

# BREAKING NEWS: Lowe to leave football team

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Iowa senior defensive back William Lowe, one of the 13 players hospitalized last January for Rhabdomyolysis, [has asked for a release from his scholarship and seeks to transfer](#), according to *ESPN.com*'s Joe Schad.

A source confirmed to *HawkeyeDrive.com* Tuesday evening that Lowe was granted the release, and that the issues with Rhabdomyolysis played a big role in his decision to leave.

Schad reports that Lowe worked out with the team for the first time on April 4 since being cleared medically to return. Lowe told Schad he is still 20 pounds lighter than he was before the workouts and that he still experiences headaches. The article also states Lowe will undergo an independent medical evaluation that would help determine any long-term effects and his future of playing football remains uncertain at this time.

A report following an independent investigation by the UI Board of Regents confirmed that [no one within the Iowa football program was at fault](#) for what led to the 13 players being hospitalized in January. At a press conference on March 23, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said [the exercise that was in question would not be repeated in the future. He also said back then that all the players affected would continue to be monitored over the course of the UI's spring semester.](#)

Lowe, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, started two games at cornerback for the Hawkeyes in 2009 and recorded a total of 23 tackles over his three-year career.

As of Tuesday evening, none of the other players reported to have had Rhabdomyolysis last winter have left the program.

\*Be sure to visit *HawkeyeDrive.com* on Wednesday for further details.