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Vampire killer's gradual release

Notorious "vampire killer" Tracey Wigginton has won her fight to be released after almost 20 years behind bars for the murder of a Queensland council worker that captured world headlines.

Queensland's Parole Board has approved her graduated release from a high-security prison despite correctional services last year declaring she still had social and anger issues.

Wigginton, 42, a self-proclaimed vampire who callously murdered Brisbane Council worker Edward Baldock and drank his blood, was sentenced to life for the 1989 crime.

She and three other women, one her lesbian lover, lured Baldock, 47, a father of five, into their car after he had been out drinking.

They then drove to Orleigh Park, alongside the Brisbane River, where Wigginton stabbed him 27 times and drank his blood.

They were quickly caught when detectives found an ATM card belonging to Wigginton in one of his shoes.

Wigginton was first eligible for parole in 2002.

Queensland's Corrective Services last night confirmed that Wigginton was being released into the community.

"She is currently classified as low risk and the Queensland Parole Board considered a parole application," a statement said. "It rejected her application. However, Queensland Parole Board approved an application for a resettlement leave program.

"Under this program she is initially allowed a maximum of 12 hours of leave every two month for six months."

The family of Baldock could not be reached for comment.

Her graduated release comes amid heated debate in Queensland over the parole of sex offenders. In recent weeks, several high-profile pedophiles and serial rapists have breached strict parole conditions and been returned to prison.

Michael McKenna
The Australian, 13 Apr.

Vampire killer release 'not approved'

Queensland's Corrective Services department has rejected reports a woman known as the vampire killer for her role in a brutal Brisbane murder has been approved for parole or graduated release.

Tracey Wigginton, 42, and three other women were convicted of stabbing Brisbane council worker Edward Baldock 27 times in 1989.

One of Wigginton's co-accused said the self-proclaimed vampire had drunk his blood because of her "need to feed".

Wigginton received a life sentence for the murder, but The Australian newspaper reported on Monday she had received approval from Queensland's parole board for a graduated release from a high security prison.

The newspaper reported that under the resettlement leave program, Wigginton would be given a maximum of 12 hours leave every two months for six months.

A Corrective Services spokesman was quoted in the newspaper as saying Wigginton's parole application was refused by the parole board, but she had been approved for the resettlement leave program.

But a spokeswoman for Queensland Corrective Services told AAP on Monday that the article was wrong.

"The prisoner has not been approved for parole or graduated release," the spokeswoman said.

Wigginton was not being allowed out for even 12 hours every two months, she said.

The convicted murderer was first eligible for parole in 2002, but Corrective Services last year said Wigginton still had social and anger issues.

The Corrective Services spokeswoman later said the prisoner who had been approved for resettlement leave was murderer Lisa Ptaschinski, Tracey Wigginton's co-accused, and not Wigginton, as claimed in Monday's Australian newspaper.

"To clarify further media inquiries, Lisa Ptaschinski has had her application for resettlement leave approved by the Queensland Parole Board," the spokeswoman said.

"Under the resettlement leave program, she is initially allowed a maximum of 12 hours of leave every two months for six months.

"The prisoner Ptaschinski has served 17 years in prison after being sentenced for murder in February 1991.

"She was eligible to apply for parole in 2002. She is currently classified as low-risk." by Stacey's brutal murder".

AAP, 14 Apr.

'Vampire girl was a pain junkie'

A MAN who allegedly bit and whipped a teenage girl he met on a website called vampirefreaks.com told a court today the girl wanted him to "mark" her as his whore.

Warwick Harold Acott, 39, has pleaded not guilty in the District Court in Adelaide to two counts of assault and unlawful sexual intercourse at the girl's home in June, 2006.

He told the court he whipped the girl, who described herself as a "pain junkie", with a cat o' nine tails and bit her chest.

Mr Acott said she called him names when he first hit her with the whip because he did it too softly.

She told him to "give it your best shot and count to 10".

"She said to me 'I'm now your whore, I'm yours forever, I'm your slave, mark me again'," Mr Acott said.

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He said he had believed she was over the legal age for sexual relations.

Mr Acott, who described himself as a Christian, said they argued over the issue of her age and whether what they were doing was legal.

He left and did not see her again until the trial began, he said.

Mr Acott denied forcing the girl to perform a sex act.

He has told the court the girl contacted him in late 2004 or early 2005 after seeing his profile on gothic subculture website vampirefreaks.com.

The prosecution alleges he contacted the girl first.

Under cross-examination, Mr Acott said he found the girl "bizarre".

"I wasn't put off, I was really fascinated," he said.

The trial continues.

Gavin Lower

www.news.com.au, 30 Apr.

Vampires are proved to exist

Legends about vampires, so popular among gothic-style fans, have a real base. People that fear daylight, have yellow fang-like teeth, animal-looking nails and are allergic to garlic do exist, not to mention those who merely wear black, gothic jewelry, gets fang implants and bites innocent old ladies while high. By the way, the fact that old ladies are bitten isn't a myth; in the Kaliningrad region a teenager killed 2 pensioners for a special vampire ceremony. The cruelest accident happened in Great Britain 4 years ago. Then a 17-year teenager slaughtered his female neighbor, teared out her heart and sucked out blood to gain immortality.

Almost each nation has legends about vampires that hunt people at night and drink their blood. In these legends vampires are cruel, heartless, half-decayed creatures. For example, Slavic mythology has a belief that a vampire won't get out of grave if you throw some corn inside. The vampire will count corns all night long. But the image of a vampire has changed. Today it is an enigmatic sexy superstar that kept its peculiar traits: love of blood, hate for garlic, and fear for the sun. In the Middle Ages the legend about vampires was complemented with the information that they fear cross and Holy Water. That remained a myth until 1963, when a British doctor Li Illis made a stunning announcement: vampire-werewolf is nothing more than a victim of a genetic pathology – porphyria.

This is a rare disease – only 1 in 20000 people suffers from it. The body doesn't produce red corpuscles and thus a person's blood lacks oxygen and iron and this leads to hemoglobin breakdown under the sunshine. Soon blisters and ulcers pop up; a person starts to have sun energy and can even die. This disease can also cause nose, ears and cartilages deformation. His fingers start to convolve; the skin around mouth gets dry and reveals gums, which turn yellowish because of porphyrine deposition on the teeth.

Garlic that stimulates red corpuscles emission in the body of healthy person causes the exacerbation of symptoms among the ill people. This goes hand in hand with harsh pain, so these people also often suffer from mental disability.

If you sum up all the symptoms of this disease, you get the exact same picture of a vampire shown on TV. In France only in the 17th century 30 thousand people were declared werewolves according to the signs described by Illis. All of them were hanged. The Czech archeologists found the burying that dates back to the 11th century. There were 13 people lying with tied hands, chopped off heads and stakes in the chest. Porphyria is not infective – it is an inherited disease. If one of the parents suffers from it, the child is 25 percent probable to inherit it. The reason for it can be hepatitis C, incest and excessive alcohol drinking.

They say that in the Middle Ages people that had porphyria were cured by blood, though it's pointless as it doesn't stanch pain. Today patients get blood-based injections. This disease though is neither examined nor cured.

Russian scientists don't pay attention to this problem. In distinction from the West, we have neither qualified specialists, nor equipped medical centers to deal with this disease.

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