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It is always tragic to hear of someone losing their life, and our deepest sympathies go out to Ricardo Godói's family, friends, and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time. This tragedy serves as a powerful reminder of the need for greater awareness around the potential dangers of extreme procedures and the importance of promoting safe practices within the body art and modification community. Ricardo's story, while tragic, can hopefully inspire others to make informed decisions and prioritize their health above all else.

The Alliance of Professional Tattooists (APT) does not endorse or recommend the use of any form of anesthesia or sedation for tattooing procedures. Extensive tattoo sessions that involve anesthesia and multiple artists are complex unnecessary undertakings. The APT has issued statements on this topic before and our stance has always been against the use of general and local anesthesia or any other type of sedation.

Anesthesia and sedation introduce additional risks, including possible long-term effects.

Furthermore, extensive tattooing places significant physical demands on the body and requires meticulous aftercare. Healing from such procedures is challenging enough without adding additional strain on the body.

Our association remains committed to promoting safe, professional practices within the tattoo trade. We do not endorse the use of anesthesia or sedation for tattooing procedures due to the increased risks and complexities it introduces.

