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Sex, drugs introduced in sports agents case

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NEW YORK FBI agents have asked several college athletes if they were offered drugs and prostitutes as inducements to sign with two sports agents who are being investigated by a federal grand jury, Newsday reported Thursday. About 60 former and current college athletes have been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury in Chicago, which is looking into the dealings of agents **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom**.

Newsday said FBI agents had asked several athletes and college athletic officials if they had been provided with drugs and prostitutes at all-star bowl games. The newspaper said it got the information from informed sources.

The grand jury is investigating reports that **Walters** and **Bloom** threatened to hurt athletes who broke contracts with them to sign with other agents. **Walters** and **Bloom** are executives with World Sports and Entertainment Inc., a company that represents athletes and entertainers.

An attorney for **Walters**, Lon Trost, discounted the latest allegations against his client.

"The next thing you know, they'll say he's responsible for the Iran-Iraq war," Trost said.

Walters and **Bloom** were unavailable for comment.

In March, Walters denied he had offered drugs or prostitutes to college athletes, and said the rumors were started by rival agents.

"They're all shooting at me," he said. "(They say) I'm a pimp, I'm a cocaine dealer, I'm with the Mafioso, none of which is true."

Walters has acknowledged signing college athletes to contracts and paying them before their eligibility ended, a violation of NCAA rules. Athletes are required to sign documents each year stating they have not violated NCAA rules.

In another published report, former Iowa State football player Lester Williams said he had received more than \$10,000 from Walters and Bloom during and after his college career.

Williams, who played for the Cyclones from 1982 to 1985, said he never told Iowa State coaches or his teammates about the payments. His comments were part of a copyright story in the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette.

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