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Meeting with Spokane County Medical Examiner:

On June 7, 2023, I reached out to Dr. V. S. , Chief Medical Examiner for the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office, to arrange a meeting with the Latah County Prosecutor's team. Dr. S. stated she could meet on June 28, 2023, which worked for the Prosecuting Team.

On June 27, 2023, I met with T. S. , MPD Evidence Technician, and had item # 733 (23M-1025), Ka Bar knife, temporarily released to me so I could bring it to the meeting with Dr. S. . I locked item #733 into a temporary lock box in MPD Detectives, as our meeting was on the following day.

On June 28, 2023, I removed item #733 from the lock box in MPD Detectives and brought it with me to Spokane.

On June 28, 2023, at approximately 1030 hours, myself, along with Bill Thompson, Ashley Jennings, Jeff Nye, and Ingrid Batey met with Dr. S. at the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. S. had pre-selected several photos, from each victim, to go over with us so she could describe the shape of a weapon which would have caused the injuries. I removed the Ka Bar knife from the sealed package and showed it to Dr. S. . Dr. S. stated, the shape and size of the Ka Bar knife was consistent as being the weapon which could have caused the injuries on all four of the victims.

Dr. S. described how some of the wounds had two points on either end and how some wounds had a point on one end and a square shape at the other end. Dr. S. explained how the Ka Bar knife could have created these wounds, depending on the depth of the injury. Dr. S. explained the tip of the knife, having sharp edges on either side, would show a wound with the points on either end. Dr. S. described a deeper wound would show a point on one side and the square on the other, and how it matched the shape of the knife blade, having the single sharp edge on one side and a square edge on the other, below the tip. Dr. S. pointed out some of the wounds had a mark that was consistent with the guard of the Ka Bar knife. Dr. S. described how the wounds could look different, depending on the skin stretching, the dynamics of the situation at the time, the angle or position the knife was in when it was inserted and or removed, and how a victim was moving or not moving at the time.

Dr. S [REDACTED] described some injuries depicted that the strength of the weapon itself, and the forced used, would have been great.

We concluded out meeting with Dr. S [REDACTED]. I brought item #733 back to MPD and booked it back into MPD evidence on June 28, 2023.

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