



Dr. Ali Z. Hameli

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It was outrageous to dismiss Delaware's medical examiner

At a time when Dr. Ali Z. Hameli (*Delaware's chief medical examiner*) should have been honored for 30 years of outstanding service to Delaware, with the snap of a finger, his livelihood has been destroyed.

The dismissal of Dr. Hameli has outraged the medical community, especially those who have known and worked with him for many years.

The newly appointed Health and Social Services secretary, Carmen Nazario, fired a man of the highest integrity and achievement. Where was Secretary Nazario 30 years ago when Dr. Hameli built, brick by brick, Delaware's medical examiner system, which is second to none? Where was she a few years ago when the world

looked to Delaware's Dr. Hameli as an expert forensic pathologist to uncover the horrors of the past?

Did Secretary Nazario and Gov. Carper discuss this issue with Dr. Hameli? Was he given the procedures available to other state employees, which require the state to conduct a hearing and prove its charges? Why was the sentence imposed before guilt has been proved?

I applaud The News Journal and Jane Harriman for their recognition of how remarkable Dr. Hameli truly is. I am certain that when the dust settles, the public will see that Dr. Hameli is just another victim of a political bureaucracy.

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