# **Basic Detail Report**



## Gorget

#### **Date**

c. 1500-1600

### **Primary Maker**

**Dallas** 

#### Medium

Busycon whelk shell

## Description

A stylized image of a rattlesnake is engraved on these two gorgets. The rattlesnake's head is in the center. The eye is a drilled dot surrounded by concentric circles. Its segmented body wraps counter-clockwise around its head

and ends with the rattler. Over time the rattlesnake motif became increasingly more stylized and almost unrecognizable in Mississippian culture.

### **Dimensions**

Overall:  $5.5/8 \times 6 \times 1.1/2$  in.  $(14.3 \times 15.2 \times 3.8 \text{ cm})$