



Valid excuses for fatal male violence: love

Jay Nava, a soldier, was being investigated by the police for sexual assault. Natasha Wake had not known about the allegation (for which Nava was not charged) prior to the evening of her murder. The [Telegraph coverage](#) implies that the "bitter and acrimonious" argument that evening resulted in murder - as though being angry at being lied to is unreasonable behaviour in a woman. The other common excuse for male violence is "love". It doesn't matter how many times a man claims to love a woman - domestic violence and femicide are not acts of love. They are the acts of violent and controlling men who view women as possessions. The media needs to stop reporting this use of the word love as an excuse for male violence as it perpetuates the context in which male violence occurs.

Natasha Wake did not deserve to die.

No man should be able to use the word love to minimise their criminal acts.



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Jay Nava stabbed his ex girlfriend Natasha Wake to death as her children slept upstairs. Media report his appalling violence as love

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Police were alerted and found three notes written by Nava. One said: "I'm very weak and scared, I have been for a long time now. I'll see you again Tasha in the next world x." Another read: "Tasha died at 11 ... She was the only person that I loved and loved me."

BBC

The last addressed to Miss Wake said: "To the most beautiful woman I have ever met and loved so much."

Daily Mail
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THE Sun

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