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Summary

1. An Organ Donation Office at the Provincial Red Cross Society should be able to oversee the sources of all organs donated in the entire province.
2. According to Mr. Chen's statistics, two days before the phone investigation, the number of organs donated was nearly 70 for the entire year of 2016.
3. [Investigator: How come those hospitals that operate organ transplants make a great deal of profit?] Mr. Chen: As to what kind of agreement is reached between the hospitals and the organ recipients, or what secrets are between the hospitals, we cannot get to know, neither will they tell us.
4. [Investigator: So the First Hospital of Kunming has done so many transplants, do their sources have to go through you?] Mr. Chen: They don't have to go through us. However, without our testimonies, if anything happens, they would certainly have a hard time explaining.
5. [Investigator: But there are such incidences, where they don't go through you (to procure organs). They do this themselves, looking for donors and operating surgeries, there are such incidences.] Mr. Chen: As far as I know, now that the government has passed legislation banning it, and they are prohibited from doing so. It is equivalent to organ trafficking.
6. "Today our Red Cross obtains the results from our systematic statistics. For example, about one million organs are in demand each year, now only about 300,000 organs are available, possibly accounting for less than 1/3 of the required number."

Phone Investigation Recording

Mr. Chen: Hello, hello.

Investigator: Hello, is this Yunnan [Provincial] Red Cross Society?

Mr. Chen: Right, right, who is this?

Investigator: I am a volunteer at the Beijing Red Cross Society. I heard that you have done a good job in terms of organ donations. How did you do that? I called your main office just now, and they told me that you are in charge of this matter.

Mr. Chen: Are you from the Beijing Red Cross?

Investigator: Yes, yes.

Mr. Chen: About the organ donations, we only serve as a witness to organ donations. As far as specific procedures are concerned, can I give you a telephone number [for you to call]?

Investigator: Sure, sure. Do we have many donated donors this year?

Mr. Chen: Do you mean in Yunnan Province? [Investigator: Ah, right.] Overall, it depends on the propaganda. For this year, let me see, nearly 70 cases, according to the statistics that I did two days ago.

Investigator: Oh, 70, for the entire Yunnan Province?

Mr. Chen: Just here, basically only provincial Red Cross Societies have organ donation offices.

Investigator: Does Kunming [City's Red Cross] have one too?

Mr. Chen: It goes like this. In a province, the Organ Donation Office of the Provincial Red Cross Society is in charge of organ donations. And then all levels of Red Cross Societies get involved. For incidence, Kunming Municipal Red Cross, counties' Red Cross Societies. If an organ donor is available, his information will be collected through the system of our Red Cross, then summarized to us, the provincial Red Cross, and then we take control of this matter and take a unified approach to operate this.

Investigator: Oh, do you mean that if they get any [organ] donor, they'll have to report to you, am I correct?

Mr. Chen: They don't report. It is equivalent to...as for organ donations, our Red Cross has an unified and vertical control. The organization, which is really doing this, at the provincial level, is the Organ Donation Office of the Provincial Red Cross Society. i.e. this office should be able to oversee sources of all organs donated in the whole province.

Investigator: How come those hospitals that operate organ transplants make a great deal of profit?

Mr. Chen: As to what kind of agreement is reached between the hospitals and the organ recipients, or what secrets are between the hospitals, we cannot get to know, neither will they tell us.

Investigator: Quite a lot of organ transplants have been done by the First Hospital of Kunming. Is that a large number?

Mr. Chen: Right, right. The First Hospital of Kunming is quite prominent, in terms of what they do. Let's put it this way, the Red Cross is the middleman. After the government passed the related legislation, we, as a humanitarian organization, participate in this process, and mainly serve as a witness.

Investigator: So they have done so many [transplants], do their sources have to go through you? Some of the doctors there operate several hundred organ transplants in one year.

Mr. Chen: They don't have to go through us. However, without our testimonies, if anything happens, they would certainly have a hard time explaining.

Investigator: But there are such incidences, where they don't go through you [to procure organs]. They do this themselves, looking for donors and operating surgeries, there are such incidences.

Mr. Chen: As far as I know, now that the government has passed legislation banning it, and they are prohibited from doing so. It is equivalent to organ trafficking.

Investigator: When did you start working on organ donations? From which year?

Mr. Chen: Oh, we have been working on this for only a few years, because not many years have passed since the government regulated this [organ donation/transplant] category. We began working on this approximately since 2012 or 2013.

Investigator: So in general, most of the donations are basically [obtained] through this way. You said that you have 70 organ donation cases this year [2016], so what's the accumulative total of the donated cases in all these years?

Mr. Chen: Oh, let me take a look, our side seems, from 2013 to the present, from the time we started participating in this to the present, we should've had 100 or 200 cases.

Usually, many people are restricted by their traditional way of thinking, so they don't want to do this [i.e. organ donation].

Investigator: The First Hospital of Kunming, as well as the First Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University, they have done quite large amounts of organ transplants. Regarding the sources of their donors, if they didn't come from you, the Red Cross, where do they get those organs?

Mr. Chen: Last year [2015], didn't the government already abolish the provision that allowed the removal of organs from executed prisoners? Now, I say one thing, that is, they can avoid a lot of unnecessary trouble if doing this through the Red Cross. They will be better off if a Red Cross gets involved.

Investigator: But the [organ transplant] amount they do is far more than what your Red Cross can provide?

Mr. Chen: Then it involves the relationships between hospitals, or the equipment in the hospitals, or medical technologies... Anyway, I don't understand those things, because it also involves a lot of things in the technical aspects.

Investigator: Is it true that there are absolutely no organs removed from executive prisoners, or there still are? Should this have been stopped?

Mr. Chen: What are you talking about?

Investigator: Is the practice of removing organs from executed prisoners stopped? Is it still ongoing?

Mr. Chen: That, that should not happen, that should not happen. The government has legislation banning it, so it certainly should not happen. Because of this, the need for organs now is quite huge, and the organs are really in short supply. There is no way [to meet the demand]. Today our Red Cross obtains the results from our systematic statistics. For example, about one million organs are in demand each year, now only about 300,000 organs are available, possibly accounting for less than 1/3 of the required number.

Investigator: All right. That is all for today.

Mr. Chen: Ok, ok, goodbye.