

# Hidden in Plain Sight: Disguised & Improvised Weapons

*A Free Web Resource*

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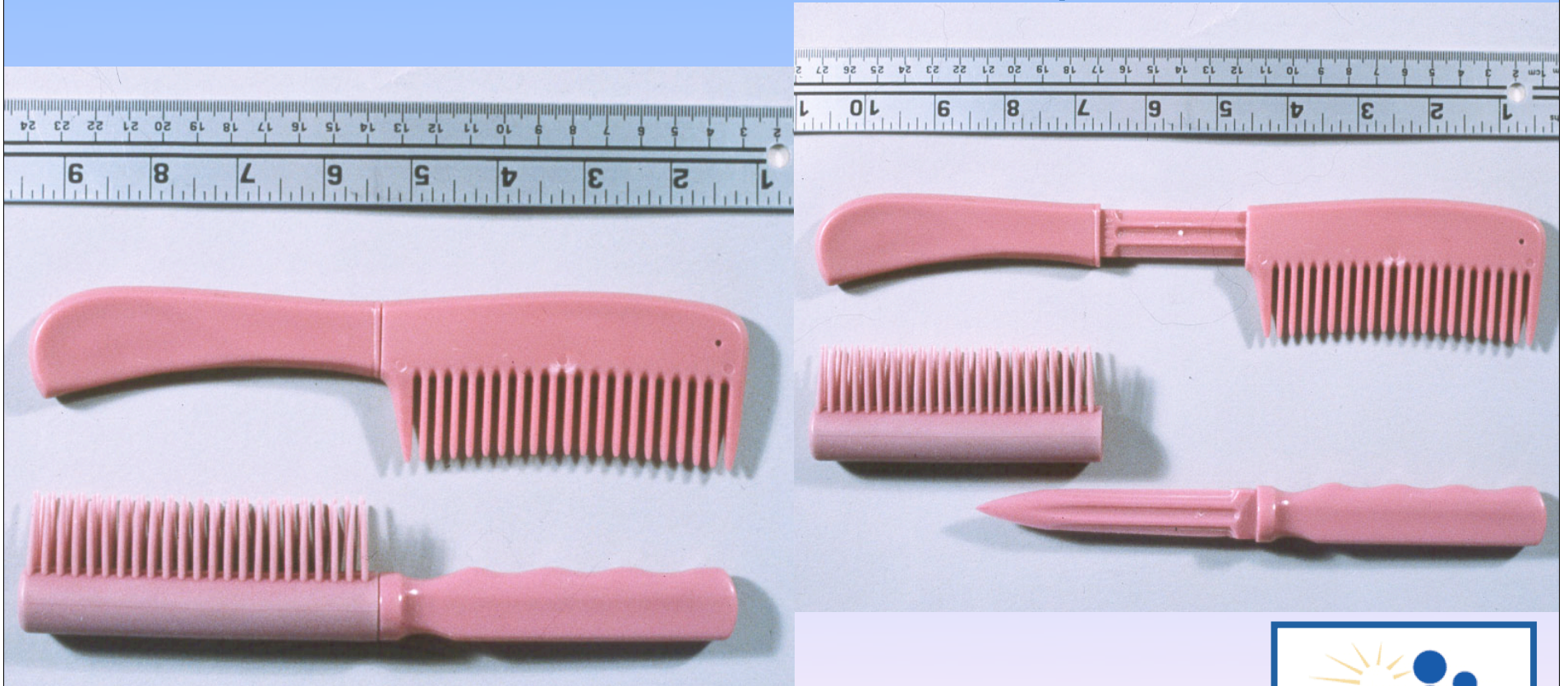
As with any school safety measure, screening for disguised weapons is only one part of an effective school safety strategy.

# Most of the items that you are about to see...

- Cost under \$10.00
- Can be purchased over the counter in most areas of the country
- Are available by mail order and on-line

... And some are probably present in your school if you do not have a comprehensive weapons screening program

# Hairbrush daggers made of strong plastic (designed to beat a metal detector)



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# A deadly chain . . .



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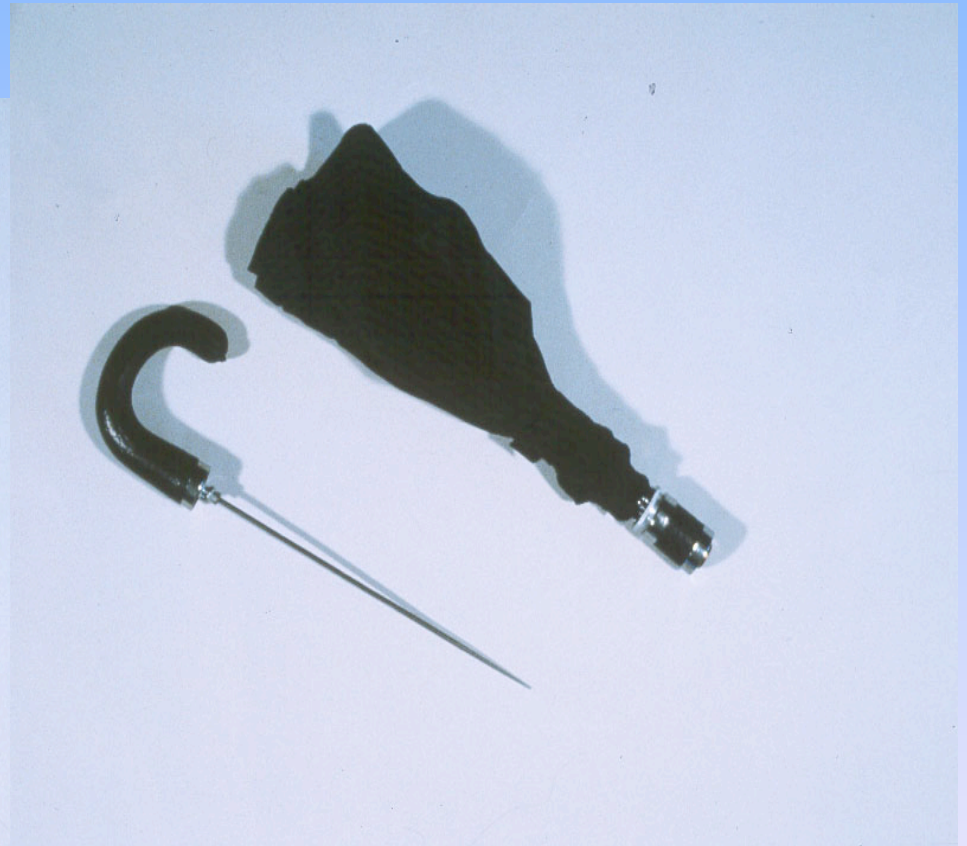
. . . when used as metal knuckles  
or to choke a victim.



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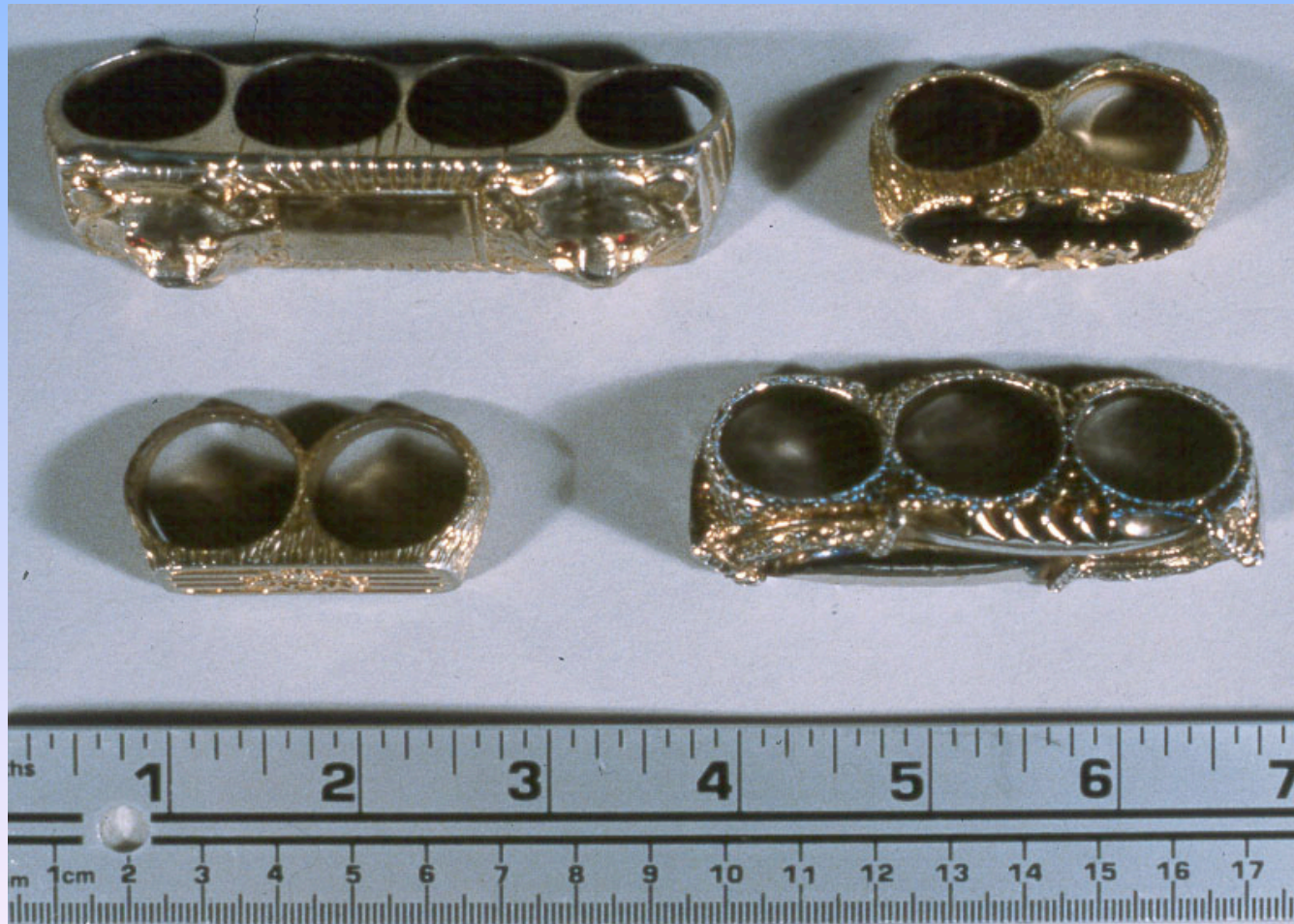


# Umbrella with 9 inch steel spike



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# Popular metal knuckles disguised as jewelry



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# Metal knuckles made in a school's machine shop



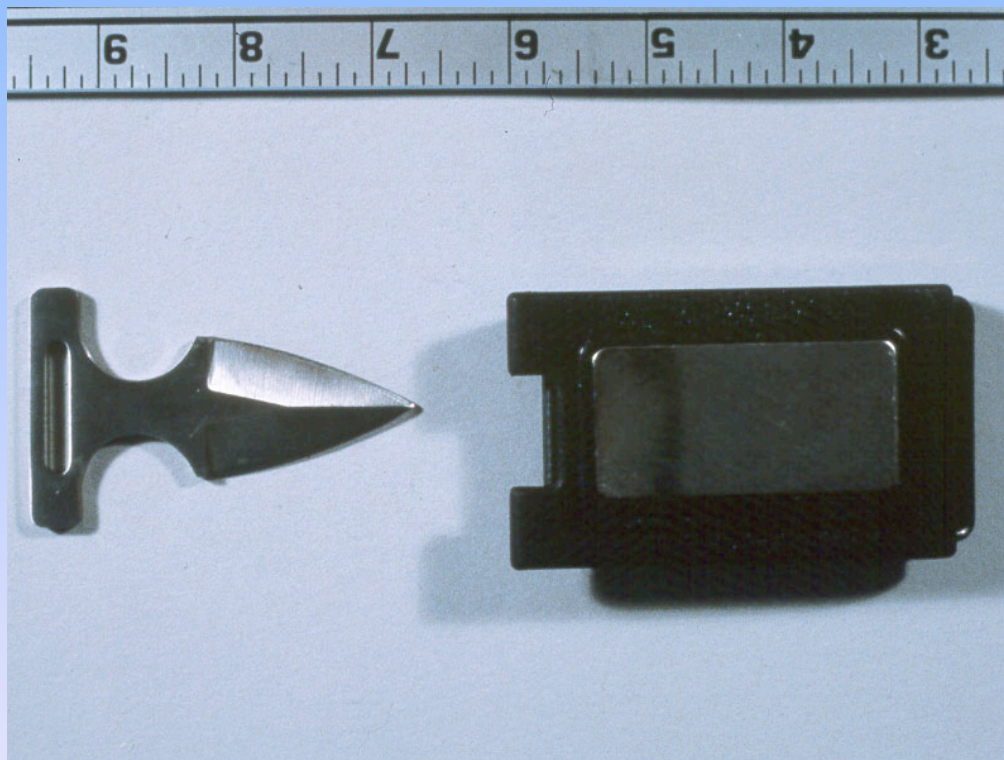
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# Crucifix knife with 1.25 inch steel blade



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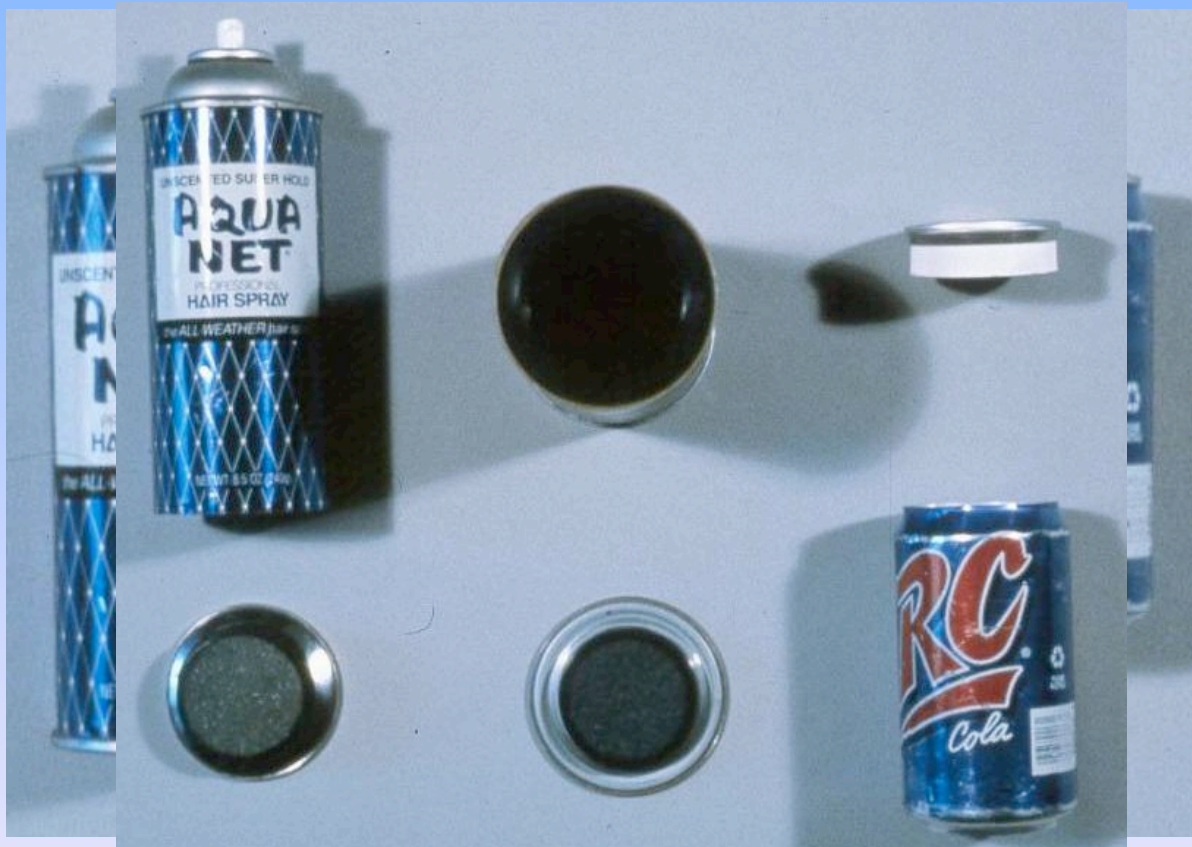
# Belt buckle knife – one of many versions available



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# Ordinary containers ?

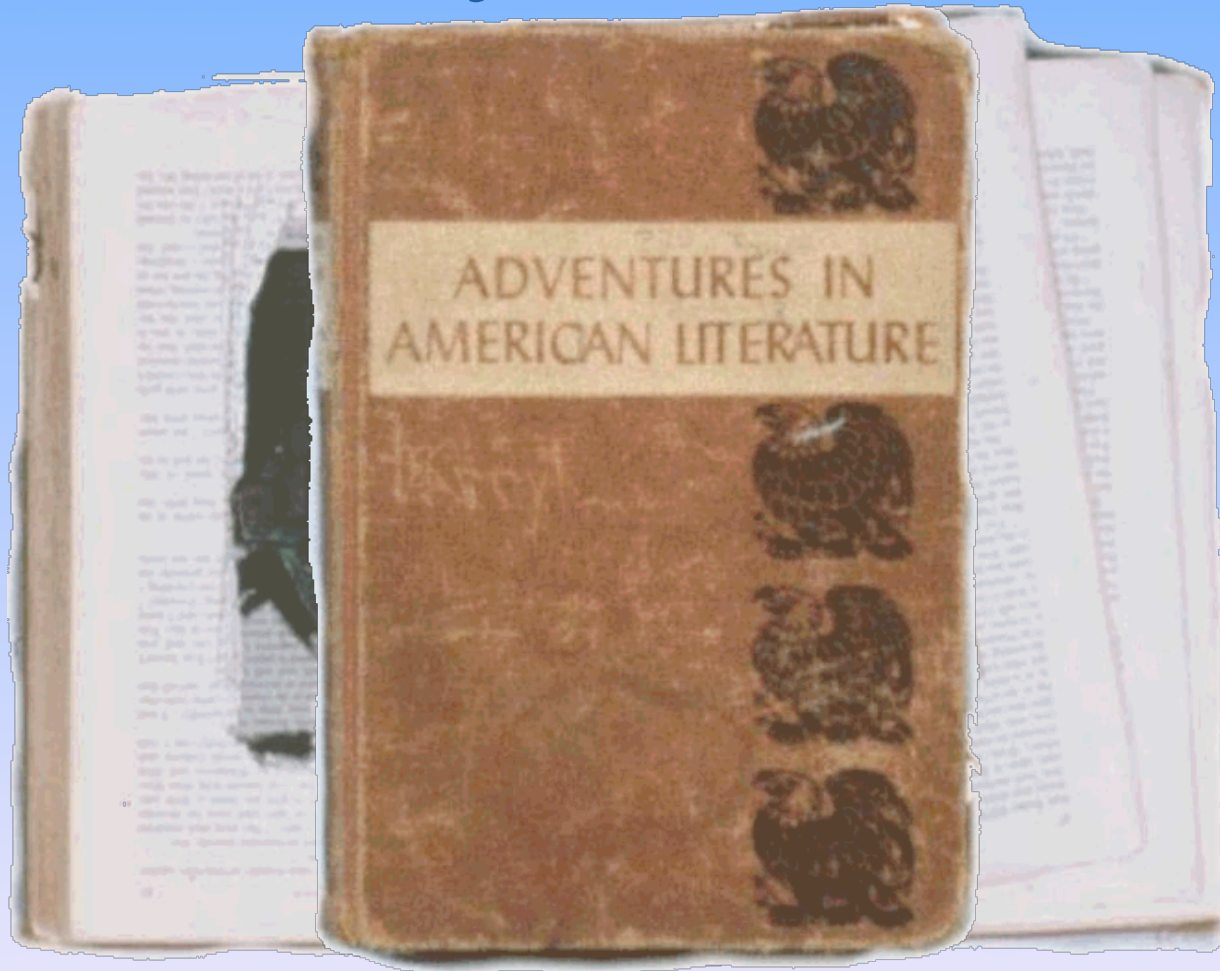


Or covert hiding places for harmful contraband ?



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# A literary excursion ?



## Or a common subterfuge ?

This homemade hiding place was created by someone trying to get drugs into prison. Many versions are commercially produced and available for purchase



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Look what can fit into this  
purse:





# Sword cane



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Weighted cane with a 5 lb brass dog's head – no blade but deadly nonetheless.



# Tennis anyone?



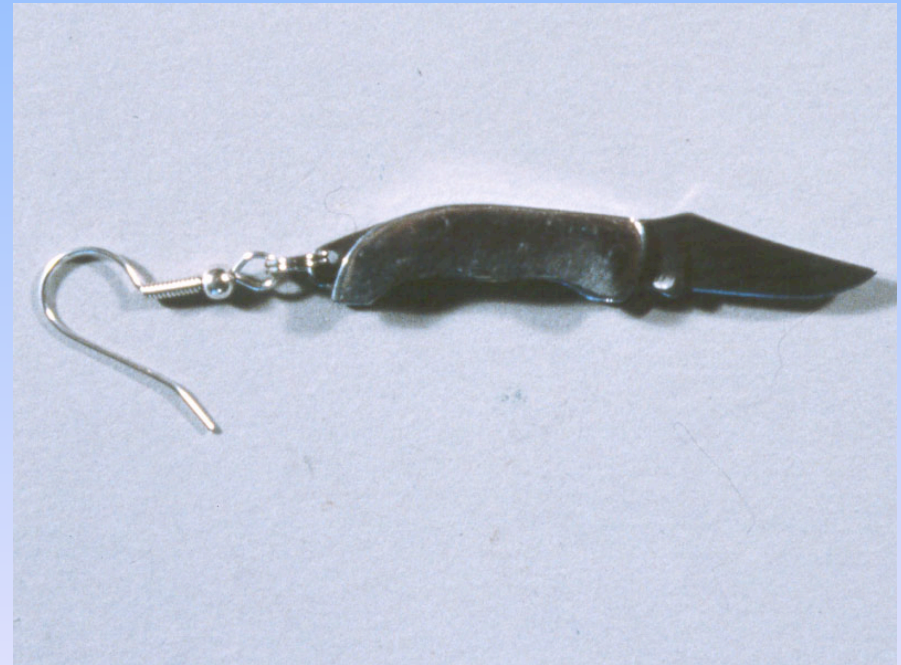
This setup was carried around by a gang member for several weeks and used in a shooting before he was caught using the “Home Search” technique. Did no one think it odd for a known gang member to be carrying a 5 pound tennis racket bag at 2am in an area with no tennis courts within miles?



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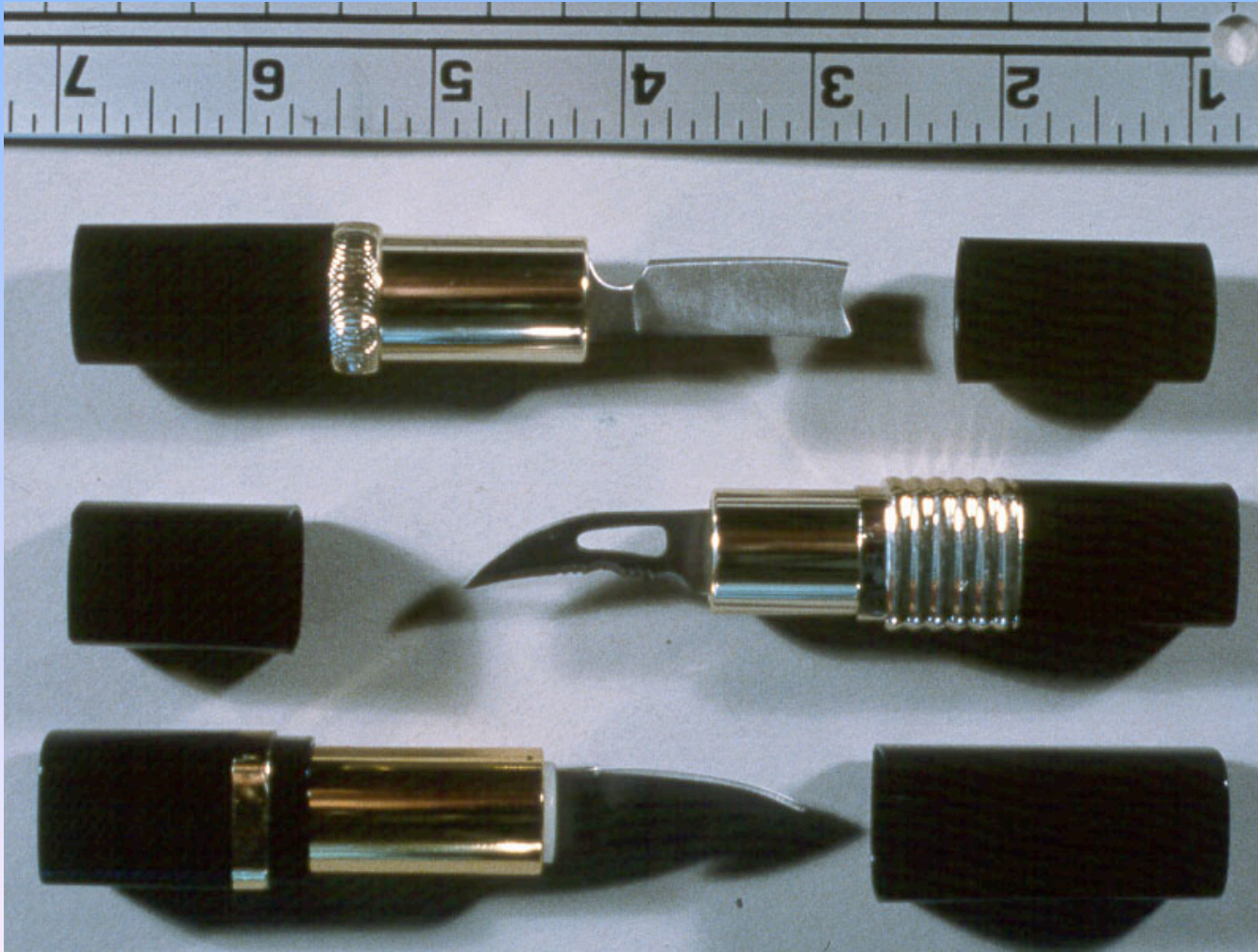


# Earring knife with 3/4<sup>th</sup> inch steel blade



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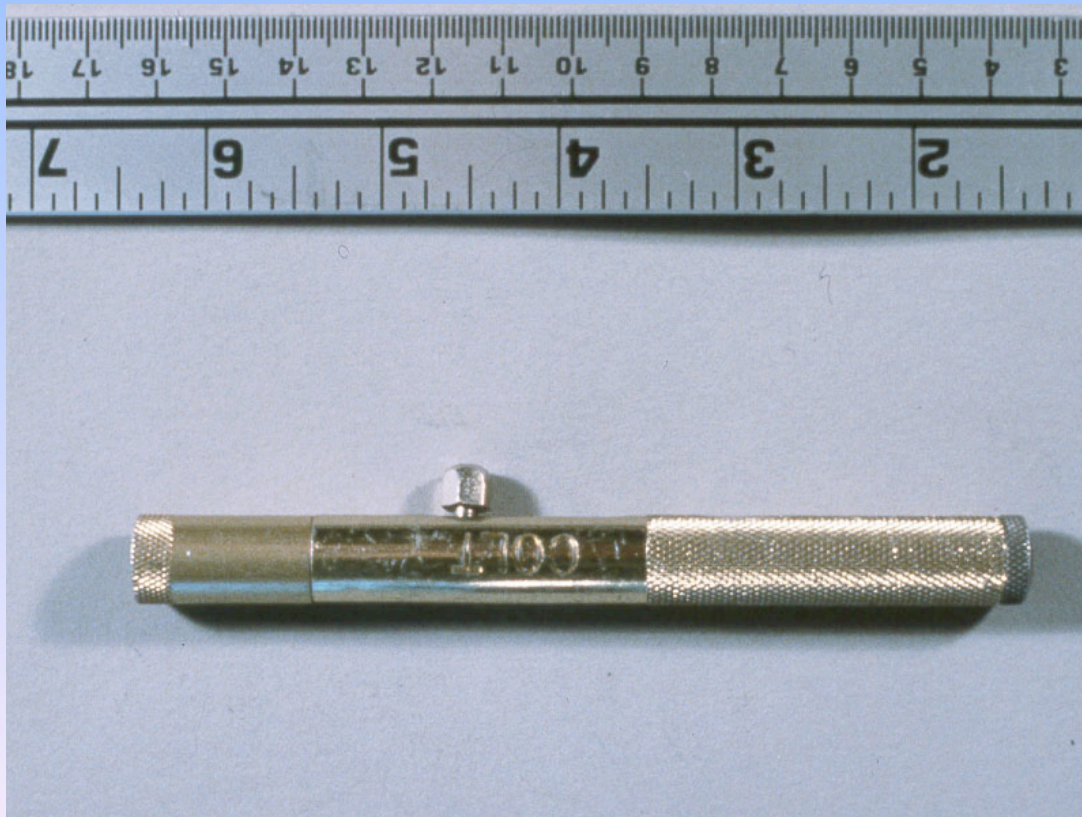
# Lipstick knives - cheap and popular



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Teargas pengun - many types can be altered to fire pistol ammunition.



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# Popular charm knives, obviously designed with children in mind.



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# Popular pens . . .



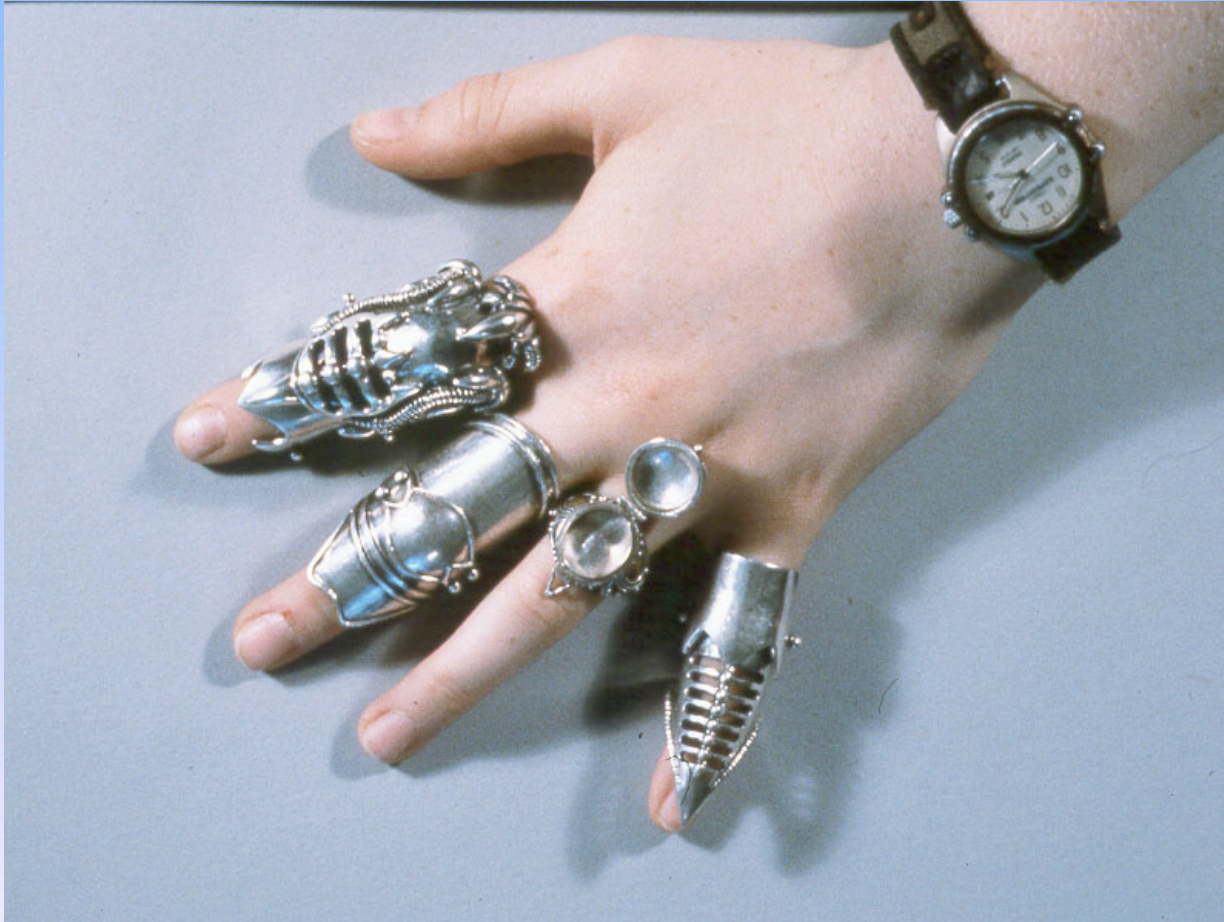
. . . Of course they have to be weapons too. The top one is a “roach clip” for holding a joint.



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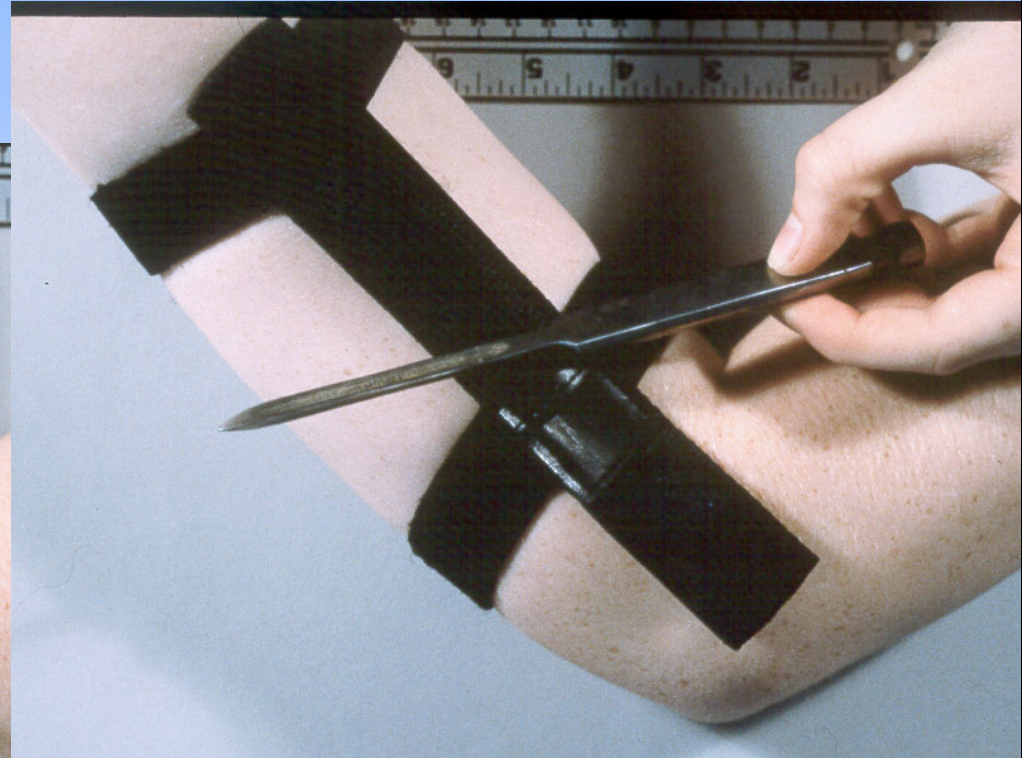
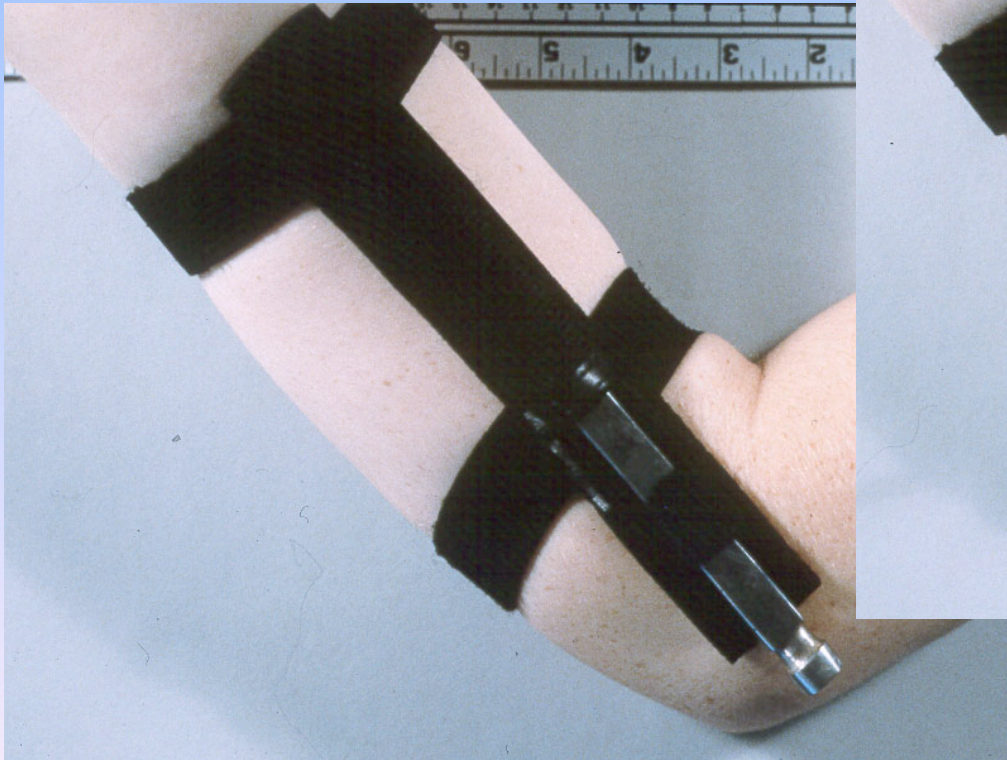
# Metal knuckle rings with spikes & hidden compartment for drugs.



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# Three angle knife with arm or leg holster.



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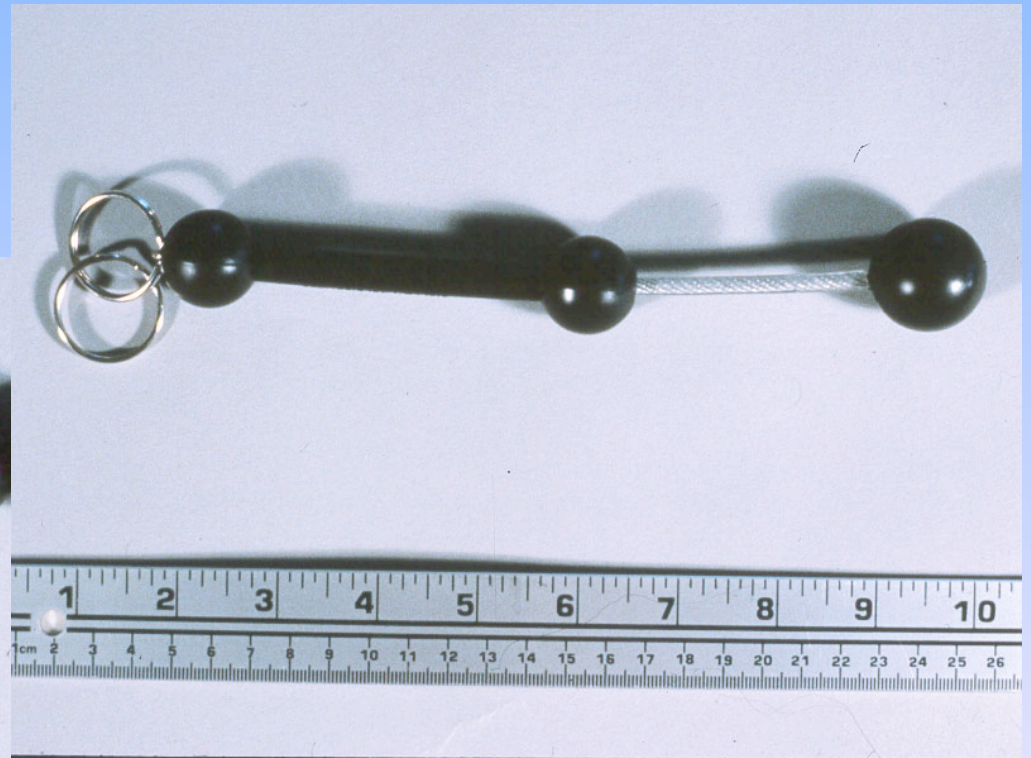
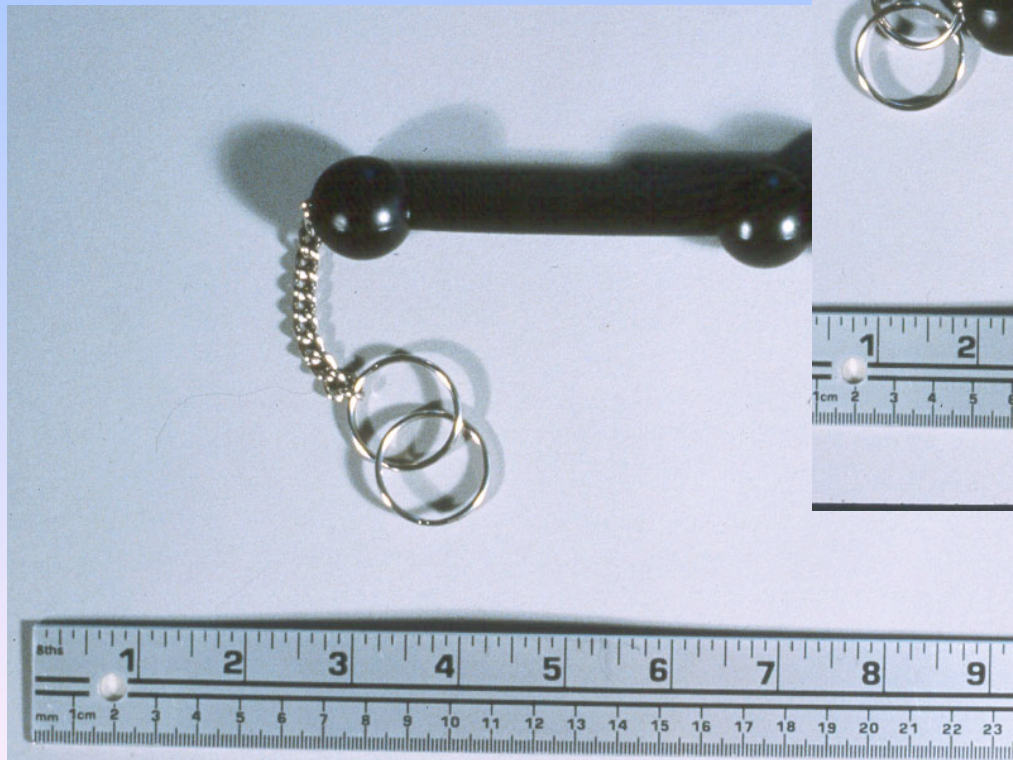
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# Impact weapon keychain



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# Common kubaton daggers.



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# Small pocket knives...the weapon of choice in school -



- it's not a weapon until a fight begins and the student remembers what they have in their pocket.



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**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR  
THEM!**



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