



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## **Beware “The Body Trade”**

In 2017, Reuters did an extensive investigation into the “Body Trade.” For example, the Arizona-based Biological Resource Center persuaded people, especially the poor, to donate their whole body. But many bodies were dismembered, packaged, stuffed in bags, and sold in pieces. Some went to the military which used them to test explosives.

Families who learned the grisly details were angry that their loved one’s body parts were sold for profits. Lawsuits were filed. In February 2022, 10 plaintiffs were awarded \$58.5 million. According to Reuters, “there are virtually no regulations on the body trade.” However, federal law does make it illegal to sell body parts for transplants.

**“A business where human bodies were butchered, package and sold,”** (The Body Trade), John Shiffman, et al, Reuters, December 27, 2017: <http://bit.ly/3ZO6ll7>

**“Man learns mom’s body donated for research was instead blown up in military testing,”** KNXV via CNN Newsource, CBS Austin, July 31, 2019: <http://bit.ly/3IWJSfJ>

**“Can You Sell Organs in the United States?”** Donor Alliance, May 21, 2021: <https://bit.ly/3wiFIHH>

**“Court of Appeals Reinstates Full \$58.5 Million Judgment Against Body Brokers,”** Burg Simpson, BurgSimpson, February 6, 2022: <http://bit.ly/3HhFFIN>

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