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Subject: FW: Resignation letter

Judge Pitluck,

FYI - Blanco has resigned from the American Board of Forensic Document examiners.

I thought you might be interested in this E-mail, which I received today.

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Subject: Resignation letter

To ABFDE Board members and Diplomates.

The following letter of resignation was sent out on Monday of this week, May 12, 2008, by Federal Express delivery and by Fax to all the current Board members of the ABFDE.

The text of that letter is below:

BY FACSIMILE AND FEDERAL EXPRESS DELIVERY

May 12th, 2008

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RE: RESIGNATION LETTER

Dear Ms. Lauterbach and Board and Directors of the A.B.F.D.E.:

I hereby resign as a "Diplomate" of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, otherwise

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known as the A.B.F.D.E. Although I enjoyed past years with the ABFDE associating with honorable people on the Board in my past role as contributing editor and as a fellow Diplomat, I can no longer associate with this present A.B.F.D.E. Board. A partial list of reasons follow:

1. Criminal activity by ABFDE officer under the watch of President Joyce Lauterbach and this current Board Leadership:

The recent and present leadership has been remiss in its fiduciary responsibility to protect the assets of the ABFDE Diplomates from embezzlement. The former ABFDE Treasurer embezzled more than SIXTY THOUSAND dollars from the ABFDE over an extended period of time, and this criminal activity went "unnoticed" by the ABFDE President and current Board of Directors. It is my understanding that the entire treasury of the ABFDE had been embezzled before anyone on the Board even knew that it was gone. This is negligence for not having proper financial controls in place and is also a clear breach of the President's and Officers of the Board's fiduciary responsibilities.

By Ms. Lauterbach's own admission in the "President's Message" section, on the front page of the ABFDE News January 2008 Volume XXI, Number 1, she discusses the criminal activity of one of the Officers of the ABFDE. A quote from the ABFDE Newsletter states:

"On September 12, 2007, past Treasurer [of the ABFDE] entered a guilty plea in federal court in Atlanta, Georgia for one count of transportation of stolen property. Four counts for the same charge are pending."

This entire subject was addressed in this newsletter surprisingly devoid of any sense of shame, regret or responsibility. Joyce Lauterbach and the Board just assumed that the treasurer would be honest, rather than taking the responsibility of having auditing procedures in place to prevent such an embezzlement from occurring in the first place.

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2. The ABFDE has lost its compass and purpose:

In recent years there has been much turmoil in the ABFDE that has caused many prestigious people to leave. Even the Director at Large who is an attorney and Law School Professor resigned last year from the ABFDE Board and the content of his resignation letter was emailed to the Diplomates. In that email he discussed the slipping effectiveness of the ABFDE, the strife, discontent, envy, and efforts to control and limit the Board. Due to these problems he prophesized the looming impotence and extinction of the ABFDE. The following are three excerpts from that email:

"These past three years, however, I have seen the effectiveness of ABFDE gradually slip due to strife, discontent, envy, and ill-informed attacks. I see these attacks as an effort to control and limit the Board's lawful activities. Remaining on the Board, I concluded, no longer allows me to make a meaningful contribution to the FDE [Forensic document examiner] community. Thus, with great regret, my resignation!"

"Why is it that this uniquely effective credentialing body is at risk of becoming impotent or perhaps even disappearing... A vocal minority seems intent on limiting ABFDE in its legitimate functions by wresting control of its Board and depriving it of the ability to do what it has done so well."

"In view of what I consider to be detrimental attacks upon its projects, which attacks appear to now bear fruit, I simply no longer see how I can contribute to FDE growth by remaining a board

member. That is why, with great sadness, I resigned following last month's Board meeting."

3. Shrinking number of Diplomates over recent years. The ABFDE is dying due to strife and discontent:

Several other previous Officers/Directors of the ABFDE have also resigned quoting problems with this present leadership. Three past Presidents, a past Vice President and other Diplomates have resigned from the Board and or resigned from the ABFDE all together. Further, the overall number of certified Diplomates has dwindled over the last several years. It appears that the past predictions of the only legal advisor to the Board of Directors are becoming true, that the ABFDE is headed for extinction, is no longer effective, and is no longer what I consider to be a mainstream forensic document examination organization.

4. The ABFDE Leadership is not following its own Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures:

The ABFDE leadership is secretive. Although they change their constitution and bylaws on a regular basis, they refuse to disseminate their SOPs to Diplomates or advise Diplomates of changes to their constitution and bylaws, some of which violate the Constitution of the United States and state law.

5. Departure from well known and established scientific fundamentals:

Even though there is clear scientific support and statistical data, this Board and many Diplomates of the ABFDE ignore the use of scientific techniques that are discussed and recommended in the scientific literature pertaining to the field of Forensic Document Examination.

Due to these and other reasons I am being forced to sever my relationship with the ABFDE.

Sincerely,

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