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**Lev Shvarts scratches at Unalakleet checkpoint**

**Nome, Alaska** – Iditarod veteran musher Lev Shvarts (bib # 13), of Willow, Alaska, scratched at the Unalakleet checkpoint at 6:20 p.m. today.

Shvarts made the decision to scratch out of the best interest of his race team.

He had seven dogs with him at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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