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NOTE TO EDITORS: The following statement was issued by The University of Iowa in response to allegations that a UI student-athlete may have accepted funds from a sports agent.

A University of Iowa faculty committee is investigating recent reports that UI football player Kevin Harmon received payments from a professional agent.

The committee was appointed last March 12 by then-President James O. Freedman to investigate reports that Ronnie Harmon had received payments from the same agent.

Members of the committee are Professor David Vernon (chair), a former dean of the UI College of Law, and Professor Leo Davis, currently chair of the UI Board in Control of Athletics. Professor Julia Davis, who was also appointed to the committee, is no longer on the UI faculty.

The committee will move as swiftly as possible in conducting its investigation. The committee's findings will be reported to officials at the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

An announcement will be made as soon as possible regarding Kevin Harmon's status for the remainder of the football season. # # #

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