

Single-Owner Collections / Thursday, 23rd April 2026 / Lot 4032



LOT 4032

A fine Japanese fukuro-yari, Edo period, with socketed heavy gauge diamond-section head, head length 19.5cm, the socket signed to the outer face, mounted on a part-copper and cord-bound shaft with all-over crushed abalone shell and black lacquer composite-finished decoration and hiramaki terminal, overall length 217cm. Provenance: the collection of the late Roald Knutsen (1933-2025). Note: illustrated in 'Japanese Polearms' by Roald M. Knutsen, The Holland Press, London: 1963, page 188. Roald Knutsen identified the signature as Kishu No Ju Naomichi. In his description, Roald says, 'Kishu No Ju Naomichi was a swordsmith, also known as Monjushiro. He lived at Joruri-Zaka and worked between 1850 and 1865'.

Estimate: £200 - £300

Condition Report

4032. Blade/head has old rust evidence with light pitting discolouration. Shaft generally with marks/bruising to mother-of-pearl decoration. Some older damage but some more recent due to poor handling from home. Hiramaki terminal has some active rust.

Created: Wed, 15th April 2026 14:13