

“I think I’ve been raped”

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She tells me on the phone
and the doubt in her statement convinces me
she’s telling the truth.
But she’s confused
because she fancied him
thought he was fit
on the photos she saw on the internet dating link.
Still she’s not sure it can be abuse
because she was excited, dressed up for it
they’d both had a drink.
Why didn’t she think?

Members of the jury “She thinks she was raped” because
Despite her defiance and insistence. Pushing and persistence...
Please. Please please don’t....
He did not. Stop. You will note. There is photographic evidence of resistance.
So distressed was she that after the event
she scrubbed her body raw
to wash away the guilt and fury. It was...
Inadvertently, your honour that she rinsed away the sticky DNA. But the jury
won’t get to hear her story
it’s not worth pursuing the police persuade her.
It would be construed that she was partly to blame.
It’s a shame but they need hard facts to convict him.
His word against hers she knows the game

By this stage she needs no convincing.
She closes the case, ties it up in pink lace.
She states her verdict. “I was raped”.