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Nicolas Petit scratches at Shaktoolik checkpoint

Nome, Alaska – Veteran Iditarod musher Nicolas Petit (bib #20), of Girdwood, Alaska, scratched at the Shaktoolik checkpoint today at 7 p.m. today.

Petit scratched in the best interest of his race team's mental well-being. Petit and his race team were brought back to Shaktoolik by snowmachine and trail sled for transport through Unalakleet and then on to Anchorage.

Petit had 10 dogs with him at the time he decided to scratch.

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