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UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FOOTBALL PLAYER INDICTED ON FELONY CHARGES

On July 22, 2013, a University of Arizona Football Player was arraigned on several felony charges as a result of an investigation into an incident that occurred on April 29, 2013. The Tucson Police Department was notified of a home invasion incident that occurred at an apartment in the 2500 block of West Anklam at approximately 2:00 a.m. on April 29, 2013. Initially, the suspects involved in the home invasion incident were unknown. However, after approximately one and half months, the case was revived when personnel from the Beverly Hills Police Department in Beverly Hills, California contacted the Tucson Police Department and provided our detectives with information that they had discovered during a separate incident that occurred in their jurisdiction. The information they provided related directly to the home invasion incident that occurred on April 29, 2013.

As a result of the new information, Tucson Police Department detectives were able to continue their investigation. As a part of the continuing examination into all of the circumstances surrounding the home invasion incident on April 29, 2013, a search warrant was served on an apartment located in the 800 block of East Wetmore. The warrant was obtained and served in late June of 2013. During the service of the search warrant, illegal substances (narcotic drugs, narcotic paraphernalia, and marijuana) as well as a weapon were discovered in a room believed to be the primary residence for Patrick Onwuasor (20 years old), a University of Arizona football player. He was formally charged after the case was presented to the Pima County Grand Jury in July of 2013. His charges included Possession of a Narcotic Drug for Sale (Class 2 Felony), Possession of Marijuana for Sale (Class 4 Felony), Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony Drug Offense (Class 4 Felony), and Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia (Class 6 Felony). On July 18, 2013, a Grand Jury warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. Onwuasor. He presented himself for arraignment with the assistance of his attorney on July 22, 2013. Mr. Onwuasor was released after the arraignment proceedings.

It should be noted that Mr. Onwuasor was not implicated as being present when the home invasion incident occurred in April of 2013. As such, he was not arrested in relation to that what occurred during that incident. The investigation regarding the home invasion incident continues.

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