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Based on a ruling by an arbitrator, John Culver, a former Senator from Iowa, Ronnie Harmon does not have to repay Norby Walters most of the money he received from the agent with whom he had a contract from March 1985 until August 1986. According to a report yesterday in The Atlanta Constitution, Culver voided the contract that Harmon signed on the ground that Walters and Lloyd Bloom, an associate, had violated regulations of the National Football League Players Association regarding agents. Since Harmon was a junior at the University of Iowa, signing a contract and accepting money from the agents violated National Collegiate Athletic Association rules. Culver's 30-page decision held that Harmon must repay only \$5,869.47 of the \$54,924.42 that Walter gave him in cash, airline tickets and an automobile. Culver, however, said that he did not consider Harmon to be an innocent party in the dealings with the agents and reprimanded the running back, who was the top draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 1986. . . . The arbitrator's ruling also said that Ron's brother, Kevin Harmon, a senior running back who leads Iowa in rushing yardage this season, had also received gifts from the agents. Officials of the Big Ten Conference and Iowa said they would investigate the situation.

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