



**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**ROGER GOODELL**  
*Commissioner*

April 16, 2015

**Via Electronic and Overnight Delivery**

Mr. Adrian Peterson  
c/o Ben Dogra  
RELATIVITY SPORTS



Dear Mr. Peterson:

By letter of November 18, 2014, you were advised of the discipline being imposed on you for conduct that violated the NFL's Personal Conduct Policy. At that time, I informed you that I would conduct periodic reviews, beginning on or about April 15, 2015, for the purpose of assessing your progress, including the extent to which you had avoided further misconduct, complied with the obligations imposed upon you by authorities in Minnesota and Texas, and followed your program of counseling and therapy. On April 7 we met with you and your representatives to review those matters in detail.

Prior to and during our April 7 meeting, you and your attorneys advised that you have been fulfilling the plea conditions imposed upon you by the court in Montgomery County, Texas. Specifically, you indicated that you have reported regularly to your community supervision officer, paid all fees and fines, complied with all testing and screening requirements, and have completed more than half of your community service requirements. Having no information to indicate otherwise, we accept your representations and consider you presently in compliance with this aspect of your review.

You also discussed – both in our meeting and separately with our advisor, Dr. April Kuchuk – your program of counseling and therapy in Minnesota, including the types of therapy that have been prescribed and the expected number and timing of counseling sessions. At our request, you authorized Dr. Kuchuk to discuss the program with your clinician and to continue to do so on a going-forward basis. Following our meeting, Dr. Kuchuk has had further discussions with the counselor and has advised that your course of treatment is proceeding according to the schedule laid out for you. She also is satisfied with your level of commitment and progress.



From my perspective, the most important aspect of our discussion on April 7 was your commitment, which you stated on several occasions, to remain fully engaged in counseling and treatment for as long as your counselor deems necessary – even if it is longer than required by the Minnesota or Texas authorities. This commitment to continued engagement is critical because I remain concerned that you have not yet fully embraced the need for significant changes to your parenting practices. Dr. Kuchuk has advised that it is not always clear to parents that they need to learn new parenting strategies, particularly in the early stages of a counseling relationship. However, she believes that if you are committed to treatment, remain open to change, and continue to engage in your program in a sincere and focused way, you can avoid repeating the behavior that led to your legal problems, discipline by the league and most important, a rupture in your relationship with your son. In your case, she feels that your prospects for success are good, in part because you have acknowledged changing your views on appropriate discipline for the child you injured last year. Based on your pledge to remain engaged in your program, I am encouraged that you will recognize the need for substantial change and work constructively toward that end.

Accordingly, this will advise that effective tomorrow, you will be reinstated and may participate in all scheduled activities with your club. You should understand, however, that your reinstatement is based on the following:

1. You must fulfill any and all remaining obligations to the authorities – court, probation and child protective services – in Minnesota and Texas. You must also advise my office promptly of any modifications or other actions taken by the authorities with respect to those obligations.
2. You must continue to honor your commitments regarding your program of counseling and treatment. In that respect, Dr. Kuchuk will regularly monitor your treatment activities, meeting periodically with your counselor and/or you personally as she deems appropriate. I will expect you to cooperate fully with her in this review and she will report to my office on your progress and immediately alert me to any noncompliance or related issues.

Needless to say, any failure to meet your obligations and commitments will prompt an immediate review by my office and may result in disciplinary action. More important, your continuing participation in the NFL expressly depends on your avoidance of any further conduct that violates NFL policies. As I advised last November, any further violation of the Personal Conduct Policy will result in additional discipline, which could include suspension without pay or banishment from the NFL.

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If you have any questions concerning this decision, you may contact Adolpho Birch. Regardless, it is my hope that you will be able to make the necessary changes to become a better parent, both for your benefit as well as your family's, and regain the respect and confidence of your club and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Goodell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and "G".

ROGER GOODELL

cc: Zygi Wilf  
Kevin Warren  
Rob Brzezinski  
DeMaurice Smith

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