



Odontology Section – 2005

F9 Tooth and Consequences

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Attendees will be provided with a different method of odontological comparison and understand the importance of evidence technicians.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by showing a unique way to utilize dental evidence to help in a robbery homicide.

The defendant (SAB, Jr., a white male, age 27) went into an adult video store in College Station, Texas at about 5:30 a.m., September 28, 1994, demanding the clerk's (WJW) money and truck keys. After he was given the requested items, he then shot the clerk in the head with a folding type 12-gauge shotgun. The defendant was not familiar with this type of stock folding weapon and it kicked back and struck him in the chin, lip and mouth breaking a front tooth when the fatal shot was fired. He cleared the cash register of its cash, estimated to be between \$40-50. The defendant then fled the store in the victim's pickup truck. The truck was later spotted in an adjacent town by a Texas State Trooper who arrested the defendant. At the time of the arrest the defendant then fled the store in the victim's pickup truck. The truck was later spotted in an adjacent town by a Texas State Trooper who arrested the defendant. At the time of the arrest the defendant had a cut under his lip from the recoil of the shotgun and blood on his shirt. Following his arrest he confessed to the robbery and murder. A dental study cast was taken shortly after the arrest of the suspect. Mr. Berry Wilherson, an evidence technician from the College Station Police Department recovered a portion of a human tooth from the scene of the robbery homicide. This fragment matched a missing portion of a tooth in the dental study cast of the suspect. The defendant was convicted in the robbery and murder on August 1, 1995, and was executed by lethal injection on May 30, 2002. His statements given at the time of his arrest and execution will be given in the presentation.

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