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INTERVIEW NOTES: 2516

Donor 2516 is a charming man who comes across as intelligent and thoughtful. A self-described “art monk” 2516 has spent the two years since graduating college reading literature, studying film, and creating children’s books (he graduated from an alternative college where he wrote and illustrated a children’s book as his art thesis). At the time of our interview, he had just started a job in a performing arts library, which he felt would be a good complement to his own creative endeavors. Every time I met with him throughout his screening, he was reading a literary “great work”—for example, Thomas Pynchon’s *V* or James Joyce’s *Ulysses*. His enthusiasm for learning is genuine, infectious, and wide-ranging; his most recent plans include learning to play the violin.

In appearance, donor 2516 is boyishly handsome. He has a slim build, clear green eyes, well-proportioned features, and a strong chin. He has deep dimples in his cheeks. Although serious in demeanor, he is quick to smile and seems quite playful.



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DONOR PROFILE: 2516

The past and current personal and family medical history, physical examination, and laboratory test results determine that donor 2516 is eligible and approved for semen donation at THE SPERM BANK OF CALIFORNIA. This profile was prepared in March 2002, updated in August 2016

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Identity-Release[®] Program: **Yes**
- Month/year of birth: **April, 1976**
- Education: **Bachelors in Studio Art**
- Current occupation: **Collection assistant in a performing arts library**
- Ethnic origin: **English, Lithuanian, French Canadian**
- Religion: **Born into Roman Catholicism, presently atheist, "my practicing religion is art"**

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Height: **5'6"**
- Weight: **140 lbs**
- Hair color: **Light brown**
- Hair type: **Straight, fine**
- Eye color: **Hazel**
- Complexion: **Fair, rosy**
- Body type: **Medium**
- Blood group/Rh: **A+**
- Baby photo available: **No**
- Other distinguishing features: **Dimples**

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

KEY: **D** donor **Ch** child **F** father **M** mother **S** sister **B** brother
Co cousin **A** aunt **U** uncle **MGF** maternal grandfather **MGM** maternal grandmother **PGF**
paternal grandfather **PGM** paternal grandmother

Asthma: **S:** onset in her teens, uses an inhaler; **MA:** asthma, uses an inhaler
Cancer: **MGM:** breast cancer onset at age 56, cause of death at age 59
Heart: **PGM:** high blood pressure treated with medication (in good health at age 86)
Mental health: **D:** minor depression in his early 20s, took Prozac for about 6 months
Metabolic/endocrine: **PGM:** gallstones, gallbladder removed at age 83; **PGF:** adult-onset diabetes at age 50, treated with dietary changes
Neurological: **F, B:** migraines only a few times a year
Skin: **D:** acne as a teenager, took Acutane for about 6 months, no detectable scarring
Substance abuse: **PGF:** alcoholism, cirrhosis of the liver (died at 64 of pneumonia and cirrhosis)
Uro-genital disease: **PGM:** hysterectomy at age 54 (donor does not know cause)
Comments: **MGF:** died in tractor accident at age 21

DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: **Not Detected**
HIV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**
Hepatitis B: **Non-Reactive**
Urinalysis: **Normal**

Gonorrhea: **Not Detected**
CMV total antibody: **Negative**
Hepatitis C: **Non-Reactive**
Chem panel: **Normal**

Syphilis: **Non-Reactive**
HTLV 1 & 2: **Non-Reactive**
CBC: **Normal**

GENETIC SCREENING RESULTS: ALL TEST VALUES IN NORMAL RANGE

Genetic screening tests can significantly reduce, but never completely eliminate, the chance that a person is a carrier for a particular disorder.

Cystic Fibrosis: (87 mutations) **No mutation detected**
Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA): **Not performed**
Hemoglobinopathies/Thalassemia: **No abnormal hemoglobin detected (including sickle hemoglobin);
No evidence of thalassemia**
Tay-Sachs Disease: **No mutation detected**

DONOR NARRATIVE: 2516

The content of this narrative has not been altered by TSBC staff and therefore reflects original written work of the Donor

Describe your personality: introvert, extrovert, funny, serious, goal-oriented, curious, shy, etc.

Before I begin, I believe there is something you should know. My family and friends have commented to me on how different I am in person compared to my writing style. I have gathered that I am much more serious on paper than I am in person. To be completely honest with you I can be quite silly or downright bizarre in person. Joking around and laughing is my favorite pastime. As often as I can, in whatever circumstance, I always try to enjoy myself.

I am a perfectionist of sorts. For example, this very narrative you are reading has been through numerous revisions. I am also quite introverted. That is not to mean that I am withdrawn or a shut-in. I very much enjoy people, talking with them and learning from them. I do not consider myself selfish or self-centered, but incredibly self-focused. Put bluntly, I am hell-bent on self-improvement and have been since adolescence. I do everything in my power to live a well-rounded, honest existence.

The most accurate way to describe myself, what I have told others, is that I am a monk. An art monk. I care little for accumulating plaques and awards and winning the praises and acceptance of my peers. I live by modest means and spend more time concerning myself with literature, music, and art than amassing a fortune. I have not cloistered myself from people, though. I have lived in cities for years now because I like people. I like interacting with them. I like making them laugh.

What are your interests and talents?

Beauty. Beauty is just about all I think about. Music, painting, literature, philosophy. The arts and sciences are essentially all there is in this world that holds interest for me. I read constantly.

What are some of your goals and ambitions in life?

I feel that I may have already answered this one elsewhere. Do refer to “Musical/Artistic/Creative.”

How would you describe your skills and interests in the following areas?

Math: I really have not used my math skills since high school. I do not use math skills, I use calculators. It is not that I *dislike* math. In fact, when I think back on my high school algebra classes, all I remember is racing with the teacher’s “walk-through” of an equation, trying to see if I could figure out the puzzle correctly. Pretentious theory head that I am, I like the *idea* and the philosophy of mathematics over the crunching of numbers, equations, and formulas. I suppose I could excel in math if I put forth the effort, but the endeavor seems much too left-brained for my tastes, so I do not bother.

Mechanical: I love working with my hands. Throughout my entire college career I held a job as a set constructor in the theater department (a creative carpenter, if you will) and it was one of the best jobs I have ever had. I was given a project, say, to build a staircase. I would have a host of materials and tools at my disposal and I was left alone to figure out how to assemble it. When finished I felt a satisfying sense of accomplishment and a physical product to show for my labor. It was through that job and many sculpture classes that I have acquired a decent mechanical aptitude.

Athletic: I avoided participating in sports at school; the main reason for my disdain was the competitive nature of sports. I was, and am, turned off by the machismo and posturing that invariably goes with team sports. There are, however, some aspects of sports that *do* attract me. I have participated in several 5K races, not necessarily to come in first place, but to beat my best time. I only feel comfortable competing with myself.

Musical, artistic, creative: These are my true and (dare I say it?) only passions in life. Elsewhere in this packet I have stated that, while I may be an atheist, my practicing religion is art. This is very true. Being an atheist is difficult. We non-believers, having no readymade faith system, need to fabricate our own. (I am not saying that the religious life is easy. It, too, has difficulties, but different difficulties.) It has taken a while and much confusion and struggle, but I have realized that what has given my life the most meaning is beauty and my main purpose in life is the creation of beauty for others to enjoy (the same way I enjoy others’ creations like Beethoven, Vermeer, James Joyce and The Beach Boys). Be it writing, music, film, or illustration, I have dedicated the remainder of my years on this globe to the making of an artistic masterpiece.

Language: I can only understand English but I have a strong desire to learn another, perhaps German, sign language, French or Esperanto.

What are some of your reasons for becoming a sperm donor?

My main reason for becoming a sperm donor is that I need the money. I am broke. I may be an art monk and I may dislike materialism, but my idealism is tested daily and it *does* have its limits. A monk cannot live by art alone.

Did you choose to be an Identity-Release® Program donor?

Yes

Why did you make this choice?

Yes, I have agreed to have my identity released. I feel that by remaining anonymous I am somehow behaving irresponsibly. It does not seem fair to keep my identity from the child. I would like to offer the child/children a choice.

Is there anything else you would like to share with participating families and offspring?

I am inspired by and applaud your thoughtful and intelligent means for starting a family. I wish you a divine future for your family and I hope you have a wonderful, enriching experience growing with and learning from your child (or children).

With much love and respect,
#2516



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HEALTH PROBLEMS DONOR 2516

FAMILY MEMBER	HEALTH PROBLEM	TREATMENT/RESOLUTION
Donor	Acne	Age at onset/diagnosis: Teens Treatment: Acutane for 6 months Outcome: Resolved
	Minor depression	Age at onset/diagnosis: Early 20's Treatment: Prozac for 6 months Outcome: Resolved
Sister	Asthma	Age at onset/diagnosis: Teens Treatment: Inhaler Outcome: not reported
Father	Migraines	Age at onset/diagnosis: not reported Treatment: not reported Outcome: Occurs a few times a year
Maternal Grandfather	Accident <i>Tractor accident</i>	Age at onset/diagnosis: 21 Treatment: None Outcome: Cause of death at 21
Maternal Grandmother	Breast cancer	Age at onset/diagnosis: 56 Treatment: Not reported Outcome: cause of death at 59
Paternal Grandfather	Alcoholism <i>Cirrhosis of liver</i>	Age at onset/diagnosis: Not reported Treatment: None Outcome: Not reported
	Diabetes	Age at onset/diagnosis: Age 50 Treatment: Dietary changes Outcome: Not reported
Paternal Grandmother	High blood pressure	Age at onset/diagnosis: Not reported Treatment: Treated with medication Outcome: Not reported
	Gall stones	Age at onset/diagnosis: 83 Treatment: Gall bladder removed Outcome: Not reported

Maternal Aunt

Asthma

Age at onset/diagnosis: Not reported

Treatment: Inhaler

Outcome: Not reported

The above family medical history information has been self-reported by the donor. We work with each donor to obtain as complete and accurate information as possible, but we are unable to completely rule out the existence of other health information that is not known, or that remains unreported to us.