews.com, 17 Feb.

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## **Sentenced for sexual perversion release because he wrote a book**

An American historian sentenced to seven years in prison for sexual perversion and abuse of minors won early release from prison Tuesday because he wrote a book about Dracula, his attorney said.

Kurt W. Treptow of Miami Beach left the prison in this northeastern city in his lawyer's car after serving less than five years.

He was sentenced to the maximum of seven years in December 2002 for offenses involving two girls, ages 10 and 13, whom he invited into his home in Iasi. A Romanian woman convicted of being his accomplice is still in prison.

Treptow, who looked visibly emaciated as he left the prison, declined to comment.

His lawyer, Liviu Bran, said the historian was released early because he wrote a book entitled "The life and Times of Vlad Dracul" while he was in prison. The book, written from September 2003 until October 2006, was counted as community service, Bran told reporters.

Bran told the court during the trial his client had sex only with the 13-year-old girl and that he did not know she was a minor.

Treptow, who first studied in Romania as a Fulbright scholar during the communist regime that toppled in 1989, has written and edited numerous books on Romanian history, including one about Romania's pro-Hitler World War II dictator, Marshal Ion Antonescu, and another on Vlad Tepes, the historical model for Dracula.

Treptow moved to Romania in the 1990s and was director of the Center for Romanian Studies in Iasi, which is housed in a building owned by the espionage service. The service has declined to say whether Treptow worked for them.

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