

Jordan Settles Dispute - NFL?Player Resolves Alleged City Assault Out Of Courtroom

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HARRISONBURG - A judge dismissed the assault charge filed against Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Akeem Jordan during a hearing in Rockingham County General District Court Wednesday.

Jordan, 26, a Harrisonburg native and former James Madison University football standout, was charged with misdemeanor assault and battery stemming from an altercation with Niketa Zeigier, 35, of Mineral, according to court documents.

Judge William Heatwole dismissed the case after Jordan's attorney, John Holloran, said Zeigier and his client had resolved the case outside of court. Jordan was not present at the hearing.

Holloran said the case was resolved properly.

"It was the absolute right thing to have happen," he said. "It's a good learning experience for Akeem that he can be a target and be taken advantage of."

Holloran said an out-of-court cash settlement was reached but declined to say how much Jordan paid Zeigier.

Zeigier could not be reached for comment.

Jordan 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. Police then referred Zeigier to a magistrate judge to consider issuing an arrest warrant.

Zeigier told the magistrate that he exchanged words with Jordan inside the bar, after which Zeigier was escorted outside.

In a written statement, Zeigier said Jordan was in a vehicle that was pulling away from the parking lot but then stopped. He further claimed that two men and a woman then attacked him from behind and beat him on his neck.

Jordan was the only person charged as a result of the incident.

He 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. The Eagles re-signed Jordan to a two-year contract this year, but the terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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