

Willie Williams To Be Released On Bond

FT. LAUDERDALE -- On Friday afternoon, a judge decided to release top Miami recruit Willie Williams on \$2,500 bond.

Williams turned himself in to the Broward County Jail on Tuesday on an arrest warrant that charged he violated his probation in a 2002 burglary case.

In addition, 19 year-old Williams, was charged with felony malicious damage to fire extinguishers, misdemeanor criminal mischief and misdemeanor battery at a hotel on a recruiting trip to the University of Florida over Super Bowl weekend.

Williams will be on house arrest with an ankle bracelet and he will only be allowed out of his house to attend school. He can only be out of his house for one hour before and after school.

Williams will also have to submit to random drug testing.

Miami Athletic Director Paul Dee responded to news of the new charges by suspending the processing of Williams' admissions application. He did not say how long the delay would last. No decision has been made on whether to revoke his athletic scholarship.

Williams' record and complaints about his Gainesville trip were revealed Feb. 4, the same day he signed a letter of intent to enroll at Miami and play for the Hurricanes.

Miami was unaware of Williams' arrest record dating back to age 14 and has acknowledged lapses in its background checks.

Williams had 83 tackles and 18 sacks last season, helping Miami Carol City win the state Class 6A title and earning Parade All-American honors.

He chose Miami over Florida State, Florida and Auburn. Florida and Florida State say they didn't know about his record either.

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