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Williams turns himself in as new charges are filed

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Top Miami recruit Willie Williams surrendered to authorities Tuesday morning as new charges relating to the discharge of a fire extinguisher were filed against the Carol City High School linebacker. Williams, the University of Miami's top recruit, turned himself in at about 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, defense attorney Paul Lazarus told The Herald.



CBS4/WFOR

Willie Williams, flanked by attorneys, surrenders to authorities Tuesday morning in Fort Lauderdale.

Lazarus said Williams is scheduled to appear before Broward County Circuit Court Judge Michael G. Kaplan for a bond hearing at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

A warrant for his arrest for violating probation was issued Friday.

On Tuesday morning, Gainesville State Attorney Bill Cervone filed charges of obstructing extinguishment and criminal mischief, stemming from Williams' football recruiting trip to the University of Florida Jan. 30 to Feb. 1.

The criminal mischief charge is a misdemeanor and the obstructing extinguishment charge is a felony.

On Monday, Williams was charged with misdemeanor battery by Cervone for allegedly hugging a woman against her will.

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