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Elba football player charged with touching cheerleaders

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An e-mailed statement to the Dothan Eagle from Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said four misdemeanor harassment charges were filed against Sandarius Reed, 18, of Elba, on Friday. Court records show Reed, of Martin Luther King Drive, was released from custody at the Geneva County Jail after he posted a \$1,000 bond per charge. Reed will turn 19 on Oct. 5.

Adams said in the e-mailed statement that the charges stemmed from an incident that happened after a football game between Samson and Elba on Sept. 17, in Samson. He said Reed, an Elba Tigers football player, is alleged to have touched four Samson cheerleaders inappropriately during the "traditional handshake" after the game.

Records show Reed is scheduled to appear in Geneva County District Court on Oct. 18. Gary Weeks, the Samson police chief, said officers with the Samson Police Department worked the investigation.

Reed, a senior, plays slot receiver, running back, along with defense at outside linebacker.

Reed scored a touchdown on a 4-yard run as part of a 21-14 win against Geneva on the same day as his arrest.

Eagle reporter Ebony Horton contributed to this article.

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