

Cops: Walker went 'willingly' with assailants

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LAS VEGAS — One man was arrested and a second is being sought in a robbery and beating that left Oakland Raiders receiver Javon Walker unconscious on a side street after a long night of partying at local nightclubs.

Police said Arfat Fadel, of

Las Vegas, was accused of multiple felonies, including kidnapping, robbery, battery and conspiracy. In a June 16 robbery, Lt. Clinton Nichols said, "Walker lost about \$3,000 in cash and \$100,000 worth of jewelry in the robbery. The loot has not been recovered," he said.

"Mr. Walker was in town

to have a good time, as many of our visitors to Las Vegas do," Nichols said. "As he will readily admit, he probably had a little too much to drink and he did not pick up on the clues that Mr. Fadel was someone he probably should not have been with."

Police released a booking photo of the 30-year-old Fadel and a black-and-white surveillance videotape image of the other alleged assailant who they said they believed was still in Las Vegas.

"The suspects knew who Mr. Walker was. He did not know who they were," Nichols said. "Whether they were part of his entourage or not remains to be seen."

Nichols said Walker got out of one vehicle he was riding in with friends and got into Fadel's black Range Rover with Fadel and the other man before he was assaulted and robbed.

"He willingly got in the vehicle on his own," Nichols said of the 6-foot-3, 215-

pound Walker. "We're unsure why."

Nichols said during a news conference the two men were seen in some of the crowded nightclubs where Walker was shown on surveillance videotapes partying from about 9 p.m. June 15, until shortly before he was found unconscious at 7:19 a.m. the next morning, about a block east of the Las Vegas Strip.

Police said Walker was hospitalized for treatment of

a moderate concussion and significant facial injuries.

Walker was released by the Broncos last February and was signed by the Oakland Raiders to a six-year, \$55 million deal.

The team declined comment. Walker's agent, Kennard McGuire of Richmond, Texas, did not immediately respond to messages.

Fadel was booked on the Walker case while he was being held at the Clark (See Walker, Page 11)

O'Neal dismissed for Kobe diss rap

PHOENIX — Shaquille O'Neal will lose his special deputy's badge in Maricopa County because of language he used in a rap video that mocks former teammate Kobe Bryant.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said the Phoenix Suns center's use of a racially derogatory word and other foul language left him no choice.

Arpaio made Shaq a special deputy in 2006 and promoted him to colonel of his largely ceremonial posse later that year.

"I want his two badges back," Arpaio told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "Because if any one of my deputies did something like this, they're fired. I don't condone this type of racial conduct."

Shaq was seen in a video posted on the celebrity news and gossip Web site TMZ.com rapping that "Kobe couldn't do without me." O'Neal skewers the Lakers' star, with whom he won three straight NBA titles from 2000-2002 while with Los Angeles, for not being able to win a championship without him.

"I was freestyling. That's

all. It was all done in fun. Nothing serious whatsoever," O'Neal told ESPN.com Monday. A call to the Suns on Tuesday seeking comment from O'Neal was referred to his public relations firm, which didn't immediately respond.

Arpaio, who describes himself as "America's Toughest Sheriff" and is best known for feeding jail inmates green bologna, clothing them in pink underwear, and making them work on chain gangs, said he didn't expect his actions would teach Shaq a lesson. But he hoped he learns that as a role model who wants to someday be a full-time sheriff, he needs to know his words matter.

"Maybe I'm old fashioned, but I don't think that either conduct should be out there publicly, even if media wasn't there," Arpaio said.

O'Neal previously served as a reserve officer with the Miami Beach Police Department while playing for the Miami Heat.

He also volunteered with the Tempe Police Department after being traded to the Suns in February.



In this Jan. 5, 2006, file photo, Shaquille O'Neal is sworn in as a special deputy captain with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office by Sheriff Joe Arpaio in Phoenix, Ariz.

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