



## **Investigation Respondent: Duty Staff from Organ Donation Office of Sichuan Province Red Cross Society**

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### **Summary:**

1. There are approximately 100 donors a year.
2. We are only doing registration and witness work here.
3. This is the total donation number for the whole province, there are very few donors.
4. Question: Is there a need for your paper work for organs from death row inmates? Is there also a need for witnessing? There's no such need, right?

Answer: They all have to be witnessed.

### **Investigation Recording**

Investigator: Hello, how are you?

Duty Staff: Hello.

Investigator: Can you hear me? It's Sichuan Province Red Cross Society, right?

Red Cross Staff: Yes, right.

Investigator: Ah, how are you? I want to ask you something, and that is, since we want to have a transplant at West China University Hospital, but the hospital said that things like organ assignment, or witnessing work, will need approval from the Red Cross. So I want to ask, if we wait at West China University Hospital, how many organs can be used clinically here? That is, are there many organs that can be used for us?

Duty Staff: In your case, you will have to ask to be put on the waiting list at West China University Hospital.

Investigator: Oh, if he's registered now...

Duty Staff: Have you signed up on the waiting list?

Investigator: Ah, yes, we have signed up. I wanted to know how many (organs) you receive each year? I mean those that can be used for surgeries, the ones that we have a chance to get?

Duty Staff: There are approximately 100 donations a year.

Investigator: 100, 100 plus. Are these 100 plus donations the ones that are used clinically, or are they the number of donors?

Duty Staff: Donors, the number of donations.

Investigator: So that is...so you mean they are to be used clinically?

Duty Staff: That is why...that is why you need to be put on the hospital's waiting list.

Investigator: Yes.

Duty Staff: But there's a system for registration on the waiting list, and that system is run by the health and family planning agency. Go to West China University Hospital to get registered. We are only doing registration and witnessing job here. The specific distribution is not our responsibility.

Investigator: Oh.

Duty Staff: You can sign onto the waiting list at several hospitals.



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Investigator: You were saying these 100 plus donations are the ones used clinically, so there might be more than that number, right?

Duty Staff: It varies depending on the situation.

Investigator: This number you mentioned, is it for the whole Sichuan Province or is it for one city such as Chengdu or Chongqing?

Duty Staff: The whole province.

Investigator: Wow, oh my...

Duty Staff: The whole province.

Investigator: This is just too few. I feel so hopeless.

Duty Staff: Since the start of voluntary donation, it hasn't been widely accepted.

Investigator: Oh, isn't donation...

Duty Staff: There are very few donations.

Investigator: Haven't donations started to increase a few years back? So may I ask, that is, I saw an interview with Huang Jiefu, who mentioned the use of death row prisoners' organs in the past. Can those still be used now? Can they still be used?

Duty Staff: Not now. The central government has banned it.

Investigator: Oh. When in the past the death row prisoners' organs were used, did they need your paper work? Was witnessing needed? It wasn't, was it?

Duty Staff: They all need to be witnessed.

Investigator: Oh, that means, if we could...

Duty Staff: They all need to be witnessed.

Investigator: They all need to be?

Duty Staff: But if there are donations, we must go witness all organ donations. The situation you just mentioned doesn't exist any longer in our country.

Investigator: Okay, thank you. I'll think about it.

Duty Staff: Okay, fine.