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Investigation on Li Guowei, Kidney Transplant Surgeon at the Xijing Hospital Affiliated to Air Force Medical University (aka Fourth Military Medical University)

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Summary

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(laughter)

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Phone Investigation Recording

Dr. Li: Hello?

Investigator: Hey, your voice is very low, I cannot hear it clearly. Is that Doctor Li of the Xijing Hospital of the Fourth Military Medical University?

Dr. Li: OK.

Investigator: Yes, please speak a bit louder, I cannot hear you clearly.

Dr. Li: Oh, OK, OK.

Investigator: Oh, now it's okay. OK, this is the case. Alas, the other day after we talked, we made up our mind, right? I went home and discussed it with my family. They felt that this is an important matter, but some of the things are still not very clear. That is, you did not talk about it clearly. They asked me to confirm with you again, to confirm it again. You know, we came for the Falun Gong practitioner donors, so I need to confirm it again. You can provide Falun Gong practitioner donors, right?

Dr. Li: Alas, where can I find so many Falun Gong practitioner donors now?

Investigator: Alas, this is the case. Let me be honest with you. For important things like this, I cannot be careless.

Dr. Li: I know.

Investigator: If this is the case, we will come immediately. Our tickets were booked. We only wait for your confirmation. If you truly have those, we will come. We also know, for so many years, what you've been doing.

Dr. Li: Right now for sure there are no Falun Gong (practitioner donors) as you said. Since there are no more Falun Gong practitioners right now, for sure there are no such a thing like that!

Investigator: What did you say?

Dr. Li: I know what you are saying. Right now, there are definitely no such Falun Gong (practitioner donors) as you mentioned. For sure there is no such kind. Because there is nobody practicing Falun Gong. Where can I find them?

Investigator: I don't believe it. You are kidding me. How can this be possible? You have been doing it for so many years. How can there be none?

Dr. Li: What you are saying, I know what you are saying. In the past, how can I put it, as early as year 2012, year 2011, there were many at that time. Those people were from the black market. They did live donor operations on the black market. That was very long time ago.

Investigator: Hmm.

Dr. Li: But later on, the government started to check it very strictly. This is illegal. So basically, nobody does it anymore. Right now, nobody does it. Later, all donors used by hospitals were from prisoners, because in the past...

Investigator: Prisoners, they call Falun Gong practitioners prisoners, and detain them in prisons, right?

Dr. Li: As for what other people call them, I don't care. That is not something you or I should be concerned about. It has nothing to do with us!

Investigator: Alas!

Dr. Li: It truly has nothing to do with us. Whether he is a rapist, or whatever, it has nothing to do with us. In the past, we used prisoners, all kidneys were from prisoners. After year 2014, in 2014, the Department of Health issued regulations that all organs must come from one-to-one donations, and prisoners' organs are not allowed to be used.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Li: If you want it, even if the prisoner wants to donate, it still won't do. Because nobody would excise the organ from him.

Investigator: Eh?

Dr. Li: Nobody would take it, because that is also illegal. So right now, it is not allowed to do that. Now the good kidney sources...

Investigator: But let me tell you, Doctor Li. You're still not telling me the truth. This is the government's official statement. Think about it, the Chinese people all want to be buried in their grave with a full body. This traditional notion still blocks people (from donating their organs). So who wants to do it (i.e. donate organs)? They all come from citizens' donations? Isn't that nonsense?! But you still do it in large numbers. If there were no Falun Gong practitioner donors, from whom you could take the organs freely, how could it be possible?

Dr. Li: Your daughter-in-law also called me. She also mentioned Falun Gong (practitioners). Just as you said, Chinese people want to be buried as a whole body. But many donors are said to have voluntarily made unpaid donations, but they are not unpaid donations at all.

Investigator: I still don't think it is possible. Officially, starting from January 1, 2015, all transplants would use citizens' voluntary donations. Just because of this order, the citizens all became willing to donate their organs? Across the entire country, the number (of transplants) did not decrease at all, and the transplants continued as before. How could that be possible?

Dr. Li: Alas, if you don't believe me, you can choose to do it elsewhere.

Investigator: No, it is not that I don't believe you. But you have to tell me the truth, you cannot just tell me the official narrative.

Dr. Li: Let me tell you, for some stuff, I can only talk to you like this.

Investigator: Hmm.

Dr. Li: So when you come, for sure I will find a good quality one for you.

Investigator: Uh, can you speak up? I cannot hear you clearly.

Dr. Li: Kidney sources of good quality refer to (kidneys) from young people, under 30 years of age. Under 30 years of age, their kidney functions...since at that time, we will do preliminary examinations, for example, the B-Ultrasound. We can show you the B-Ultrasound report and a kidney function report in the due course.

Investigator: Eh.

Dr. Li: This kind can be called the kidneys of good quality. The so called Falun Gong (practitioner donors) that you want, just as you said you wanted Falun Gong practitioners' kidney sources, they also meet those two qualifications.

Investigator: Yes.

Dr. Li: You don't want (the donor) to have primary illnesses, and you want him to be young. Just these two points!

Investigator: Yes.

Dr. Li: Is that right?

Investigator: Yes, yes, yes.

Dr. Li: Isn't it so? This is the rationale!

Investigator: Yes.

Dr. Li: This is the same as the Falun Gong (practitioners) that you talked about. I understand what you mean. I know what you are saying. I know the kind that you want. I know.

Investigator: Those are qigong practitioners, with healthy bodies and no illnesses.

Dr. Li: I know. I know what you mean. I know what you mean. OK?

Investigator: Right, so that means, you can provide Falun Gong practitioner donors, right?

Dr. Li: What I am saying is: do not always be fixated on Falun Gong. Do not get fixated on this.

Investigator: This is the situation. You do not dare to talk like this, but you can indeed do it. I just want you to confirm this.

Dr. Li: Yes, yes, it can be done.

Investigator: Ah, right. You've been in China for so many years and due to many factors, you perform (surgeries) with Falun Gong practitioners' organs, but you cannot talk about it openly. You can only say that they are good-quality organs with no illnesses, with no primary illnesses.

Dr. Li: Right, right, that's how we say it. It's correct for you to say this! (laughter)

Investigator: Oh, by the way, if you say so, then yes, I have confidence now. Otherwise, if you keep saying the official narrative, then I cannot be sure!

Dr. Li: Right, I understand what you mean, and I know what you want.

Investigator: Right. So, right now, let's stop beating around the bush. Everything is set. You can find Falun Gong practitioner donors, but officially speaking, these organs are high-quality, without primary illness and from young donors.

Dr. Li: Right, right, right.

Investigator: Alright! This is what you mean, right?

Dr. Li: Yes, that's what I mean.

Investigator: Okay then, another question. You said that the military system recently paused (organ transplants) for a little while. What is the reason?

Dr. Li: Because the military has been doing the audit recently!

Investigator: Oh, the audit.

Dr. Li: Yes, because of the audit. I don't know if you've learned about this or not, you need to pay cash for the kidney source in due course. I don't know you've learned about this or not? Because at present, cases like yours are not allowed. The hospital does not allow cash transactions. However, since we are going to have the audit soon, and cash is not allowed for transactions, there is no way to get the cash to the hospital. Therefore, then we just let it go. To make it easy, you can just pay the amount (in cash) first. We can deal with it after the audit is finished.

Investigator: Oh, so that's because of the audit.

Dr. Li: Yes, because of the audit.

Investigator: Okay, so the entire military paused (organ transplant surgeries) due to the audit?

Dr. Li: Yes. The entire military paused them, even the No. 301 (hospital). You can ask them. All the surgeries, all transplant surgeries are suspended.

Investigator: Oh.

Dr. Li: Only surgeries involving relative-donors can be carried out, only the relative-donor cases.

Investigator: I see, only the relative-donor surgeries can be carried out.

Dr. Li: Yes, only that kind, because those cases don't involve organ fees. Relative-donor cases don't involve organ fees. Allogeneic transplant cases all involved allogeneic (organs) and the use of such organs!

Investigator: Oh, right.

Dr. Li: If you come to visit the hospital, and you ask for a receipt from me, after you purchase any organ. How should I record it on the (accounting) books?

Investigator: Oh, I see.

Dr. Li: Ah, this readjustment will last until the audit is over.

Investigator: They're readjusting and then start (the surgeries) again at the end of February or the beginning of March, right?

Dr. Li: Yes, around early March. It should be the beginning of March. The director mentioned the beginning of March.

Investigator: The beginning of March.

Dr. Li: This is because this kind of surgeries (are important) to No. 301 (Hospital) and Xijing Hospital. It's impossible for this kind of surgeries to be canceled. This is because many people are attracted by their reputation to come for this kind of surgeries. They will not cancel this kind of surgeries. This is for sure.

Investigator: Ah, okay, okay, alright. I have a clear picture by now. And of course, I'm telling you this: I've already found the plane tickets, but our family members told me to confirm with you again. All I want is your confirmation. That is, you can obtain Falun Gong (practitioner) donors. However, nobody speaks like this openly, that is, they are healthy donors, right?

Dr. Li: Yes.

Investigator: Okay.

Dr. Li: This is the case.

Investigator: This is the case. Alright then.

Dr. Li: Right, right, this is the case.

Investigator: This is the case. Alright.

Dr. Li: If you are sure that you will be coming, send me his ID card's obverse photo. Or, if you don't want to use his ID card, that's fine, too. But you have to give me both his name and ID card number, because I need to make a card for him.

Investigator: Let me text you (the photo), so you can see it clearly. I will take a picture of his photo and send it to you, as well as a photo of his ID card.

Dr. Li: No need for a photo, just his ID card will be fine. And a picture of his ID card photo is good enough.

Investigator: Oh, there's a photo on the ID card, right? Okay, then.

Dr. Li: Right, right, just the ID card, not the picture. Because we just need his ID card number.

Investigator: Okay, okay.

Dr. Li: We mainly want his ID card number.

Investigator: Uh, speaking of this, I'll come to the clinic on Wednesday to find you, uh, and I will take the plane on Tuesday.

Dr. Li: When will your plane arrive? At what time will your plane arrive?

Investigator: I have not booked the plane tickets yet, because I hadn't obtained a clear answer previously. But I will book them right away, and I'll text you once they're booked. I will text you this information.

Dr. Li: Okay. Text me then. If you can come over on Wednesday, we can get the blood vessel ultrasound done for the patient on Wednesday afternoon. Once that's finished, he just needs to get his blood drawn (for a test) on Thursday.

Investigator: Sounds great.

Dr. Li: Get your plane tickets first tomorrow. After you book the tickets and set the arrival time at Xi'an, I can make you a plan. If I don't know about your schedule, it's impossible for me to make a plan for you.

Investigator: Also, um... we haven't met yet. Can you text me your photo. So we can get to know each other.

Dr. Li: No worries. Just call me when you are here. We can meet up at the hospital, I'll wait for you here.

Investigator: Okay, alright.

Dr. Li: I will be waiting for you in the hospital at that time, and it's also convenient for us to call each other.

Investigator: Text messages are also convenient. They can be sent over in no time.

Dr. Li: Right, no worries. Call me directly when you are here, we'll meet up at the hospital first. Call me and I'll go to find you.

Investigator: Okay, that's settled. Good, good.

Dr. Li: Alright.