

# Fallout expected from WSU football arrests

## *Players likely to receive different punishments*

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Two Washington State football players were arrested in separate incidents over the weekend, marking the third and fourth projected defensive starters to be arrested this offseason.

Defensive end/ outside linebacker Travis Long was arrested Friday for suspicion of minor in possession of alcohol by the Pullman Police Department. According to Pullman Police logs, Long's date of birth is listed as July 24, 1991, meaning he turned 21 on Tuesday.

Defensive tackle Anthony Laurenzi was arrested two days later on suspicion of third-degree theft at 1690 S.E. Harvest Dr., the address of the Walmart shopping center in Pullman.

Long and Laurenzi mark the third and fourth starters on the front seven to be arrested since head coach Mike Leach was hired in December.

In early February, C.J. Mizell, a talented but often troubled athlete, was arrested on suspicion of a misdemeanor assault and trespassing at a fraternity party at the Delta Tau Delta house. He was kicked off the team by Leach shortly thereafter.

On Feb. 29, Sekope Kaufusi was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Kaufusi was kicked off the team later that week, but charges have since been dropped and Leach has indicated a return to the squad is not out of the question.

Leach has made it clear that he has three "cardinal sins" for his players: drug use, violence against women and theft.

Given that Long's alleged offense doesn't fall under those three rules, and the fact that he represented Washington State at Pac-12 Media Day in Los Angeles on Tuesday, it is highly unlikely he will be dismissed from the squad or face a long suspension.

That doesn't mean that he will go unpunished, however.

In his book, "Swing Your Sword," Leach discussed an incident in which a handful of Texas Tech football players were involved in a fight. The fight was large enough that it was difficult to determine exactly what happened. As punishment, Leach decided to get creative, as he detailed in his book:

"The team happened to be off that day, but we called in those 'tough guys' to take part in our version of Fight Club. They reported to the football offices at 7 a.m., where we taped up their

hands just like real fighters and put big boxing gloves on them. Then, Bennie (Wylie, the strength coach at Texas Tech with Leach from '03-'09) trained them like boxers. They went into our sandpit and punched the stand-up dummies. We ran them all over campus while they wore the gloves. It was a lot like Rocky for a day. They probably had to go 30 rounds."

In other words, Long could face a trying day under Leach's watchful eye in the near future

Laurenzi is a different story. The defensive tackle is alleged to have committed a crime that falls under Leach's zero-tolerance policy, which means dismissal from the team is on the table. With depth in the front seven paper-thin after the losses of Alex Hoffman-Ellis (graduation), linebacker Louis Bland (retirement due to knee injury), Mizell and Kaufusi, the loss of Laurenzi would be a major blow to the defensive line.

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