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Petechiae (eyes, face, mouth, scalp)

Bloody red eyes

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Voice change: Loss of voice/Hoarse

Difficulty swallowing

Difficulty breathing Raspy breathing

Involuntary urination or defecation

Ringing in the ears

Dizzy, vision changes, seeing spots

Mental Status (restless, combative, amnesia)

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Ask the victim to describe how they were strangled

(1 hand or 2, with object?)

What did the suspect say?

Was the victim shaken while being strangled?

Were they thrown, held down or in place?

How long did the suspect strangle the victim?

Ask the victim to shut their eyes for as long they were strangled.

How many times were you strangled?

How much pressure was used (1-10)?

How painful (1-10)?

What did the victim think was going to happen?

How did you feel during the assault?

Were you able to resist?

What caused the suspect to stop?

What is your first memory after the assault?

Any difficulty breathing?

Have you changed your clothing?

Was the suspect or victim wearing jewelry?

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