

**CASE REPORT****HOMICIDE MASQUERADED AS ACCIDENT - A CASE REPORT****M. D. Nithin<sup>1</sup>, Venkatesh Maled<sup>2</sup>**

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**ABSTRACT:**

Homicide is the most serious crime as old as civilization and reported as early as in the bible. It is an expression of aggression in its most extreme form; the majority of homicides are triggered by aggressive behavior endangered by alcohol. Ligature strangulation is reported as the more frequently recorded method of asphyxial homicide. Ligature strangulation in a healthy adult male will produce marks of struggle and typical findings of strangulation. It will be missing in an incapacitated person, which may take the investigation to a wrong end. It is a challengeable task for investigating agency to reveal the mystery and for judiciary to award a deterrent sentence to the guilty. Doctor should not have a tunnel vision. He should have an open mind and think about all possibilities of crime as well as manner of death. Irrespective of the history doctor should have a complete meticulous autopsy examination, toxicological analysis and histopathological examination.

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