

Appendix 1 The sequential clauses about how the main criminal actions developed

No.	Suspect	Female Victim	Male Victim	Eyewitness
[1]	So Old Wang began to curse me	When my grandpa and Liu were quarrelling outside, I went out	When I got home after I sprayed pesticide in my field and went back home, my wife Wang was quarrelling with Liu at the aisle, I just entered the room to wash my face.	Li's wife Wang went out from Old Wang's house, and cursed that her grandpa was so old and how Liu could tease him
[2]	Old Wang and Wang (his granddaughter) began to curse with me at the aisle	He cursed at random after he got drunk, and he wasn't reasonable	When I was washing my face, I heard a cry outside from Wang, so I came out to the yard to see what happened, Wang was leaning on the tricycle.	I then dragged Wang into Old Wang's house, I talked with Li and Old Wang in Old Wang's kitchen, I said, "Old uncle, he was curing you on the street, but I did not curse you.
[3]	Wang's husband Li heard the curse and went over to curse with me too	So I cursed with him, and was dragged home by Liu Ke and other persons	So I went up to fight with Liu, I don't know when I got injured in my face.	Wang was nagging in the yard, lots of people were watching
[4]	Then Li, Wang and Old Wang - three of them cursed with me at Old Wang's house yard.	When I was talking with other persons, Liu took a kitchen knife from his home and chopped at my head with it.	I found Liu had a kitchen knife in his hand, so I began to snatch away the knife from his hands.	I heard people yelling outside, "Xiao Hong has been chopped down", I saw Wang lying down on the ground
[5]	Later we three began the fight at Old Wang's house yard	I immediately fell unconscious	He was holding the handle of the kitchen knife.	Li went out from the kitchen, and took a shovel at the kitchen door.
[6]	I wasn't strong enough to fight with the three of them	I had no idea who dragged me into the room	I grasped his wrist with one hand, and grasped the back of the knife blade with another hand. At that time I was lying on the ground as I did that.	Other neighbors and I stopped Li and Liu
[7]	So I ran back to my house to take a knife	I was not clear what happened finally, and I heard the rest of it from other persons.	Finally Bad egg (Liu Bin) pulled me away.	Liu chopped at Li's face with the knife
[8]	When I took a knife from my house, Li already held a shovel in his hands.	But I would not tell the things that I do not know, what I have said is truth.	What happened after he pulled you away?	Liu and Li fell down on the ground, those two fought with each other on the ground for a while
[9]	I chopped at Wang's head with the knife		I went into the room to look into the mirror after I was dragged away, I was hurt on my face, and	The neighbor Shao and others and I drew them apart, and seized the knife away

		blood was running down	
[10]	And Li struck my pate with the shovel	so I came out with a shovel to hit Liu	The neighbor Xiao Feng took the knife away
[11]	And struck my eyes with the shovel	Liu Bin held my waist with his hands and would not let go	I held up Li to stop their fight
[12]	I chopped at Li's face with the knife	I don't know who took the shovel away	Liu sat on the ground, then they did not fight any more
[13]	My knife was seized by the neighbors trying to stop the fight there		
[14]	I don't know who did it.		
Notes: The Arabic numerals in square brackets represent the sequential clause in the narratives of the four witness statements.			

Appendix 2 Participant Distribution Analysis of the Suspect's Statement

	Passed by, asked Li to return his money back	Said he had no money	Cursed Li	Making jokes while walking	Followed us	Told me to get off his tricycle	Would not get off the tricycle	Cursed me	Cursed with
I				y		x	y	z	y
Bad Egg					y				
Old Wang	y		y	z		y		y	z
Li	z	y	z						
Wang									z

	Curse with me too	Cursed with me	Began the fight	Ran back to my house to take a knife	Held a shovel	Chopped at Wang's head	Struck my head with the shovel	Struck my eyes with the shovel	Chopped at Li's face with the knife
I	z	z	y	y		y	z	z	y
Old Wang		y							
Wang		y	y			z			
Li	y	y	y		y		y	y	z
Knife				z		x			x
Shovel					z		x	x	

	Seized by the neighbors trying to stop the fight there	Took out a knife	Chopped at my forehead with the knife	Got faint	Held a brick, hit my head	Hold Li	Chopped at Guan's arm with the knife
I			z	y	z		
Wang					y		
Li		y	y			z	y
Neighbors	y					y	z
Guan							x
Knife	z	z	x				
Brick					x		

Appendix 3 Participant Distribution Analysis of the Female Victim's Statement

	Asked my grandpa	Determined to sit in my tricycle, made it, teasing, pulled down	Went out	Cursed randomly, and is unreasonable	Cursed with him	Chopped at my head with the knife	Got unconscious	Had no idea
I	y		y		y	z	y	y
Old Wang	z	z						
Liu		(y)		y	y	y		
Bad Egg		(y)						
Knife						x		
Tricycle		z						

Appendix 4 Participant Distribution Analysis of the Male Victim's Statement

	Heard, came out to the yard to see	Fight with Liu, don't know	Found Liu had a kitchen knife in his hand, snatch away the knife	(Holding the handle of the kitchen knife)	Grasped his wrist, grasped the back of the knife blade
I	y	y	y		y
Liu		y	(y)	y	x
Knife			z		z

	Pulled me away	Look into the mirror, was hurt in my face	With a shovel to hit Liu	Held my waist and would not let go	Took the shovel away
I	z	y	y	z	
Bad Egg	y			y	
Liu			z		
Shovel			x		z

Appendix 5 Participant Distribution Analysis of Eyewitness' Statement

	Sit on Old Wang's tricycle	Followed, came to the house gate	Asked Liu to step down, wanted to push the tricycle into the yard)	heard cursed Wang, went into the house	Liu Old Li	Came out of Old Wang's house, cursed at the gate	Dragged Wang into Old Wang's house, talked with
I		y	y				y
Liu	y						
Old Wang	x						
Wang						y	z
Li				y			
Tricycle	z						

	Nagging	Heard, saw Wang lying on the ground	Came out from the kitchen, took a shovel	Stopped Li and Liu	Chopped at Li's face with the knife	Fell down on the ground, fought a while
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I	y	y		
Liu		z	y	y
Wang	y			
Li		y	z	z
Shovel		z		y
Knife			x	

	Drew them apart, seized that knife away	Took away the knife	Held up Li to stop their fight	Sat on the ground, did not fight any more
I	y		y	
Liu	z			y
Li	z		z	
Neighbors	y			
Xiao				
Feng		y		
Knife	z	z		

Appendix 6 Fabricated actions in the suspect's narrative

[15]	Li said something, then he ran into his house and took out a knife.
[16]	And chopped at my forehead with the knife.
[17]	I got faint immediately.
[18]	When I was faint and lying down on the ground, Wang held a brick with her hands and hit my head.
[19]	When I went out from my house with the knife, my wife Guan followed me out
[20]	When Li was going to chop me once again after he had chopped at my forehead, Guan went up to hold Li and would not let him do that.
[21]	Then Li chopped at Guan's arm with the knife.
[22]	After I got faint, I had no idea how that fight ended.