

Flatline

Solution - Murder Weapon

Here's how the items found in the room with the victim were processed:

- First was the syringe which was found on the floor.
- Second was the lamp on the counter.
- Third was the pills found in the drawer.
- Fourth was the pillow found on the chair.
- Fifth was the cord which was found on the bed.

Since we know the murder weapon was processed fourth by forensics, the murder weapon must be the **PILLOW**.

Here's the detailed solve clue by clue:

- The item found on the bed did not begin with the letter "P" and was not processed first.
 - The bed was not processed first and neither the pills or pillow was found on the bed.
- The lamp was on the counter but was not processed first or last.
 - The lamp and counter are a match, but neither is a match to be processed first or last.
- The item found on the floor was processed first. It was not the pillow, which was not processed last.
 - The floor is a match for first. The pillow was not found on the floor, therefore it's not first, and the clue tells us it was not processed last either.
- The drawer, which was not processed fourth, did not contain the syringe. Both of these were processed before the item on the bed.
 - The drawer is not a match for fourth and not a match for the syringe. The drawer and the syringe can't have been processed last and the syringe can't be a match with the bed since it was processed before the item on the bed. Through the process of elimination based on what we know so far, the only match left to be found on the bed is the cord. We know from clue one that

the item on the bed was not processed first, which we now know is the cord, so the cord is not a match for first.

- The pills were processed before the pillow but after the lamp.
 - The pills are not first or last, the pillow is not first, and the lamp is not last. By elimination, that means the syringe must have been processed first and the cord on the bed must be fifth. Also through elimination, this tells us the only place left for the syringe to be was on the floor, which we know was processed first. So if the syringe was first and the cord was last, this clue then tells us the remaining items can only be the lamp second, the pills third and the pillow fourth.