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# ATL marijuana charge against NFL'er Leroy Hill dropped

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TACOMA, Wash. — **The attorney for free agent linebacker and Georgia native Leroy Hill says charges of marijuana possession in Atlanta have been dropped.**

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Hill and a woman were arrested Feb. 25 at his condominium in Atlanta. Police with scent dogs were responding to calls of a marijuana smell. Officers said they confirmed the smell, obtained a search warrant and found partially smoked blunts and marijuana residue inside Hill's residence.

The Tacoma News Tribune reports that in a court hearing Monday, Hill's charges were dropped.

**Hill's lawyer, Edward T. M. Garland, says urine tests taken after the arrest came up negative.**

Hill was also arrested in January 2009 on a marijuana-possession charge in Georgia and was given 12 months of probation. He also was arrested on a domestic violence charge in Seattle suburb in April 2010.

Hill played at Baldwin High in Milledgeville and Clemson. He has spent his entire NFL career with the Seattle Seahawks.

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A marijuana possession charge against **Seattle Seahawks** linebacker **Leroy Hill** was dropped Monday after he passed a drug test, The Tacoma News Tribune reported.

Hill was arrested Feb. 25 in Atlanta after police received a complaint of a suspicious smell coming from his condo.

According to the police report, officers obtained a search warrant and after going inside found what they suspected were partially-smoked marijuana "blunts" in plain sight.

Hill, 29, and his girlfriend were arrested on a charge of possessing less than an ounce of marijuana. Both were cleared Monday after a urine test showed they had not used the drug.

"This morning the charges against Leroy Hill Jr. were completely dismissed because he was innocent of having any knowledge that trace amounts of marijuana were in his apartment," his attorney, Edward T. M. Garland said.

"He took a urine test immediately following his arrest and it showed that he was negative for any drugs in his system, as did the young woman who was with him."

The arrest was Hill's third in the past three years, and if he had been convicted he would have been facing further discipline from the NFL.

Hill, who will become a free agent March 13, started all 16 games last season, finishing with 89 tackles and four sacks.



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