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DOD releases US war detainee photos

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon released 198 photographs late Friday afternoon of serious injuries sustained by detainees in U.S.-run detention facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan, some of which were evidence used to prosecute U.S. soldiers for abuse.

The photographs were taken between 2001 and 2009. Some of them are color photos and some are in black and white and show contusions and open wounds. In most cases, only parts of a body are shown. In at least one case a prisoner is seen sitting up in a chair.

The photographs were tied to

U.S. military investigations that looked into reports of suspected abuse. Of the 56 allegations tied to the photographs, subsequent investigations substantiated the claims in 14 of the cases, which resulted in disciplinary action against 65 servicemembers, the Defense Department said in a prepared statement.

"The disciplinary actions ranged from letters of reprimand to life imprisonment," the Pentagon stated in a news release. "And of those 65 who received disciplinary action, 26 were convicted at court-martials."

The Pentagon provided no names or locations of where the abuses occurred, nor the corresponding punishments for military personnel who were convicted. However, each photograph contains the corresponding U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command case numbers.

In one example, identified as an Army Criminal Investigation Command case from 2004, black-and-white photographs depict a detainee holding a pen to his shin just under an area that appears slightly discolored. According to redacted files obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union through the Freedom of Information Act and presented on its website, The Torture Database, the photos show a detainee from Abu Ghraib Prison in Iraq who claimed he was hit in the head with a rifle and was kicked in the shin while detained at AlAdhameyah Palace. CID concluded there was not enough evidence to determine whether the detainee, whose name was redacted, had been abused by U.S. or coalition forces. However, investigators did determine the detainee likely was abused by Iraqi Civil Defense troops.

The photographs were released as part of a regular review DOD conducts every three years of its protected photographs. The reviews are required by the Protected National Security Documents Act of 2009, which states the DOD is required to determine whether the release of the images would endanger national security.

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Rift opening on how to handle women, draft

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the U.S. military prepares to open all jobs to women beginning this year, a rift has emerged: Key decision-makers in the Defense Department and Congress seem to agree that the U.S. government needs to review its law outlining any future military draft, but they differ on how any policy change should be made.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter was among the latest to weigh in on the debate, telling a group of Marines in San Diego that he expects Congress to take up the issue. Women are not currently subject to a military draft as part of the Selective Service System, a variation of which has existed since 1917, as the United States prepared to enter World War I. The current version of the Military Selec-

tive Service Act requires that virtually all men in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 register, most within 30 days of turning 18, but exempts women entirely.

"To me, it stands to reason that it'll be taken up by the Congress, this law, because of the decisions that we've made here in the department, which I'm sure are right," Carter said, speaking at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on Wednesday.

The issue is largely academic at this point, but nonetheless emotionally charged. The U.S. government has not held a military draft since the Vietnam War, but Carter's decision in December to open up all jobs to women in the military has led to questions about the constitutionality of the existing Selective Service law. The rule has been challenged in court before, with the Supreme Court reversing the ruling of a lower court in 1981 in Rostker v. Goldberg and saying that the law could stand as it was because women were not allowed to join combat units. That, of course, is no longer the case.

Carter told the Senate Armed Services Committee in January 2015 in a confirmation hearing that he thought a review of the Selective Service Act was "prudent," but noted that the issue was not solely an issue for the Defense Department. Rather, he said, it was "part of a much broader national discussion." But Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, an Army veteran and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Thursday that she thinks the Obama administration "needs to take ownership of this secondary conversation" involving Selective Service that stems from

Carter's decision on women in combat units.

"I think the administration needs to make their recommendation," Ernst said in an interview with reporters in her office. "I think it needs to be soon. I mean, they wanted these plans fully implemented by the first of April. Well, I would say that ... in my mind, there was a hurry to get this done without thinking through some of the repercussions."

On Tuesday, the top officers in the Army and the Marine Corps, Gens. Mark Milley and Robert Neller, both agreed while testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee that they think the Selective Service System should be opened to women, although the hearing did not get into exactly how the system should be changed.

AF to boost force of cyber experts

The (Colorado Springs) Gazette

The Air Force plans to revolutionize how it handles computer warfare by beefing up its force of cyberspace experts while contracting out easier jobs, like running the service's network.

Gen. John Hyten announced the groundbreaking shift at the Rocky Mountain Cyberspace Symposium on Tuesday at The Broadmoor resort, which drew more than 2,000 electronic security experts. Under Hyten's plan, each of the Air Force's wings will include a cyberspace squadron of computer experts by 2026. The shift means the Air Force will change its focus to offense and defense in cyberspace from essentially being a giant, corporate IT department, he explained.

"Our job is not necessarily to defend our network," said Hyten, who heads Air Force Base Command in Colorado Springs, which includes the service's computer troops. "I can hire people to defend our network."

Airmen would move from monitoring email systems and making sure telephones work on base to examining future threats and integrating computer battles into Air Force plans for future warfare.

The push to come up with more computer warfare units comes as the Air Force grasps the reality that everything it does, including flying modern planes, is tied to computers and is vulnerable to cyberattacks.

"Our entire air superiority structure, the F-22, the F-35, is dependent on cyber," Hyten said.

The symposium, put together by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, ran through Thursday.

Computer warfare is an inexpensive way to attack the U.S. that requires just a laptop to get started. Hyten said government tests dating to 2007, though, show that cyberattacks can cause physical damage, including a 2007 test by the Department of Homeland Security that mechanically wrecked an industrial generator with a few keystrokes.

NYC crane collapse kills 1 pedestrian

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Officials are working to determine why a huge construction crane that was being lowered during strong winds came crashing down onto a street, killing a pedestrian and crushing a row of parked cars. Three other people were hurt by debris, two of them seriously.

But city officials said it could have been much worse.

"The fact is this is a very, very sad incident," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "We've lost a life, but if you go out there on the street as I did and see what happened here, thank God it was not worse."

The mayor said a construction crew was directing people away from the area as the crane was being lowered Friday.

"So that crew — those construction workers who, in the normal course of their work, as they were lowering the crane, were in fact keeping people away from the site and keeping traffic from proceeding down West Broadway," de Blasio said.

The mobile crane's boom landed across an intersection, smashed several car roofs and stretched much of a block after the accident at a historic building in lower Manhattan about 10 blocks north of the World Trade Center.

Robert Harold heard a crashing sound as the rig fell right outside his office window at the Legal Aid Society.

"You could feel the vibration in the building," said Harold, who recounted seeing onlookers trying to rescue someone trapped in a parked car and seeing a person lying motionless on the street. After the collapse, the crane's big cab lay upside down in the snow with its tanklike tracks pointed at the sky. Wall Street worker David Wichs was killed in the collapse. He was a mathematical whiz who worked at a computerized trading firm, his family said.

Afghan army raises enlistment age ceiling

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan army, struggling to defeat a resilient Taliban, has begun enlisting men as old as 40 to replenish a force thinned by casualties, defections and attrition.

The decision to raise the age limit for recruits to 40 from 35 was quietly made last month in response to pressure from the U.S.-led coalition, said Brig. Gen. Dawlat Waziri, chief spokesman for the Afghan De-

fense Ministry.

"There was concern among our international friends, and also among Afghans, that we would not be able fulfill recruitment targets that we have for the new year," Waziri said.

The strength of the Afghan National Army has been a longstanding concern for the U.S.led coalition in Afghanistan, but the force's shortcomings came into sharper focus last year.

Despite more than \$35 billion in U.S. support over the past 15 years, the Afghan army struggled to repel a major Taliban offensive this past fall into Kunduz, a commercial hub in northern Afghanistan, taking days to regain control.

The Taliban also made gains in several northern and eastern provinces last year, heightening concerns that the Afghan army is stretched too thin to defend the country against the radical Islamist group's persistent insurgency, as well as efforts by the Islamic State group to gain a foothold.

North Korea moves up rocket launch window

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea—North Korea has moved up the window of its planned long-range rocket launch to Feb. 7-14, South Korea's Defense Ministry said Saturday. The launch, which the North says is an effort to send a satellite into orbit, would be in defiance of repeated warnings by outside governments who suspect it is a banned test of ballistic missile technology.

North Korea did not inform international organizations of any other changes in its plan, and the rocket's expected flight path remains the same, said South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyun. On Tuesday, the North informed the International Maritime Organization and other related organizations that it would attempt a satellite launch between Feb. 8 and 25. No reason was given Saturday for the change of dates.

North Korea's launch declaration came just weeks after it conducted its fourth nuclear test. Outside experts and officials say that each nuclear test and long-range missile launch brings the North closer to creating a nuclear warhead small enough to fit on an intercontinental missile capable of reaching targets as far as the U.S. West Coast.

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Top two 2011 draft picks square off

Associated Press

DENVER - In 2011, the Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos were picking through the rubble of seasons gone horribly wrong and a draft board that was unusually loaded with talent at the top.

The Panthers picked Cam Newton with the first overall pick and the Broncos chose Von Miller with the second selection.

Five years later, they'll meet in the first matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2 in the Super Bowl.

"I'm a fan of his," Newton said.

"I'm his biggest fan," said Miller.

While studying film of the top outside linebacker in the league, Newton said he's "trying to find any and every way to alleviate him being a pain" come kickoff.

Miller said he's doing the same thing with the league's best QB. Super Bowl 50 could very well hinge on

which All-Pro prevails.

No matter who wins, it'll be a tale of

both triumph and redemption. Newton suggested for the first time Wednesday that race may play a factor in why he's become a lightning rod for pub-lic criticism, and Miller, who's also black, said he can't fathom why anybody would criticize Newton.

"I mean, for what, dancing after making big plays?" Miller asked. "I do the same

thing.'

Indeed, they both play the game with childlike cheerfulness, dancing or dabbing to celebrate their success.

Each is a kid at heart, taking his role as loquacious locker room cut-up as seriously as he does his rank as team captain.

"I don't think there's ever been another quarterback that plays the game the way he does, and especially the way his per-sonality is on the field," Miller said. "I'm just a big fan of everything he has going for him. He's a huge role model.'

They're even similar in build - Miller is 6-3, Newton 6-5, and both pack a lean 245 pounds.

Newton signed a five-year, \$103.8 million contract last offseason, and Miller is in line for a megadeal this offseason.

"If he played defense he probably would have gotten \$220 million," Miller said of Newton. "Because he can probably rush the passer and drop back and play safety and all that other stuff, too."

Their passion for the game helped both Miller and Newton navigate a minefield of bumps, lumps and slumps on their spunky soar to superstardom.

Miller overcame a drug suspension to start the 2013 season and an ill-conceived plan to add 25 pounds, which he now believes led him to tear his right ACL at the end of that season.

Re-establishing himself as one of the

league's premiere pass-rushers, he's had 25 sacks over the past two seasons.

Newton overcame a horrific-looking automobile accident in 2014 that left him with two fractures in his lower back and imperiled his status as the league's dominant dual-threat quarterback.

They've met just once on the football field, in 2012, when Miller had six tackles, five for a loss and one sack in Denver's 36-14 win. Newton completed 21 of 36 passes for two TDs, but threw two interceptions and was sacked seven times.

Miller later said he didn't remember a thing about John Fox's return to North Carolina that day because it was "such a big deal for me going against Cam.'

Unlike Miller, Newton has stayed clear of trouble since joining the NFL.

He set a rookie record for yards passing in a season while earning AP Offensive Rookie of the Year - Miller won AP Defensive Rookie of the Year. No player has more combined yards from scrimmage (21,470) and touchdowns (171) than Newton in his first five seasons in the league.

Newton may be a leading MVP candidate, but his journey to the top has had its share of speed bumps and wrong turns.

Newton originally enrolled at Florida. but would leave after accusations that he stole a laptop. He transferred to Blinn Junior College, which he guided to a national championship.

After he transferred to Auburn, the NCAA suspended Newton briefly in 2010 while investigating whether his father Cecil had requested \$180,000 on his son's behalf from someone acting as agent in return for Cam enrolling at Mississippi State.

However, the NCAA overturned the suspension and Newton went on to lead to the Tigers a national championship and the Heisman Trophy in his only season for the Tigers.

"We all make mistakes. But yet, it's all about how you rebound from that mistake instead of just giving up," Newton said.

Miller, who no longer carries all those extra pounds, agrees with the Panthers quarterback.

The league changed its drug policy in 2014. Instead of perpetually being one strike – even a missed urine test – away from a lifetime ban from the NFL, Miller was discharged from the league's drug program last summer after staying clean for two years.

So, the anvil turned into a carrot.

Miller long ago accepted Newton getting to hug the commissioner first on draft night.

What he wants now is to beat Newton to the stage to shake Roger Goodell's hand while accepting the Lombardi Trophy.

Vonn wins another downhill, stretches World Cup lead

Associated Press

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany (AP) - Lindsey Vonn is feeling very much at home in this southern German resort, on and off the hill.

Vonn, the overall World Cup leader, won a downhill on a demanding course by a big margin on Saturday, becoming the first woman to win multiple downhills on the Kandahar course. She also won a downhill four years ago. Vonn also has three Super-G wins and one slalom victory in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

The American keeps breaking her own records with every new victory. Vonn raised her record to 38 downhill wins, the most by a woman in a specific discipline.

"Every win is more special than the last one. Every day is a new chance to break a record," Vonn said.

On a sunny day but with most of the Kandahar course in shade, Vonn made no obvious mistakes and finished 1.51 seconds ahead of Fabienne Suter of Switzerland. Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany, winner of two consecutive giant slalom races coming into Saturday's event, was third, 1.57 seconds behind Vonn.

With her 76th World Cup win, Vonn closed the gap on the all-time record of 86 victories held by Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden. Vonn has won five of six downhill races this season and six of the last seven

"You can never be unsatisfied with a one-and-a-half second lead, it was a great day, I am pretty psyched," the American said.

Altidore's late header lifts US over Canada

CARSON, Calif. - Jozy Altidore scored on a header in the 89th minute, and the United States wrapped up its annual year-opening camp with a 1-0 victory over Canada in an exhibition on Friday night.

Altidore converted a long crossing pass from substitute Ethan Finlay on the left flank, splitting defenders Samuel Adekugbe and Doneil Henry for his second goal in two exhibitions.

Altidore scored his 33rd international goal, moving one behind Eric Wynalda for third on the U.S. career list. Finlay earned an assist in his second U.S. appearance.

Goalkeeper David Bingham posted a shutout in his U.S. debut, and the Americans followed up their 3-2 victory over Iceland in last Sunday's opener by largely dominating play in front of a small but enthusiastic crowd of 9,274

In the Americans' last scheduled match before resuming World Cup qualifying at Guatemala on March 25, coach Jurgen Klinsmann largely chose a lineup of veterans in front of Bingham. The Americans had numerous strong chances before Altidore finally broke through, but Montreal Impact goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau made several outstanding stops for Canada.

Source: Arrieta, Cubs agree to \$10.7M deal

CHICAGO - Jake Arrieta and the Chicago Cubs found a number that worked in the canyon between their arbitration proposals.

Arrieta has agreed to a \$10.7 million, one-year contract for the highest one-year deal for a pitcher eligible for arbitration for the second time.

A person familiar with the negotiations disclosed the agreement on Friday night. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract had not been announced by the team.

Arrieta, who turns 30 in March, had a breakout season last year, helping the Cubs to an NL wild card. The NL Cy Young Award winner finished with a 22-6 record and a 1.77 ERA, easily cruising past most of his previous career highs.

Stars place Spezza on injured reserve

DALLAS - Dallas Stars forward Jason

Spezza was injured in the second period Thursday night on a hit by Avalanche defenseman Francois Beauchemin after scoring earlier in Dallas' 4-3 overtime victory.

He was placed on injured reserve Friday and there is no timetable for his return. The 32-year-old is third on the Stars

with 18 goals.

Former Broncos RB Montee Ball arrested

MADISON, Wis. - Former Wisconsin and Denver Broncos running back Montee Ball was jailed early Friday on a felony battery charge after an apparent dispute with his girlfriend.

Police spokesman Joel DeSpain said officers were called to a downtown Madison hotel around 3:45 a.m. where a woman told police she and Ball were arguing when he threw her in the air. She said she landed on a table and cut her leg, requiring stitches.

DeSpain said Ball told police he pushed the woman and she fell. DeSpain says Ball cooperated with officers.

In other NFL news: Former NFL star Plaxico Burress has five years to repay New Jersey \$56,000 in back taxes and restitution.

A judge on Friday sentenced Burress to

going back to last season. With 57 downhill podium finishes, she is behind only Austria's Renate Goetschl with 59.

Spezza has been placed on injured reserve after he went head-first into the boards and left a game against Colorado.

five years' probation. Burress would face a 364-day jail sentence if he fails to make the payments in time.



Bradley, Celtics shock Cavs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Avery Bradley made a corner jumper at the horn to give the Boston Celtics a stunning 104-103 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night.

Bradley's shot just in front of Boston's bench dropped through as the final second ticked off the clock, giving the Celtics their eighth win in nine games.

Boston trailed by five points with 18 seconds left before Celtics forward Jae Crowder made a three-pointer — his only basket — and Evan Turner scored on a layup while being fouled by J.R. Smith with 4 seconds to go. Turner missed his free throw but the ball went out of bounds off Cleveland's LeBron James.

Boston coach Brad Steven drew up an inbounds play during a video review and Bradley dropped his shot, triggering a wild celebration by the Celtics.

James led the Cavs with 30 points. **Nuggets 115, Bulls 110:** Danilo Gallinari scored 33 points and host Denver rallied after Chicago lost All-Star Jimmy Butler to a sprained left knee.

Emmanuel Mudiay scored 22 points and Will Barton had 18 for the Nuggets, who outscored the Bulls 42-21 in the fourth quarter. It was their ninth straight victory over Chicago in Denver.

Butler was fouled near the basket by Joffrey Lauvergne and fell awkwardly to the floor with 1:06 remaining in the second quarter. He was tended to by medical personnel before getting to his feet and gingerly making his way to the free throw line, where he made one of the two foul shots.

Butler was then helped to a rolling chair and wheeled into the locker room for further examination.

Spurs 116, Mavericks 90: Kawhi Leonard scored 16 of his 23 points in the first half and visiting San Antonio handed Dallas its largest halftime deficit – 36 points – in franchise history in a blowout.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 14 points and 10 rebounds in his first game in his hometown since signing a four-year, \$80 million contract with the Spurs. San Antonio (42-8) matched its best 50-game start with its 14th win in 16 games against its Texas rival.

Patty Mills added 10 of his 16 points before halftime, when the Spurs led by 36 at 62-26 to top Dallas' biggest previous deficit by a point from Dec. 29, 1992, at Sacramento. That 58-point loss to the Kings (139-81) was the worst in Dallas history.

Heat 98, Hornets 95: Hassan Whiteside had 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots and visiting Miami came up with two key steals in the closing seconds of a victory over Charlotte.

Dwyane Wade scored 22 points and Chris Bosh added 20 points for the Heat, who have won six of seven. Marvin Williams scored 27 points for

the Hornets, and Nicolas Batum added 21.

Grizzlies 91, Knicks 85: Jeff Green scored 16 points, including two free throws with 6.2 seconds left, to help visiting Memphis hold off New York for its fifth straight win.

Matt Barnes had 12 points and Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol each had 10 for Memphis.

Jose Calderon led the Knicks with 18 points. Kristaps Porzingis had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The Grizzlies led by nine points in the fourth quarter but could not pull away from the Knicks, who were playing without Carmelo Anthony.

Clippers 107, Magic 93: Chris Paul had 21 points and six assists, DeAndre Jordan had 12 points and 18 rebounds and visiting Los Angeles beat Orlando for its fifth win in six games.

J.J. Redick and Jamal Crawford each scored 20 points for the Clippers.

Victor Oladipo led the Magic with 18 points, and Evan Fournier scored 16 off the bench. Tobias Harris had 13 points and eight rebounds before leaving with an injury during the fourth quarter. Orlando has lost three straight.

The Magic never led and gave up at least 107 points for the eighth straight game.

Nets 128, Kings 119: Joe Johnson had season highs with 27 points and 11 assists, and host Brooklyn had its best offensive performance of the season in beating Sacramento.

The Nets set season bests for points and three-pointers while snapping a five-game losing streak. Reserve Bojan Bogdanovic made seven of their 18 three-pointers, while Johnson added five and Donald Sloan made four.

Brooklyn was 18-for-28 (64.3 percent) from behind the arc and shot 55.8 percent overall.

Wizards 106, 76ers 94: John Wall had his fourth career triple-double with 18 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, leading host Washington over Philadelphia.

Marcin Gortat had 21 points and had 13 rebounds for the Wizards, who had lost five of their previous six. Bradley Beal scored 22 in his first start since Dec. 9.

Ish Smith, cut by Washington during training camp, led Philadelphia with 22 points. Smith, playing for his ninth NBA team in just six seasons, scored 14 points in the third quarter.

Hawks 102, Pacers 96: Paul Millsap scored 24 points, Al Horford added 21 and host Atlanta won its third straight game with a victory over Indiana.

Paul George finished with 31 pints for Indiana, which has lost 17 of its last 19 regular-season matchups in Atlanta.

Millsap scored 14 of the Hawks' first 24 points and finished 10-for-14 from the field.

Jazz 84, Bucks 81: Rodney Hood scored 23 points and host Utah pulled away late despite an ugly offensive performance.

The Jazz won their season-high fifth consecutive game but shot just 39 percent from the field.

Hayward had 18 points and Derrick Favors had 11 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks.

Khris Middleton scored 18 points and Jerryd Bayless added 15 off the bench for the Bucks. Greg Monroe finished with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Streaking Ducks rough up Coyotes

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Ducks wanted to make a statement Friday night against the Arizona Coyotes after losing their first three meetings this season.

Since Anaheim entered with a slim lead over Arizona for the third and final automatic postseason berth in the Pacific Division, this was as good a time as any. Corey Perry and Andrew Cogliano scored less than 2 minutes apart early in the third period to break open a tie game, and the Ducks extended their winstreak to a season-pest six games with a 5-2 victory that put them three points ahead of Arizona with two games in hand. "It was an important game because we didn't want to give them the thought that they're going to beat us every time, and we need to put some distance between us and them," coach Bruce Boudreau said. "They're a young team with a lot of young guys and they don't know how to quit.

play goal and two assists and Frederik Andersen made 23 saves.

The Ducks were coming off a 4-1 victory Thursday night over division-leading Los Angeles and are 13-3-1 since losing backto-back road games to the Islanders and Rangers.

Lightning 6, Penguins 3: Ondrej Palat and Anton Stralman both scored twice, Tyler Johnson had a goal and two assists and host Tampa Bay beat Pittsburgh for its eighth consecutive home win.

Tampa Bay, 10-1 overall since Jan. 8, also got a goal from Alex Killorn. Nikita Kucherov had two assists to give him a point in 21 of his last 25 games (17 assists, 32 points). The Hurricanes scored four times on their first nine shots, taking a 4-0 lead just 10:04 into the game. Nestrasil added another goal in the third period, and Cam Ward made 33 saves.

Alexander Burmistrov, Andrew Ladd and Blake Wheeler scored for Winnipeg. Jets rookie Connor Hellebuyck allowed three goals while facing only six shots before being replaced by Michael Hutchinson. Hutchinson, who hadn't played since a 4-1 loss in Anaheim on Jan. 3, finished with 21 saves.

Blue Jackets 2, Flames 1: Rookie

Manziel's father is worried about QB

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With Johnny Manziel's professional career in doubt and his personal life crumbling, his father fears for his safety.

The troubled quarterback was under investigation by two police departments following allegations that he hit his former girlfriend last weekend in Texas. Manziel was dropped by his agent Friday and will be released by the Cleveland Browns next month after two tumultuous seasons.

"I truly believe if they can't get him help, he won't live to see his 24th birthday," Paul Manziel told The Dallas Morning News.

Manziel's father said the family has made two unsuccessful attempts in the past week to get the player into a rehab clinic.

Manziel agreed to go to the Enterhealth Ranch addiction facility in Van Alstyne, Texas, but he would not stay, Paul Manziel told the Morning News. He tried to have his son admitted Tuesday to Carrollton Springs Hospital, but Manziel was allowed to leave. Paul Manziel said he told a Denton County Sheriff's officer he believed his son to be suicidal.

Paul Manziel did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

The 2012 Heisman Trophy winner, who entered the NFL with a party-boy reputation, spent 73 days last winter in a Pennsylvania treatment center specializing in care for alcohol and drug dependency.

The disturbing portrait of Manziel comes as his agent dropped the 23-yearold quarterback as a client. Erik Burkhardt said that with "deep regret" he has ended the business relationship. He added that he made his decision after "several emotional and very personal discussions with his family, his doctors, and my client himself."

"Though I will remain a friend and Johnny supporter, and he knows I have worked tirelessly to arrange a number of professional options for him to continue to pursue, it has become painfully obvious that his future rests solely in his own hands," the agent said in a statement.

"His family and I have gone to great lengths to outline the steps we feel he must take to get his life in order. Accountability is the foundation of any relationship, and without it the function of my work is counterproductive. I truly wish the best for Johnny and sincerely hope he can, and will, find the kind of peace and happiness he deserves."

Manziel was under police investigation for allegedly hitting ex-girlfriend Colleen Crowley. She told police the former Texas A&M star struck her "several times" at a Dallas hotel and later when they drove back to her apartment in Fort Worth. The police departments in both cities said Thursday their investigations are closed. Crowley was inside her Fort Worth apartment Friday but was not seeing visitors.

Hampus Lindholm and Mike Santorelli scored 66 seconds apart in the second period, Patrick Maroon had a powerPatric Hornqvist, Sidney Crosby and Matt Cullen scored for the Penguins, who had a four-game winning streak end and lost in regulation for just the fourth time in 18 games (10-4-4). Marc-Andre Fleury was pulled midway through the second after allowing four goals on 14 shots and replaced by Jeff Zatkoff.

Hurricanes 5, Jets 3: Phillip Di Giuseppe, Andrej Nestrasil, Jordan Staal and Justin Faulk scored in the first period, and visiting Carolina held on against Winnipeg.

William Karlsson broke out of a slump with two goals to lead surging Columbus past host Calgary.

Karlsson scored the go-ahead goal 1:42 into the third period, taking advantage of a miscue by Dougie Hamilton. The 23year-old Karlsson entered the night with just one goal in his previous 30 games. Columbus picked up six of eight possible points on a four-game road trip, and

is 4-1-1 in its last six.

Jiri Hudler scored at 7:09 of the opening period for the Flames, who have lost four of five. "She's getting some help right now. That's where we are," her father, David Crowley, told the AP.

On Tuesday, the Browns released a strong statement in which the team indicated it will release Manziel as early as March 9, when the league begins its new calendar year.