

Cowboys sign troubled NFL defender Johnson

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Suspended defensive tackle Tank Johnson signed a two-year contract Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys.

Johnson, who played the last three seasons for the Chicago Bears, can't play for the Cowboys until he completes his eight-game NFL suspension for violating probation on a gun charge. He has served the first two games of that suspension and will still have to apply for reinstatement.

Johnson signed after visiting with the Cowboys and taking a physical. He will make about \$255,000 this season, the prorated portion of a minimum contract.

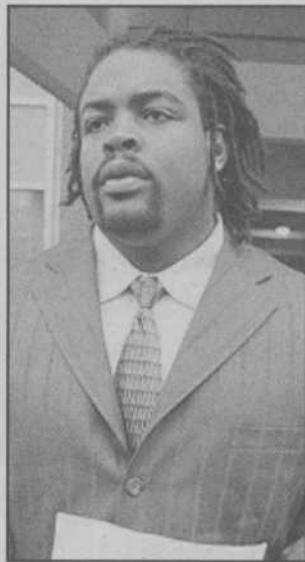
"For a lot of reasons, he really just felt the Cowboys were the right fit," said Johnson's agent, Jerrold Colton. "He's so thankful to

them for giving him this opportunity. He is very determined to prove they made a wise decision in believing in him."

The team issued a news release confirming the signing and announcing that Johnson will discuss the signing in a conference call this week.

The Cowboys also said that Calvin Hill, a former player who is now a consultant specializing in monitoring troubled players, will be available for comment, as will coach Wade Phillips, owner Jerry Jones and Johnson's new teammates.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the earliest Johnson would be eligible to play is Nov. 11 at the New York Giants, the Cowboys' ninth game of the season. Dallas has an open date in the



TANK JOHNSON

NFL's eighth week.

Johnson could provide late-season depth on a defensive line that lost starting nose tackle Jason Ferguson for the year because of a torn right biceps in the opener. But Johnson will have to ad-

just to Cowboys' 3-4 scheme, which is different from what he's played in Chicago.

Although Johnson can't work out with Dallas until the week of the Giants game after his suspension ends, the team had to make room for him on the 53-man roster. The Cowboys released backup cornerback Nate Jones on Tuesday.

The Cowboys will place Johnson on the reserve/suspended list in order to create a roster opening.

Jay Ratliff, a third-year player, replaced Ferguson as the starting nose tackle. Ratliff has five tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery for the Cowboys (2-0). Coincidentally, Dallas plays at Chicago on Sunday night.

In 46 games (15 starts) with the Bears, Johnson had 63 tackles, nine sacks and a

forced fumble. He was a second-round pick out of Washington in 2004.

The Bears released Johnson on June 25, three days after he was pulled over by police in Gilbert, Ariz. He already had served a two-month jail term for the gun charge and been suspended by the NFL for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Gilbert police closed the June case without charging Johnson, who was stopped for speeding. His blood alcohol level was .072, under the presumptive limit for DUI.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell had said the suspension could be reduced to six games if Johnson had no further involvement with law enforcement and underwent counseling. That was before Johnson was stopped in Arizona.

Last December, police raided Johnson's suburban Chicago home and found six unregistered firearms — a

violation of his probation on an earlier gun charge.

That charge stemmed from Johnson's 2005 arrest after a Chicago nightclub valet reported seeing Johnson with a handgun in his SUV. He subsequently pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

Two days after last December's raid, Willie B. Posey, Johnson's bodyguard, was shot and killed in an early morning fight while he and Johnson were at a Chicago nightclub.

Johnson was suspended by the Bears for one game for being at the club. He played in the Super Bowl when the Bears lost to Indianapolis.

During Jones' ownership, the Cowboys have taken on plenty of players whose character flaws have cost them jobs elsewhere. They were successful with Alonzo Spellman, another former Bears player, in 1999-2000 but less so with Dimitrius Underwood in 2000-01.

Thomas

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Nix, he testified, that Thomas had asked her in March 2004: "What are your job responsibilities, you... ho?" Thomas added an obscenity for emphasis, according to the secondhand account.

By the end of the year, though, Nix testified that he saw Thomas embracing Browne Sanders in Madison Square Garden after a Knicks' victory, and watched as his friend pushed the coach away.

"You're not going to believe what he just said," Nix

quoted Browne Sanders as saying. "He just said, 'I'm in love with you.'" Nix said Sanders was upset and confused by Thomas' switch from verbally abusive to amorous.

Browne Sanders is suing Thomas and Madison Square Garden for \$10 million in a sexual harassment suit that also seeks reinstatement to the job that she held for five years with the once-storied franchise that won its last title in 1973.

Thomas, who has denied the allegations, sat with his

hands folded in front of his face at the defense table, tilted his head slightly and listened intently as Nix testified.

Nix, who held a variety of bench and front office jobs with the Knicks, was let go by the Thomas regime at the end of August.

Browne Sanders, a married mother of three and former Northwestern basketball star, joined the Knicks in

late 2000. The vice president of marketing and business operations was fired in January 2006. She said the dismissal came after she complained to MSG management. The Garden claims she failed to "fulfill professional responsibilities."

Nix appeared one day after jurors watched a videotaped deposition in which Thomas insisted he had never cursed at the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DBE GOAL SETTING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clark County Department of Aviation has established the following overall goals for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in U.S. Department of Transportation-assisted projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2008: McCarran International Airport 0% goal; Henderson Executive Airport 6.8% goal; Overton-Perkins Field 0% goal; North Las Vegas Airport 3.8% goal. The proposed goals and rationale are available for viewing by the public until October 10, 2007, at the Clark County Department of Aviation Business Office, 5th Floor, McCarran International Airport, on the Department of Aviation Website, or by writing to: Clark County Department of Aviation, P. O. Box 11005, Las Vegas, NV 89111-1005. Attn: DBE Liaison Officer. e-mail: Webmaster2@McCarran.com. Public comment will be accepted, in writing or by e-mail, by the Department of Aviation until October 25, 2007. CYNTHIA CICERO, DBE Liaison Officer, Clark County Dept. of Aviation, Clark County, Nevada. Published: Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice — September 20, 2007

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LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 08-05
LAS VEGAS LIBRARY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
NEVADA STATE LABOR COMMISSION PWP NUMBER:
CL-2007-401
ESTIMATED COST: \$225,000.00

SCOPE OF WORK: Furnish labor, materials, and equipment for the removal and disposal of existing landscape materials and the installation of new trees, accents, plant and rock groundcovers, and irrigation as specified.

PROJECT LOCATION: Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A Pre-bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 11:00 AM (PST), in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101. The purpose of the Pre-bid Conference is to review the bid and specification documents and tour the job site.

BID OPENING: The bid opening will be held on Friday, September 28, 2007, at 11:00 AM (PST), in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Bids will be accepted at the Reception Desk of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, on or before 11:00 AM (PST), Friday, September 28, 2007. Bids time-stamped at 11:01 AM (PST) or later will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Bidders and other interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening.

Specifications and drawings will be available for pick up only, after 11:00 AM (PST), Monday, September 17, 2007, at the Reception Desk of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

To request a faxed copy of this Invitation to Bid notice, call the Clark County Fax on Demand System at (702) 455-5428 and request document #501.

Questions regarding this Invitation to Bid may be directed to Stephen J. Rice, General Services Director, telephone number (702) 507-3740.

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BID OPENING: The Bid Opening will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 2:00 PM (PST), in the East Conference Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening.

Bid documents will be available on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, after 10:00 a.m. (PST), at the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Reception Desk, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

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