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Please find below for your review Dr. Schultz's withdrawal of his candidacy. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL.

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To: ME Search Committee <mesearchcommittee@sao20.org>

Subject: Dr. Schultz follow-up on letter of intent

Dear District 22 ME Search Committee,

After some thoughtful consideration during the last week with my family, I have decided not to formerly apply for the District 22 Chief Medical Examiner position. I apologize for this, having sent the earlier letter when I initially found out, but I offer any support and help to funnel candidates your way.

I enjoy freedoms now that never existed in my dual career in forensic pathology as a government employee/contractor and tissue transplant Medical Director/Executive. The reality is that my personal practice Final Diagnosis, Inc. is growing, is my final destination it seems, and I am really enjoying myself providing answers via the autopsy.

One other reason is that I had already known that my friend and previous boss, Dr. Russ Vega had a sincere interest in the position as well. I did talk to Russ after I had sent the letter of intent, and while he had nothing to do with this ultimate decision today, I personally felt uncomfortable out of due respect. He came through for me when I was looking for part time work to fuel my forensic pathology passion in 2006 when I took on a new career path as the Medical Director and Vice President of LifeLink Tissue Services for almost 14 years. He has also been a person I have called on to help me in the past in my own private lab. Having both trained in Tampa under Vern Adams (I trained earlier than he) I pretty much see eye to eye with him and I am certain we both aspire to surpass minimal standards. Doing the right thing sometimes is hard to articulate in a standard, but I think that it really means considering the impact that a decision or indecision can have on society and certainly families.

While deep down this position in District 22 has been something I have waited a full career for, its all about timing, and for me the timing is probably too late to do it full justice. I did indicate to Dr. Vega that I am always happy to help him if he needs staffing (Port Charlotte or elsewhere). I would be happy to do the same for others who may be chosen.

If for any reason the committee feels it has no clear candidates, which I fully respect, do not hesitate to ask for my help, as I may be able to help at least in the short term in temporary leadership and workload capacities, as I am a free man with a greater open/flexible schedule at this phase.

I wish you all the best in your search and I truly wish Dr. Imami congratulations on a long and frankly "Guinness Book of World Records" career. It is a small world in forensics, and I know of no one who comes close to matching that career, especially in one locale of 52+/- years. Kudos to he and his support staff in accomplishing that feat. We are the family doctor when you need them most(1).

Respectfully,

Dan Schultz, MD

(1) Quote from Dr. Ross Zumwalt, MD at the National Association of Medical Examiner's Meeting upon his receipt of a lifetime career award

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