ABRAHAM LINCOLN: FORENSICS OF AN ASSASSINATION

What if modern forensic investigation techniques were applied to the Abraham Lincoln assassination? What can we learn from the firearm that was recovered from Ford’s Theater? From what distance did the shooting occur? And why did so many at the theater report not hearing the fatal shot?

Based on research conducted with a Derringer pistol and a “Spatter Head” that simulates the structure of the human cranium, Douglas H. Boxler, Firearms Investigator for the Indianapolis Marion County Forensic Services Agency, will provide some possible answers.

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