Case #72

NAME Educational Activities Committee
1. What is the most likely cause for the injuries on this decedent's back? (FREE TEXT ANSWER)
Answers by Category

- 83% Blunt force injuries
- 7% Animal-related injury
- 5% Crush Injury
- 3% Other
- 1% Peri/postmortem artifact
- 1% Thermal injury

Blunt force injuries split by tools

- 33% Belt
- 34% Electrical wire
- 18% Coat hanger
- 12% Whip
- 3% Other
Answer...
Looped electrical cord – (CORRECT ANSWER)

Our image depicts multiple healed patterned injuries on the decedent's back, reportedly consistent with blunt force injuries sustained through beatings with a looped electrical cord.

It is important to note that this pattern is not necessarily specific to an electrical cord. Any other looped object, including many of the other listed answers (e.g., belts, whips, coat hangers, etc...) could be reasonable tools used in inciting these injuries. Additionally, healed burns caused by a curved object, would also be a possible choice.

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