

## A Break In The Action - Akeem Jordan's Trial To Wait For Eagles' Bye Date

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HARRISONBURG - While his Philadelphia Eagles teammates are relaxing during their bye week next month, linebacker Akeem Jordan is scheduled to return to Rockingham County General District Court to go to trial on an assault charge.

Jordan, 25, was charged with misdemeanor assault and battery stemming from an altercation with Niketa Zeigier of Mineral, according to court documents.

Jordan's attorney, John Holloran, said he asked Judge William Heatwole to postpone the case until after the NFL season but the judge wouldn't agree to it.

However, Holloran said, the judge opted for an Oct. 19 trial date, which coincides with the Eagles' Week 7 bye, in which the team has no game.

"It's the next best thing," Holloran said.

Jordan, a Harrisonburg native and former James Madison University football standout, was arrested June 19 following an incident in the parking lot of Firetop Bar and Grill on Evelyn Byrd Avenue. Police say the incident happened shortly after 2 a.m.

Zeigier didn't immediately call police, but notified the Harrisonburg Police Department later that day. An officer then referred Zeigier to a magistrate judge to consider issuing an arrest warrant.

According to court documents, Zeigier said that he exchanged words with Jordan inside the bar, after which Zeigier was escorted outside.

Court documents state Jordan was in a vehicle that was pulling away from the parking lot but then stopped. Zeigier stated that two men and a woman then attacked him from behind and beat him on his neck.

Jordan, the only suspect named in the report, is free on a \$2,500 unsecured bond.

Jordan was the Group AA Player of the Year at Harrisonburg High School as a junior in 2001 and the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year at JMU as a senior in 2006.

The 6-foot-1, 230-pound Jordan joined the Eagles in 2007 as an undrafted free agent. He was assigned to the practice squad before being activated during the season.

In 2010, Jordan's NFL salary was \$1.68 million.

Earlier this week, the Eagles signed Jordan to a two-year contract.

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