

## Medtronic Mislabeled Heads; Container Lands in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. – An airline employee in Arkansas peeked into an otherwise unremarkable container last week and made a surprising discovery: Parts of human heads.

Authorities in Arkansas have launched an investigation after four human heads and 40 partial heads were seized at Little Rock National Airport, apparently bound for a Medtronic facility in Texas for use in medical training, according to a report by StarTribune.com.

Medtronic spokesman Brian Henry said the heads were supposed to be used for physician training at the

Fridley-based company's ear, nose and throat surgery division in Fort Worth.

Henry believes the heads, which he described as "four cranial samples and 40 temporal lobes," were mislabeled by the vendor, causing the mix-up.

A Southwest Airlines freight employee reportedly discovered the heads June 9 in several containers and immediately notified authorities.

Garland Camper, coroner of Pulaski County, Ark., told Reuters the heads "were basically in plastic containers with lids that are not air-sealed. They were duct-taped with minimal infor-

mation to disclose what was inside."

Camper added, "Since then, we have learned that the paperwork that we have asked for does not quite meet the same description of the specimens that we have. So we've got some discrepancies there."

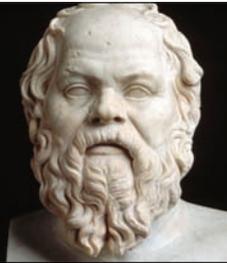
The shipment is being stored at the county coroner's office until the investigation is complete.

The vendor, JLS Consulting of Conway, could not be reached for comment, but JLS founder Janice Hepler told an Arkansas newspaper that the company is cooperating with the coroner's investigation.



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The new Digital Series features Grammy Award-winning singer Joss Stone. The Book Trilogy features "The Funeral Planner" and "The Funeral Planner Goes to Washington," with "The Funeral Planner Goes Global" debuting fall 2010. In addition, a new social media network has been launched to make it easy to honor loved ones on The Tribute Network (<http://www.TheTributeNetwork.com>).

The Hollywood cast in The Funeral Planner's Digital Series offers a refreshing spin on the dearly departed. Three hot women make death sexy as they plan Life Celebrations boomer style from a coffee shop in Los Angeles, featuring Maddy Banks (Heather Mazur), Eve (Joss Stone) and Sierra (Marisa Ramirez). Maddy's protégé is played by Joss Stone who lights up the screen with her charm, creative ideas and fashion advice. Maddy's crush, venture capitalist Victor Winston, is

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In addition to the Digital Series and Books Trilogy, the multimedia includes a feature-film in the works with award-winning comedy director Donald Petrie and producer Karen Waldron.

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