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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 3:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MRL Case Information

Call received to Member Reporting Line: 2/24/2017 at 3:06 pm

Caller wished to remain anonymous, so did not obtain name or number. Did not want UNOS to contact and even asked if he was speaking on a recorded line. He just said that he had heard things that had been weighing on him and he wanted to ensure that UNOS knew and looked into it.

Donor ID: [REDACTED] (INOP)  
DCD Donor  
Date of event: 2/23/2017

Concerns:

- Donor was alive when he was opened to recover organs.
- Support was withdrawn in the OR and the team monitored the HR for 5 minutes.
- Donor was opened.
- After the donor was opened, a heartbeat was identified. Heart rate was again monitored, and ten minutes later the donor died.
- Sources have told the reporter that the recovering surgeon was the physician who declared death, then proceeded with organ recovery.
- The attending may have been in the room the whole time, but reporter says he is privy to information that says otherwise and that the recovering surgeon declared the patient dead.
- He wants to ensure that we review the DCD vitals in the attachments and take note of times.

Thanked him for calling, again assured him that he would be anonymous, but that we would be investigating this case. He had no desire to have me contact him, and said he might call the week after next—he didn't even want to share information with other safety analysts by calling the MRL next week if he had any updates.

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*Safety Analyst*

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