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Can Arnold find his way back after arrest?

Cornerback a long way from where he and the Lions dreamed he'd be after arriving with high hopes

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The first snapshot was suitable for framing. There was Terrion Arnold in a shiny pink-and-silver suit, beaming as the crowd roared and chanted his name. The Lions had boldly traded up to draft the Alabama cornerback, and on that April night two years ago in Detroit's Campus Martius Park, in front of record crowds, the football world was his, the possibilities endless.

The snapshot Thursday in a Tampa courtroom told a much different story, tragic and timeless. Arnold wore a green



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sleeveless prison smock — often used for suicide prevention — that showed the muscled arms of an elite athlete, and the blank look of a 23-year-old man in unfathomable trouble.

Arnold is facing three counts of kidnapping, three counts of armed robbery, one count of conspiracy to kidnap and one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery from a February incident in Tampa. He's one of seven charged in the case, and according to the state attorney's office, the criminal charges carry a potential sentence of up to life in prison. Arnold is scheduled to appear at a pre-

trial detention hearing Monday, when the state is expected to argue he should be denied bail. Arnold, through his attorney, denies all charges.

That's important to remember here.

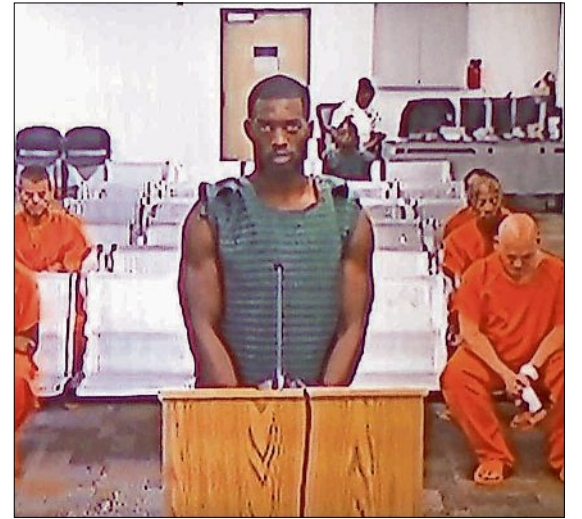
It's too early to render judgment in a confusing tale of betrayal and revenge. Arnold is accused of "coordinating and directing" the armed robbery of multiple victims in retaliation for thefts of \$250,000 in cash and property from Arnold's Florida rental home.

It's not too early to render judgment on the devastation, personal and professional. Arnold's NFL career was already under scrutiny, as he struggled with

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Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office
Terrion Arnold Arnold is facing four felony counts of armed robbery and kidnapping from a Tampa incident.

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Lindsay Wood of Kymora Kandles in St. Johns has introduced a line of red, white and blue striped candles inspired by the country's anniversary.

Michigan makers go all in for America's 250th celebration

BY CANDICE WILLIAMS
The Detroit News

As communities across the country prepare to celebrate America's 250th anniversary next month, Michigan makers and small businesses are counting on patriotic fervor to cash in on the historic commemoration of the nation's birth.

From striped candles and patriotic cookies to wooden lanterns and commemorative plaques, local entrepreneurs say the milestone is giving customers myriad ways to cheer the semiquincentennial.

"It's obviously a big year for America," said Lindsay Wood, owner of Kymora Kandles in St. Johns. Wood has introduced a line of red, white and blue striped candles to light up 250th celebrations.

"I wanted to make something that our brand could offer that was nice for 250, so I came up with a striped candle, which is our first," Wood said. "We don't normally do layered candles, so this is kind of something new for us."

Making the special candles requires more time and precision because each layer must cool before the next is poured, Wood said. "It takes a fair amount of skill to make sure that it turns out correctly."

Customer response has been strong, with



Eden Stout applies a 250th theme to the nails of Jeannie Williams at Nicole's Salon and Day Spa in St. Johns. Entrepreneurs say the milestone is giving customers a myriad of ways to celebrate.

about half of the initial inventory already sold. In addition to selling her candles at her shop in St. Johns, she sells the candles at Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage in Mason, which offers other types of patriotic merchandise, too.

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Watchdog cites pattern of Fain retaliation

UAW president accuses court-appointed monitor of playing political games

BY BREANA NOBLE AND ROBERT SNELL
The Detroit News

United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain has exhibited a "recurring pattern of retaliation" and "abused the authority of his office" with matters involving his fiancée and her sister, according a new report from the union's court-appointed watchdog, who Fain in response accused of "playing political games and abusing his power."

Neil Barofsky, an attorney at a Chicago law firm who is based in New York, filed the report Thursday morning in the U.S. Eastern District Court of Michigan. It found unsupported, unfounded and exaggerated reasons cited by Fain in Vice President Rich Boyer's removal from leadership of the Stellantis Department. Additionally, it found Fain acted improperly with respect to matters involving people close to him. Fain is calling the report "false" and suggests Barofsky's reports "attacking" him are personal, given the union's support of a ceasefire in Gaza.

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Detroit rap mogul in fresh drug trouble with feds

BY ROBERT SNELL
The Detroit News

A Detroit music mogul, once described in a sealed federal search warrant as one of the largest heroin dealers in the Midwest who used his rap label to launder drug money, is in fresh trouble along with his wife after being accused of heading a nationwide drug ring linked to Mexico's Sinaloa Cartel.

BMB Records owner Brian "Peanut" Brown, 57, sold an estimated 100 kilograms of heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamines every month between October 2020 and March 2024, according to the government. The alleged drug conspiracy headed by Brown operated out of hubs in Detroit, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky, prosecutors allege.

Prosecutors also said Brown laundered more than \$3 million and blew money stashed in 23 bank accounts on a lavish lifestyle. That included homes in Michigan, California and Georgia, cars and motorcycles, while Brown dispatched drug couriers from the West Coast to Detroit and beyond.

Federal court records, audio recordings and pictures of pillow-sized bags of meth help illustrate an expansive drug investigation involving million-dollar locales, incriminating text messages and one Detroit music mogul. Prosecutors portray Brown as an incorrigible felon helping to fuel the nation's

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