

The Trade: 2 years later

By now, you've all heard the story of how ex-Florida Gator standout Tight End Aaron Hernandez gunned down a man in cold blood. The story of how, while the gun trigger was still hot, Hernandez turned to his colleagues and did the Gator Chomp while laughing.

This....is not that story.

No, this is the untold story of 2011. The story of how Aaron Hernandez killed more than just a person....the story of how he killed Taf's dreams.

December 8th, 2011 at 4:20 pm.... Ask yourself, Was that a coincidence? 4:20? With the people involved, this reporter has a hard time believing it was....just a coincidence. An illegal trade took place.... Under the radar.... Yet, right under the nose of everyone in the league.

As the unaware members of DOL prepared endlessly for the Quarterfinals of the playoffs, set to take place in just 3 days, the executioners (pun intended) of what we will now call an "illegal transaction"; lit up a cigar, kicked their feet back and knew their job had been done.

What they didn't know was the controversy it was about to unleash that would have a ripple effect throughout the league and force changes for years to come.

Fast Forward to Monday morning. 7:30 am.

The illegal transaction worked.

Troy Jordan and Ashton Jernigan, both offenders of the transaction after the trade deadline, are popping champagne to celebrate Troy knocking off top seeded Taf Bentley. While Ashton was not successful in upending his Quarterfinals opponent, Troy's win had an impact that would shake the league for years to come.

"I was devastated." Said Taf Bentley, "simply...devastated. I had no one, My bestie Weston Lunsford and I weren't on the same terms as we are now and I had no one. I was the defending champion and the top seed. I would have been the league's first back to back champion as, according to the scores, I would have won the next two weeks as well . "

Tell us, Taf.... Tell us how you figured out Troy and Ashton had seemingly pulled off an illegal transaction.

"As I was stumbling in a drunken stupor after the loss, with Rocky IV playing in the background, it hit me. I couldn't get past the question, why would anyone just "drop" Aaron Hernandez. That makes no sense. Then I saw it. Then I saw the devil....." said Bentley.

Dec 8 4:20 PM  [POOP](#) added [Aaron Hernandez](#), NE from FA to BE
[POOP](#) dropped [Delone Carter](#), Ind to FA

Dec 8 4:20 PM  [BUM](#) dropped [Aaron Hernandez](#), NE to FA
[BUM](#) added [Plaxico Burress](#), NYJ from FA to BE

Dec 8 4:20 PM  [POOP](#) added [Matt Forte*](#), Chi from FA to BE
[POOP](#) dropped [Plaxico Burress](#), NYJ to FA

This exact same piece of paper made it's way across League Commissioner Hathaway's desk that same Monday morning by an "anonymous" source. This clearly shows both Jernigan and Jordan simultaneously drop and add each others players in a matter of seconds, getting around the trade deadline rule and taking advantage of Free Agency.

"Do I remember this? Are you kidding me?" Hathaway stated when asked for this story "This single event has reshaped DOL as we know it. Bentley would have repeated as league champion, reshaping the record books. He probably would have ended up in the Class of 2013 Hall of Fame instead of me, honestly. We've had to institute a Free Agent Waiver system, we had to implement what we refer to as the "Troy Jordan Amendment" to Rule VI in the league rule book. Taf Bentley may be the best player this league has ever seen, but fell victim to a loophole that was able to be taken advantage of. Perhaps this was written in the stars." Hathaway continued, "The league changes have been good for DOL and helped it prosper, despite this black eye from the 2011 season. Bentley really took one for the team here to help make this league better."

The conspiracy theorists would have you believe this was no accident. 4:20? The fact that both major players involved have been involved in real-life homicides.... This has sparked questions that no one can answer.

The league will move on... but "The Trade" will forever live in DOL lore... forever.

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