

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 21: Crimes and Punishments
Part IV. Crimes Against Decency and Morality
Chapter 47: Violation Sepulture and the Remains of the Dead
§ 1163. Unlawful interference with places of burial
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Any person who opens any grave or any place of burial, temporary or otherwise, or who breaks open any building wherein any dead body of a human being is deposited while awaiting burial, with intent either:

1. To remove any dead body of a human being for the purpose of selling the same, or for the purpose of dissection; or
2. To steal the coffin, or any part thereof or anything attached thereto, or connected therewith, or the vestments or other articles buried with the same, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for a term not to exceed three (3) years, or by a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Historical Data

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