

**Catalog No.** 0129**Name** Narmer(?) *serekh* from Michailidis Collection**Date (Period)** Dyn. 1**Date (King)** Narmer(?)**Dated By** Royal name**Type** Marble**Method of Inscription** Incised**Material** Stone**Region** Unknown**Site** Unknown**Locality** Unknown**Depository** Los Angeles County Museum of Art**Registration No.** M.80.202.388**Dimensions** 1.5 cm diam. (object)**References:**

Kaplony, 1965a, p. 6, p. 7, no. 3

Kaplony, 1973, Beschriftete Kleinfunde, p. 4, no. 5, pls. 6 and 18; no. 5

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**Comments**

This object is unprovenanced, and there are two reasons to doubt its authenticity. First, no game pieces have been excavated from Dynasty 1 tombs (G. Dreyer 2017, personal communication). Second, it appears in the Michailidis Collection catalog as one of nineteen game pieces, each with the name of a 1st Dynasty king (six different kings represented), and one with the two ladies symbol, but no name. It seems inherently implausible that, at a point in history when the Horus Names of these kings were remembered, that they would be treated so disrespectfully as to be used as game pieces. It is similar to nos. 0130, 6024, and 6029, which are also probably forgeries. According to the museum web site the inscription is “likely modern.”



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