

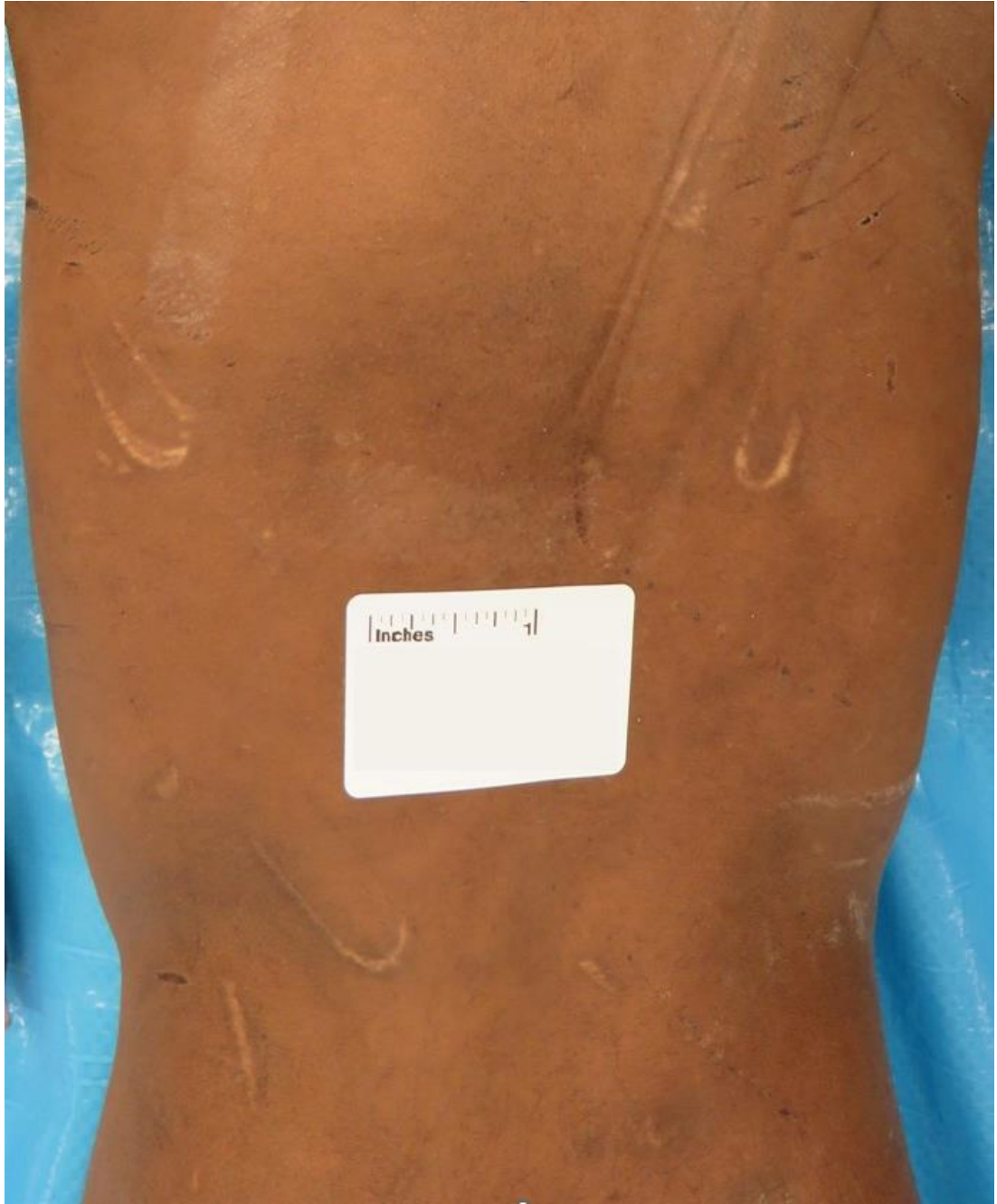


Case #72

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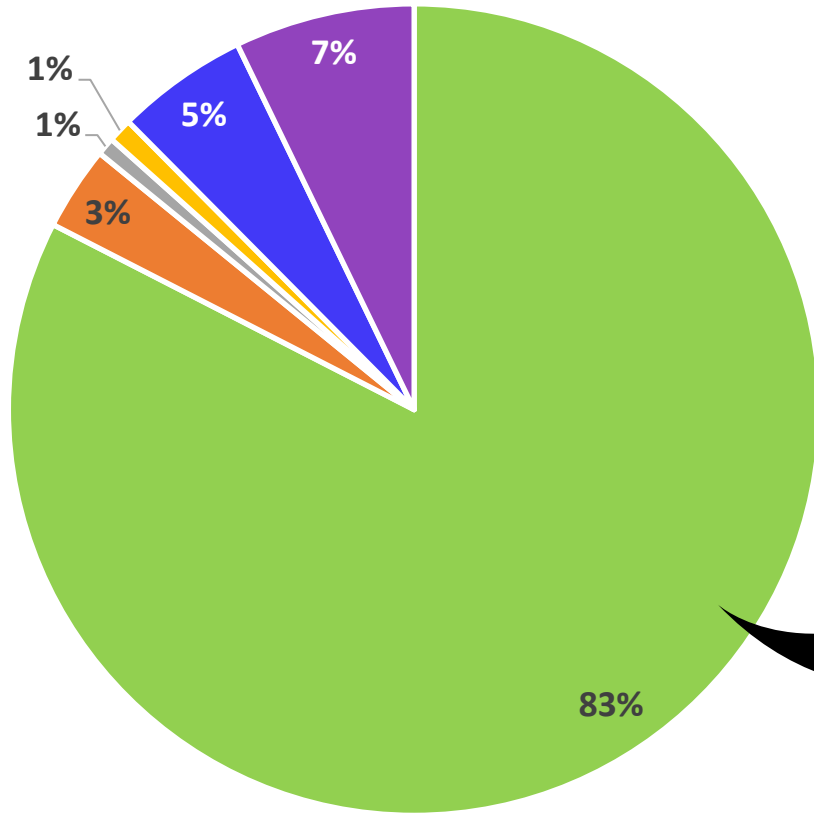


1. What is the most likely cause for the injuries on this decedent's back? (FREE TEXT ANSWER)

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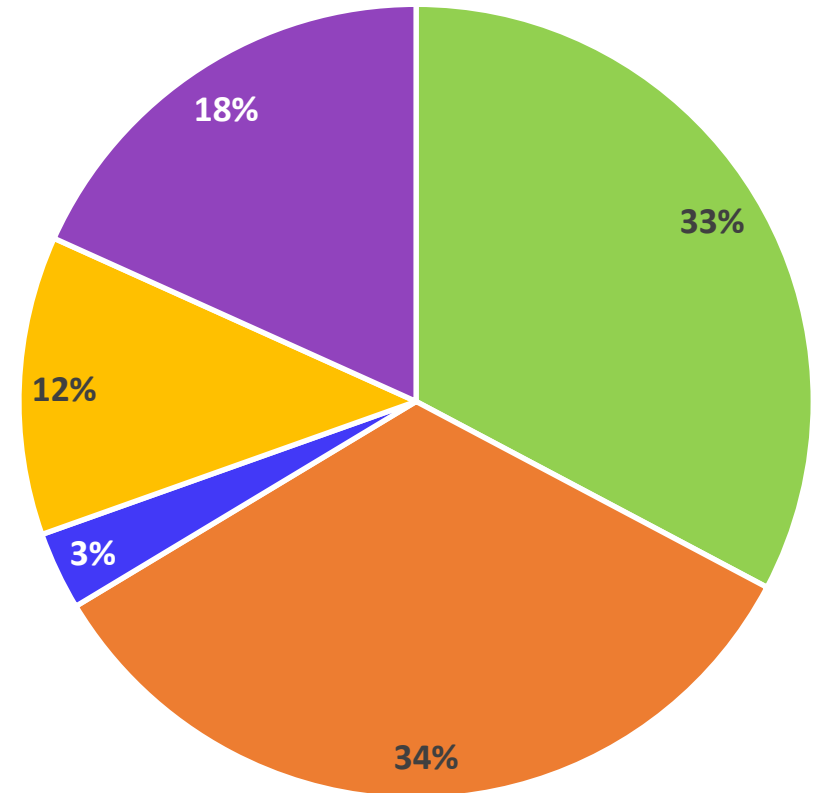
similar object blunt force trauma End fly Swatter
possibly Coat trauma curved strap Golf club
lashing wire hanger Hit Looped wire rod handle Pipe
Child abuse coat hanger clothes hanger electric cord
similar injury wire whipping belt buckle
Folded beating cord **Belt** loop struck Healed
Abuse burns object scars looped cord end Branding
Curling iron electrical cord marks cord belt
Looped electrical cord metal extension cord hanger
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blunt object Thermal injury Blunt trauma Whipping marks

Answers by Category



- Blunt force injuries
- Peri/postmortem artifact
- Animal-related injury
- Crush Injury
- Other
- Thermal injury

Blunt force injuries split by tools



- Belt
- Electrical wire
- Whip
- Coat hanger
- 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.

