SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STRANGULATION

(VISIBLE SIGNS MAY NOT BE PRESENT)

**NEUROLOGICAL**
- Loss of memory
- Loss of consciousness
- Behavioral changes
- Loss of sensation
- Extremity weakness
- Difficulty speaking
- Fainting
- Urination
- Defecation
- Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Headaches

**SCALP**
- Petechiae (tiny red spots)
- Bald spots (from hair being pulled)
- Swelling on the head (from blunt force trauma or falling to the ground)

**EYES & EYELIDS**
- Petechiae to eyeball
- Petechiae to eyelid
- Bloody red eyeball(s)
- Vision changes
- Droopy eyelid

**EARS**
- Ringing in ears
- Petechiae on earlobe(s)
- Bruising behind the ear
- Bleeding in the ear

**MOUTH**
- Bruising
- Swollen tongue
- Swollen lips
- Cuts/abrasions
- Internal Petechiae

**FACE**
- Petechiae
- Scratch marks
- Facial drooping
- Swelling

**CHEST**
- Chest pain
- Redness
- Scratch marks
- Bruising
- Abrasions

**NECK**
- Redness
- Scratch marks
- Finger nail impressions
- Bruising (thumb or fingers)
- Swelling
- Ligature or Clothing Marks

**VOICE & THROAT CHANGES**
- Raspy or hoarse voice
- Unable to speak
- Trouble swallowing
- Painful to swallow
- Clearing the throat
- Coughing
- Nausea
- Drooling
- Sore throat
- Stridor

**BREATHING CHANGES**
- Difficulty breathing
- Respiratory distress
- Unable to breathe

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