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On October 12, 2015, a WOIPFG investigator called Dr. Gong from the Second Ward of Department of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery of Tongji Hospital of Huazhong Medical University over the phone.

Summary

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Phone Investigation Recording

Investigator: Well, do you know how old the hearts used for transplantation usually are?
Dr. Gong: We can only talk about this after the donor’s death.

Investigator: If so, the time will be long, can the organ still be used? You know, we are both doctors. We know the organ usually must be extracted within a few minutes, and the matching needs to be done in advance. Only a few minutes, the organ must be taken out within 6 minutes. For example, in car accidents, after the victim’s death, you will spend time to talk to the families, go through the procedures and make medical examinations. The time is far to be over. How can the organ still be used? So besides this kind of victims, do you have any other channels? Is there any in forced labor camps or jails? You still have some channel to find the organs, right?
Dr. Gong: Well, I guess there is no more in forced labor camps or jails, and...we may have secret channels.

Investigator: But you did before, you used to get organs from forced labor camps and jails.
Dr. Gong: You’re right, we did before. But now the government has rules, well, how do we deal with it? Do you understand what I mean?
Investigator: I know. Because...because we are both doctors.
Dr. Gong: We are stipulated not to do this, due to humanism.
Investigator: I see. So you got organs from jails and labor camps before, right? To get the organs?
Dr. Gong: Yes, we did.
Investigator: Was it Dr. Wei’s team that harvested organs at that time? Or each organ transplantation doctor did this himself?
Dr. Gong: We have a special team for this. Director Wei of our department is one of them. There is a special team led by Professor Zhu. You know, Professor Zhu was in charge all of this.
Investigator: In the past they went to labor camps and jails for organs, right?
Dr. Gong: Yes, it was them.
Investigator: It was that kind of organs that used in the past, all from imprisoned practitioners, right? Their organs are healthier. In the past many hospitals… from Falun Gong practitioners.
Dr. Gong…… Well, not any more now.
Investigator: Well, you mean there is no more organs from Falun Gong practitioners, right?
Dr. Gong: Right, even from those whose family couldn’t find them, we can’t do it now.
Investigator: There were Falun Gong practitioners, who were imprisoned and couldn’t be found by their families. It seems that lots of hospitals have obtained organs from them. Your hospital did that, too, in the past, right?
Dr. Gong: Yes, we did. But now it’s no longer allowed by the government.
Investigator: I see. What about going through some unauthorized channels to get such organs?
Dr. Gong: I don’t know about this.
Investigator: Professor Zhu and Doctor Wei have been working in your department for a long time, right? Has it been more than 10 years?
Dr. Gong: Definitely so.
Investigator: Well, they have been doing this all the time. You know, lots of hospitals were doing this before, in large quantities. You know at that time, it was allowed, because Jiang Zemin ordered to do so when he was the state chairman.
Dr. Gong: That kind of thing can only be done when you have the government’s documents.
Investigator: Right, right. He issued an order to use organs from the imprisoned practitioners, like Falun Gong practitioners. So Jiang Zemin gave the order at that time, and then you dare to do this, is that right?
Dr. Gong: Absolutely.
Investigator: You are Tongji Hospital, Huazhong Medical University, right?
Dr. Gong: Yes, right.
Investigator: Which department of cardio-thoracic surgery are you working at?
Dr. Gong: We are at Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Second Ward.
Investigator: How many cases of heart transplantation do you carry out every month in average?
Dr. Gong: It depends. Five transplantation surgeries sometime within a week. It’s not up to us.
Investigator: That means you still get enough donor organs.
Dr. Gong: Yes.
Investigator: How many can you do at most within one week?
Dr. Gong: We even have two surgeries over a night.
Investigator: Wow, two operations over a night! That’s a lot of donor organs!
Dr. Gong: Right.