

# Vick eyes bankruptcy protection

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Imprisoned quarterback Michael Vick filed for bankruptcy protection while serving time for federal dogfighting charges, saying he owes between \$10 million and \$50 million to creditors.

Vick filed Chapter 11 papers in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Newport News on Monday. The seven largest creditors listed in the court papers are owed a total of about \$12.8 million.

The suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback hopes he "can, after the conclusion of the bankruptcy case, rebuild his life on a personal and spiritual level, resurrect his image as a public figure, and resolve matters with the NFL such that he can resume his career," according to the filings.

Vick is serving a 23-month prison sentence at the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., after pleading guilty last year to bankrolling a dogfighting ring.

He was subsequently suspended indefinitely without pay and lost all his major sponsors, including Nike. He also faces state charges related to dogfighting.

The debt includes part of a signing bonus that the Falcons are seeking to recover.

After the plea on dogfighting charges, the Falcons tried to recover about \$20 million in bonuses Vick earned from 2004 to 2007. But a federal judge held that Vick is entitled to keep all but \$3.75 million of the money paid to him for playing football through the 2014 season.

According to the filings, Vick's other debts include \$4.5 million owed to Richmond-based Joel Enterprises Inc., and \$550,000 owed to Radtke Sports Inc. for breach of contract.

In May, a federal judge ordered Vick to repay about \$2.5 million to a Canadian bank for defaulting on a loan. The Royal Bank of Canada had sued Vick in September,

arguing his guilty plea to a federal dogfighting charge — and the resulting impact on his career — prevented him from repaying the loan.

A default judgment for \$1.08 million also was entered in January against Vick and a business partner in a lawsuit brought by Wachovia Bank over a loan for an Atlanta-area wine shop and restaurant.

## Mayor

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on Thursday, Jackson-Stanley was stopped every few minutes by a passing driver or a city employee. Blacks and Whites alike offered their congratulations.

"Attitudes here have changed," said William Nichols, a machinist who became the first Black Dorchester County Commission president a few years back.

Nichols, 49, grew up in Ward Two and remembers watching flames from his bedroom window in 1967, when a speech by Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Chairman H. Rap Brown ended with a segregated elementary school set

on fire. The blaze spread, destroying Black-owned businesses as an all-White fire department refused to douse the flames.

Cambridge was among the cities studied by the federal Kerner Commission, which in 1968 looked at racial conditions in the United States, concluding that the nation is moving toward "two societies, one Black, one White — separate and unequal."

"It was scary," Nichols says of 1960s Cambridge. But today, he said, he's proud of his hometown.

"Things are moving forward — slowly, but at least they're moving forward," Nichols said.

## Water

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rights attorney based in Washington, D.C., who represented the residents, said the jury heard hours of testimony and saw hundreds of pages of documentation over the seven-week trial.

"This verdict vindicates that this (treatment) was because of their race," he said. "The jury agreed with that and issued a verdict based on a full airing of the facts."

Ohio Attorney General Nancy H. Rogers said she was pleased. "This decision speaks firmly about the importance of treating citizens with equal respect, regardless of race," she said in a statement.

Plaintiff Frederick Martin said the long wait was worth it.

He and his nine siblings shared two tubs of water between them on bath nights when he was growing up. He left Coal Run, built on a former coal mine, in 1970 so his children wouldn't have to endure the same living conditions, he said.

"Today I feel that we are really blessed, to know and to see justice being met," Martin said. "And to see, regardless of who we are, there is a price to pay if you discriminate against people."

The plaintiffs' attorneys successfully argued that the decision not to pipe water to the plaintiffs was racially motivated, painting a picture of a community with a history of segregation. Black residents of Coal Run Road were denied water over the years while nearby White neighbors were provided it, they said.

Landes countered that about half of Muskingum County residents are not tied into the public water system even today. Among those without it are county commissioners, judges and other prominent officials, he said.

Zanesville has about 25,000 residents on the edge of the state's Appalachian region. One in every five families is below the federal poverty level, and the unemployment rate in Muskingum County in May was 7.4 percent. The national unemployment rate that month was 5.5 percent.

## Apology

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tional Medical Association, a Black doctors' group, and other minority doctors' groups in forming the Commission to End Health Care Disparities.

NMA leaders said AMA's history of discrimination has contributed to health disparities for Blacks that continue today.

"These persistent, race-based health disparities have led to a precipitous decline in the health of African-Americans when compared to their White counterparts and the population as a whole," said Dr. Nedra Joyner, head of the board of trustees for the Black doctors' association.

Dr. Nelson Adams, the group's president, called the

apology courageous and AMA's vow to work to reduce racial disparities "extremely important."

Dr. Otis Brawley, the Black chief financial officer of the American Cancer Society, also applauded the move.

"It is true that what the AMA did historically was awful," Brawley said.

"There were AMA local chapters that actually had rules against Black members well into the late 1960s, and policies that made Blacks not feel comfortable well into the 1980s."

Brawley said he's never been an AMA member, but that the apology "certainly makes me much more interested in working with them."

## Death Row

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ordered a bankruptcy trustee takeover of Death Row Records, saying the label had undergone gross mismanagement.

Knight's decision to file for bankruptcy protection staved off a move by the court to appoint someone to take control of the record label and his assets.

Global Music Group, an independent label, takes ownership of albums including Dr. Dre's "The Chronic," Shakur's "All Eyez on Me" and Snoop Dogg's "Doggystyle."

Other assets are believed to include unreleased material from Shakur that could result in another posthumous release from the rapper.

Knight has a history of legal problems. He was convicted of assault in 1992 and placed on probation, then jailed for five years in 1996 for violating that probation.

He was returned to jail in 2003 for again violating parole, this time by punching a parking attendant at a Hollywood nightclub. He was released the next year.

In 2006 under questioning from his creditors, Knight denied having money tucked away in foreign countries. His bank account then contained just \$11.

Global Music CEO Anthony Davi, Jr., said the label planned to get "the best economic results of the catalog and provide long term stewardship of the artists' work."

The company plans to later announce details of its plans for Death Row.

## Your Horoscope Says... July 17-23

### ARIES

Financial matters are highlighted during working hours. Everything to do with your money, or money under your care, goes smoothly. Another party invitation arrives, say YES!

Soul Affirmation: I admit what I really want out of life this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 22, 36

### TAURUS

Happiness with partners remains the order of the week. Relations between partners are exceptionally harmonious right now. You are in sync with loved ones. Much is being accomplished by your attitude. Don't overdo your physical workout.

Soul Affirmation: I master fear by knowing that all is well.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 19, 37

### GEMINI

The time has come to forgive and forget. Take the first step in reconciling a friendship. You thought no one knew, but you may be romantically attracted to an old pal.

Soul Affirmation: Friendships are treasures I cherish.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 44, 54

### CANCER

If you are finding it hard to concentrate on a project at work, begin imagining it successfully completed. Work steady and stay calm this week. This week is a good time for personal inventory.

Soul Affirmation: I will take time to enjoy the simple things in life.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 33, 44

### LEO

Mental fog lifts and you are sharp as a tack once again. You'll be making decisions about partnerships and joint finances. A very happy week is in store.

Soul Affirmation: My smile is a radiant light to those I encounter.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 23, 41

### VIRGO

Exercise prudence this week in your handling of personal funds. Let your mind wander into the future and you'll receive the happy answer that you are looking for. Time shared with a partner this week will be very enjoyable.

Soul Affirmation: Helping others is the true measure of my worth.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 15, 20

### LIBRA

Work with a partner or colleagues goes exceptionally well this week. You receive praise for a job well done! Feel free to change your mind regarding a personal issue. News from a distance arrives.

Soul Affirmation: I go inside myself to find peace and joy this week.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 16, 24

### SCORPIO

You are a superstar at work. Efficiency seems to be your middle name. As you go your charming way, don't forget to delegate tasks with a smile.

Soul Affirmation: I give my mind a holiday again this week.

Lucky Numbers: 43, 47, 51

### SAGITTARIUS

A relationship may be heating up.

Make sure you know what you want, then go ahead. Minor challenges on the home front are easily dealt with.

Soul Affirmation: The widest outlook comes from the look within.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 10, 34

### CAPRICORN

You make important progress at work this week by seizing the initiative and letting your leadership abilities shine. What you do makes things better for everyone around you, so rock steady. Meetings and conversations go especially well.

Soul Affirmation: The word is in me. I bring it forth.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 31, 42

### AQUARIUS

Pay attention to the details in your big bright beautiful picture this week. You'll handle everything that comes up if you keep your focus sharp. A grand social event is in store for the week.

Soul Affirmation: I am willing to make changes in my life.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 17, 19

### PISCES

Things are going your way in wonderful ways this week. Happy news may arrive from a distance, and on the home front, a romantic question may be answered. Friends are glad to be with you. All in all, a very pleasant week! Enjoy!

Soul Affirmation: Success is mine because I feel successful.

Lucky Numbers: 44, 51, 55