

Weird Sex Crimes In The News



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Women may be half the human race, but they commit a tiny fraction of its sex crimes, and most of the time their victims don't complain until they stop. Having said that, there are still some perverted females out there. One who hit the news in the UK this month was Gayle Newland, who posed as a man. So did Vesta Tilley, but Newland didn't simply [follow in her father's footsteps](#), she did what her father did in the first place, she slept with a woman. Okay, this is 2015, but the woman with whom she slept did not realise Newland was a woman.

This was the bizarre tale that unfolded [at Chester Crown Court](#) where although cleared of rape in a case that dates back to 2011, Newland was convicted on three charges of sexual assault. She was said to have met her unnamed victim through Facebook. If you take a gander at her photograph, she is clearly female, not to mention attractive, so it remains to be seen how she tricked her victim into bed on numerous occasions, even though she persuaded her to wear a blindfold during the sex act. Eventually, the other woman tired of this charade, and on removing the blindfold saw her partner was wearing a prosthetic penis.

There is at least one legal commentator who has argued that "rape by deception" [should not be a crime](#). Leaving aside the fact that Newland was cleared of the most serious charge, there are some

who would beg to differ. If a man lies his way into a woman's bed by claiming to be stinking rich, that is one thing, but there are limits. Newland has yet to be sentenced, but she can expect to serve hard time. In a women's prison!

On the other side of the Atlantic, a woman has been charged with **indecently exposing herself** to children. Jennifer Lien is a fairly **successful actress** who has appeared in the *Star Trek* franchise. Now 41 years old, she is also facing assault charges from a motoring incident. Although the American authorities release far more information than those in the UK, not too much is known about this one. Reading between the lines though, this is a woman who has lost the plot rather than taken a walk down the path of sexual perversion.

Finally, back in the UK, a police officer has been cleared of raping a teenager, although in view of his behaviour he is unlikely to be a police officer for much longer. Sergeant Peter Lower is a married man of 52. Six years ago he would of course have been six years younger, he would also have been unwise to embark on an affair with a teenager – ask **Rolf Harris**. In February, he was charged with three counts of rape, and other offences. And being a police officer he was of course granted bail when lesser mortals would not have. His defence was that she liked rough sex. The jury bought his story, which even if true is disgusting, but he has **been convicted** on one count of actual bodily harm. Like Newland, he has yet to be sentenced, but whether or not he gets gaol time the real cost is his career, a chunk of his pension one would expect, and shame. Like Gayle Newland, Lower exhibited a pattern of behaviour, so he can hardly blame his downfall on the proverbial moment of madness.

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