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Yes, It Was An Honor Killing

Noor Faleh Almaleki, the 20-year-old Iraqi woman whose father ran over her in a Jeep, has died.

On October 20, her Muslim father, Faleh Hassan Almaleki, 48, [mowed her down](#) because Noor was, he believed, “too Westernized.” In court over the weekend, the Iraqi immigrant freely admitted he killed his daughter to preserve the family’s “honor.” Faleh Almaleki also hit Amal Khalaf, the mother of Noor’s boyfriend. She survived the vehicular attack.



At a court hearing over the weekend in Phoenix, “the Associated Press reports, “county prosecutor Stephanie Low told a judge that Almaleki admitted to committing the crime. ‘By his own admission, this was an intentional act and the reason was that his daughter had brought shame on him and his family,’ Low said. ‘This was an attempt at an honor killing.’”

As well, another AP report said, “Family members said Noor Almaleki had been living with her boyfriend and Khalaf, and Faleh Almaleki was upset that his daughter had become too ‘Westernized,’ had failed to live by traditional Muslim values and had disrespected the family.”

Faleh Almaleki tried to flee the country after he ran down Noor. He drove to Mexico and flew to London, but British authorities deported him to Atlanta. From there, that he was extradited back to Phoenix.

Noor died after spending the time since the attack in a coma.

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