

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Liang Zhang, currently living in Flushing, New York City, NY, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

1. My name is Liang Zhang, born on December 11, 1969 in Zibo City, Shandong Province, China, My America ID number 444261454. I currently live in Flushing, New York City, New York, having escaped from China in the year 2015.

2. I have been since the year 2011 a member of the Church of Almighty God, a Christian church whose members are severely persecuted in China.

3. I hereby declare that I am personally aware of the circumstances of Gao Cuiqin (alias: Zhang Ping) who was arrested, persecuted and tortured to death by the CCP in China for the sole reasons of being a The Church of Almighty God Christian, reading Almighty God's word at home and attending church meetings.

4. I list the name of the person whose circumstances I am personally aware of here below, indicating "(alias: Zhang Ping)" when revealing the real name of the person would expose her or her family to retaliations in China. I am prepared to supply the real name to the appropriate authorities, provide confidentiality is assured: Ms. Gao Cuiqin, a native of Huantai County, Zibo City, Shandong Province, China, indicating the alias Zhang Ping when needed.

5. For Ms. Gao Cuiqin, these are the facts known to me personally through interaction with the local residents and some brothers and sisters in my sub-region. After having come to America, I received some detailed information about Sister Gao Cuiqin from her relatives and close friends, including her being arrested and tortured which led to her death, as well as the Cremation Certificate issued for Sister Gao.

I list her circumstances I am personally aware of here below:

Early morning on July 15, 2014, around 6:30 AM, Gao Cuiqin was at home making breakfast when six plainclothes police officers (four male and two female) burst into the Gao family home, led by Gong Yuebing, deputy captain of the Shandong Huantai County Public Security Bureau (PSB) National Security Brigade. Gao's mother-in-law and sister-in-law were standing in the home's entrance at the time. The police forced Gao to accompany them to the local PSB due to her belief in Almighty God, without producing any documentation. After registering her, she was transferred to the Huantai County detention center. Around noon that same day, the police returned to Gao's home and demanded that her mother-in-law pay for Gao's living expenses while detained. She did not comply.

Emergency personnel with Huantai County Shengjie Hospital disclosed that around 11:00 AM on July 17, the police called Shengjie Hospital requesting an ambulance for a medical emergency. A doctor rushed

to the scene, but seeing that the patient had already been dead for some time, did not bring her to the hospital. The police made another phone call to the Huantai County Branch of the Shandong Qilu Hospital, and emergency personnel took the victim to the hospital.

At 1:00 PM on July 17, Zhao Xuepeng, the director of the Suo Town, Huantai County Police Station called Gao Cuiqin's husband, Mr. Liu. He said that Gao Cuiqin was in the hospital and urged him to go, but the police did not tell him over the phone that she was already dead.

About an hour later, Gao's sister-in-law and brother-in-law went to the hospital, but the hospital didn't have a record of Gao's hospitalization. They were unable to find her.

At 6:00 PM that evening, after Gao's husband Liu met with the police, he inquired into his wife's condition, but received no response from the police. He was taken to the hospital where he saw two tubes in his wife's nose and a flat line on the ECG. Her head was twisted at an angle and her neck was tilted up; her body was stiff. It was clear that she had been dead for a while, but the doctor was still using an external pacemaker, pretending to try to save her. According to Liu, he overheard a doctor present state that when his wife had arrived at the hospital, she showed no signs of life. Liu then took a photo of his wife's body.

An emergency department staff member said that Gao had been dead for some time when she was sent to the hospital, that she showed clear signs of having been brutally beaten; her entire face was purple and extremely swollen.

According to Sister Li Min (an alias), another Christian who was held in the same detention center along with Gao Cuiqin, around 5:00 AM on July 16, she heard the sound of the impact of iron shackles from the adjacent room where Gao was being interrogated. After that, everything was silent.

Another Christian who was arrested, Liu Yu (an alias) said that on the 16th when she was detained and brought to the Suo Town Police Station, she heard an officer answer a phone call and say that someone in the detention center had died: "It was done by [name]. He has no idea, he was hitting her with a taser...." Only later did she realize that the officer was reporting on who had beaten Gao Cuiqin to death.

In the afternoon of July 18, when Gao's family were at the funeral home taking care of her remains, they saw that there were a number of red marks on her back, her face was blue, and that her head was twisted to one side. They simply could not straighten it out. A PSB employee with longtime experience analyzed the conditions of her death and concluded that Gao Cuiqin's injuries were consistent with being tied to a chair and tased at very high voltage.

Gao's family demanded to see video recordings of her interrogation, but the police refused.

