



D57 A Particular Case of Suicide Committed With a Double-Barreled Shotgun

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The goal of this presentation is to illustrate a particular case of suicide of a 17-year-old Caucasian boy, who was found dead on the floor of his bedroom with a large shotgun contact wound on his head.

The weapon at the scene used for committing the suicide was a shotgun, calibre 12 mm, regularly used by his father. This weapon was fixed with electrical tape on two perpendicular planks, which were laying on the floor near the head of the boy. On the vertical plank, a hand drill with a screwdriver was fixed. The body was in a supine position, a motorcycle helmet strap was found on his neck, and a small electronic box was in his right hand.

This box was connected to the hand drill by a small electric cable that passed over the trigger of the gun. The gun barrel was fastened to the strap of the motorcycle helmet by electrical tape and rested against his right temple.

At the external examination, there were devastating injuries with large gaping tears of the scalp and ejection of brain tissue; no other injuries were found.

Near the body, fragments of skull, brain tissue, and of motorcycle helmet were found, and near the left part of his trunk, there was a sheet of paper in which was written "**donate my organs**". Blood stains and fragments of brain tissue were found on the walls. There were no drugs in the room. On his writing desk numerous drawings representing violence scenes between father and son were found.

The legal authorities decided to not perform the autopsy, because the cause of death was evident. This particular case shows a serious and deep depression of a boy and the difficult father-child relationship.

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