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Ohio State aide sees good from suspension

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COLUMBUS, Ohio The coach who works most closely with Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter says the record-breaking wide receiver's suspension for violating team rules may turn out to be helpful. "I think Cris has probably been hurt enough by just this suspension," said Tom Lichtenberg, the Buckeyes' quarterback and receiver coach. "I hope that when the suspension is up, he sees that he too must do things the right way."

Carter, who has more receptions and touchdowns catches than any player in team history, was suspended Wednesday by coach Earle Bruce..

A university official who spoke on condition he not be identified said Carter was suspended for "a violation of team rules."

Carter's mother, Joyce Stafford, told the Middletown Journal the suspension was "for something silly."

"It will all blow over," she said.

Although Bruce said the length of the suspension was indefinite, Lichtenberg said he understood it would be reevaluated after spring practice, which ends May 2 with the annual spring intrasquad game at Ohio Stadium.

Carter, who will be a senior this fall, reportedly was under investigation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association after allegations surfaced that he had signed a contract with New York entertainment agents **Lloyd Bloom** and **Norby Walters**. Athletes with eligibility remaining are forbidden by the NCAA to enter into contracts or to be paid by agents.

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