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Field No.

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Provenience: Africa Kenya

People or Culture: Kamba location Ngomeni

Object: Belt (thyuma pl. syuma)

Material: Beads, basket fibre, iron chain

Description: Old style, five strand belt consisting of 5 mm. round opaque beads of green and orange in blocks of color. A short loop of iron chain forms the back closing. Worn by women all the time. Considered erotic. Many beads given by a husband means that he loves his wife, and if he may touch them the wife is sexually willing.

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Dimensions: Length 51 cm. doubled
(in cm.)

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Collection: Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1972

